

Legacies

supporting St Andrews
for over 600 years



University of
St Andrews

Making Waves

The Campaign for St Andrews

Introduction

For over six centuries legacies have made a vital contribution to the life of the University of St Andrews, with the support of earlier generations creating an enduring foundation for the success of future students.

A legacy bequest is one of the most personal gifts you can make to St Andrews.

In recent years bequests have played a central role in the realisation of the Laidlaw Music Centre, the building of the Scottish Oceans Institute, the renovation of the Wardlaw Museum and the funding of a significant number of undergraduate scholarships.

Legacies are also helping to create the first 'New College' at the University for three centuries – one of the key projects of our Making Waves Campaign.

We would be delighted to help you find out more about how to plan your gift to the University of St Andrews.

Once you let us know your wishes, we will invite you to become a member of the Chancellor's Circle, which was founded to recognise and thank those generous alumni and friends who have chosen to remember the University in their will.

Robert Fleming

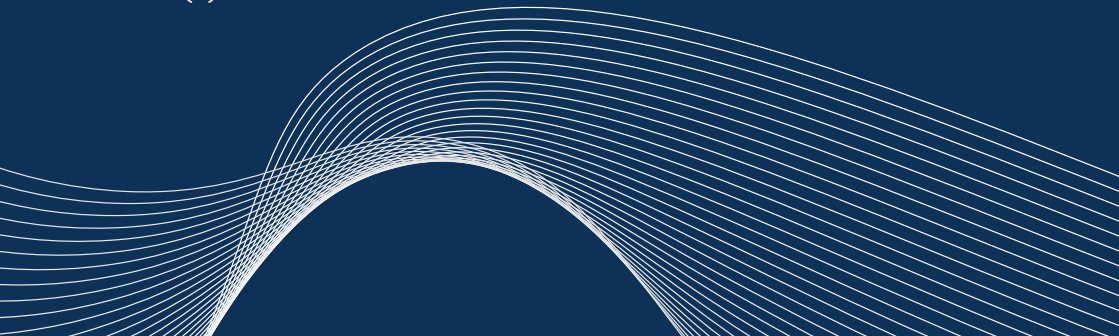
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Why leave a legacy?

Your legacy gift will:

- leave a lasting impression on your University
- educate tomorrow's brightest minds
- remove financial barriers for the most talented students
- provide essential facilities to drive world-leading teaching and research
- inspire a student to discover new interests
- conserve our outstanding historic collections for future generations
- give something back to the community of St Andrews



How to leave a legacy

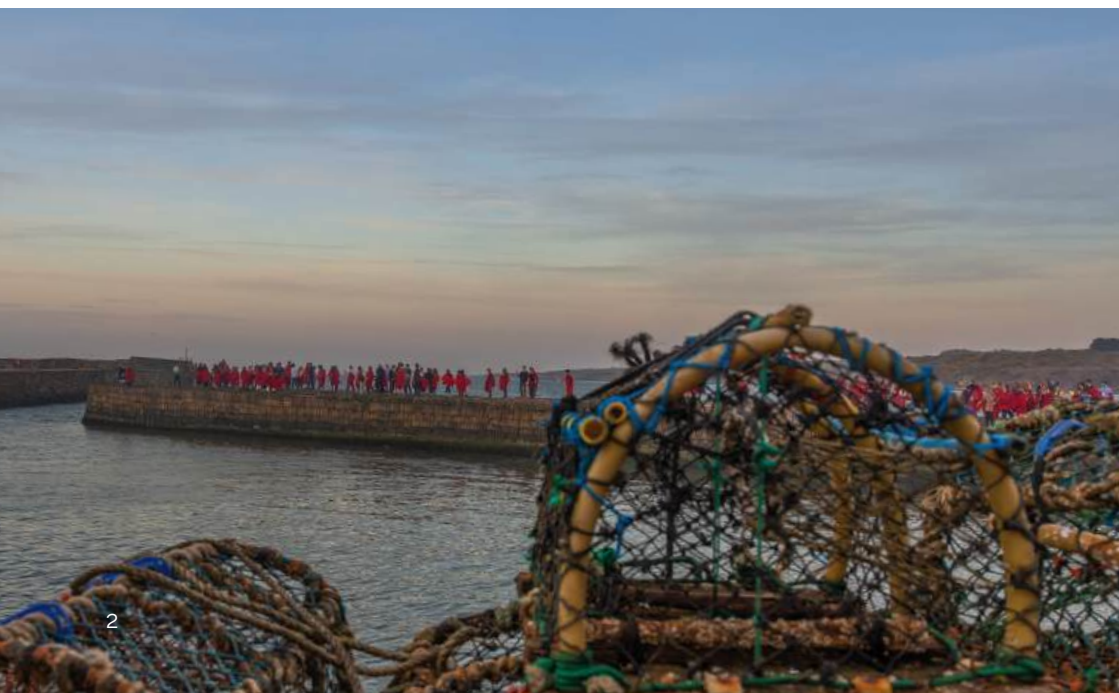
The University is a recognised charity. Any legacies left to us are exempt from tax and may help to reduce the overall inheritance tax due on your estate.

A gift in your will can reflect your personal interests, or you may wish to leave an unrestricted gift that will be used where need is greatest. We would be happy to work with you to help you plan the purpose of a gift that is appropriate for you.

Leaving a legacy is straightforward and if you are thinking of leaving a gift to us, we would suggest that you discuss this with your solicitor. If you have an existing will, it can be amended simply by your solicitor through a codicil.

At the back of this booklet you will find a pledge form to let us know your intentions. You have our assurance that these will be kept confidential.

Once you let us know your wishes, we will be happy to welcome you to the Chancellor's Circle to recognise and celebrate your generosity.





How to word a legacy

The correct wording for a legacy is:

‘I give to the University Court of the University of St Andrews (Scottish Charity Number SC013532), Fife, Scotland the sum of **[in words, preferably index linked]** OR a **[in words]** percentage share of the residue of my estate **OR** my **[detail your specific item or items]** to be used for the general purposes of the University **OR** to be used for **[detail the specific purposes you wish]** and I declare that the receipt of the Quaestor or other officer authorised by the Principal of the said university shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors and Trustees.’

How your legacy can help change the world



Your legacy can enable talented students to help change the world

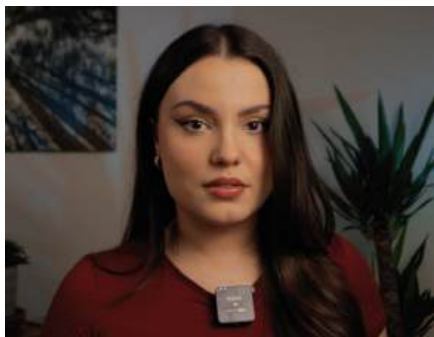
Scholarships have been at the heart of St Andrews since 1450, when a generous gift created four bursaries at the University. Since then, our aim has been to ensure that deserving students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to study here and become part of our unique community.

A scholarship enabled Nobel Prize-winning pharmacologist James Black to begin his university studies at St Andrews. With a gift in your will, you could inspire another passionate and talented student to play their part in helping to change the world.

Maria Andrei is one such student. Thanks to the Spragge Conservation Scholarship she is in the second year of a PhD in Computer Science with a research project that will hopefully contribute to solving climate change.

‘I am investigating how Virtual Reality (VR) can improve climate change communications and influence ecological attitudes and behaviour. Although climate change threatens many aspects of our lives, these threats are often perceived as distant because they are communicated in abstract ways, which inhibits pro-environmental behaviour. To address this psychological barrier, I am building climate VR simulations to illustrate how key regions across the globe will be affected by climate change and to enable people to experience and visualise the distant and future impacts of global warming in concrete ways.

‘The Scholarship has enabled me to reduce the hours in my part-time job so I can focus on my research, go on essential expeditions and travel from Dundee to the University’s PhD lab where I carry out my work. Thank you for making it possible for me to pursue my passion and help to solve climate change – humanity’s greatest challenge.’



Your legacy can help talented students to excel in sport and music

Sport

As a world-leading university, we pride ourselves on our ability to attract the brightest minds. With the development of sports scholarships, we can also attract some of the best student athletes.

Sports scholarships support talented student athletes' competition expenses, travel and training, and enable them to have free access to the University's sports facilities, strength and conditioning advice and coaching support.



A golf performance scholarship has given Ellie Monk some unforgettable experiences

'I have had the honour of representing the University in tournaments across the world, and these are opportunities I will never forget. My golfing highlight so far has been winning the Helen Holm Scottish Women's Open Championship. It has been my greatest golfing achievement to date.'

Music

Vocal and instrumental scholarships provide talented student musicians with free weekly lessons and exceptional coached ensemble opportunities in the state-of-the-art Laidlaw Music Centre.



The Heather C. Higgins Choral Scholarship has fulfilled a dream for Rosie Wallbanks.

'Having been part of a choir almost all my life I was overjoyed to be offered a scholarship with St Salvator's Chapel Choir. I always dreamed of having singing lessons, and with the scholarship this became possible. I have made some of the most amazing friends in the choir, and singing for the church services is one of the highlights of my week. I find the music incredibly rewarding and am really excited for our upcoming tour to Denmark.'

Your legacy can provide scholarships for future generations...

Long-term investment funds – endowments – support scholarships, academic Chairs and capital projects. The initial donation grows substantially over time, creating more scholarships and providing more funding.

Endowments change lives, power groundbreaking research and enable the University to support more talented students – at both undergraduate and postgraduate level – to access a St Andrews education, regardless of financial circumstances.

... and support a future thought-leader



Josh Cleaver is in the second year of the Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine (ScotGEM) course. The Gilian M Cucchini Memorial Scholarship has given him the financial stability to focus on his academic work – and the opportunity to explore where he can best make an impact in medicine in the future.

‘The support provided by the scholarship has not only helped with my rent but has also enabled me to subscribe to various revision websites and tools, and to make an annual subscription to an anatomy website, with access to a complete 3D model of the human body. This has really enhanced my understanding of human anatomy.

‘Before starting this course, I graduated with a first class BSc honours degree in Neuroscience from the University of Nottingham and was fortunate enough to have my dissertation published in the Journal of Molecular Neurobiology.

Neurology is an area of medicine I am very passionate about, and when I qualify as a doctor, I hope to remain active within this community.

‘As a result of the small-scale teaching we receive on the course, we have group discussions and debates about many different aspects of medicine – including global health. I’ve also become very interested in this and would like to pursue it in my future career.

‘Thanks to this scholarship, I’m looking forward to what the future brings.’

Your legacy can fund groundbreaking ideas that make the world a better place

By leaving a legacy you could invest in world-leading research that changes the course of history. Legacies are a vital source of funding for projects of all kinds.

Health

Gifts in wills are helping St Andrews to lead the global fight against tuberculosis through new, safe and affordable treatments.

They are also helping to make technological breakthroughs – such as the development of a technique called ‘deep light imaging’ – that could revolutionise the diagnosis of many diseases including heart disease, eye conditions and cancer.

Dementia is a growing global health challenge. With the help of legacies, Dr Maggie Ellis at the School of Psychology and Neuroscience is helping people with advanced dementia who have lost the ability to speak.

Green transport

Legacies are helping to develop Scotland’s first hydrogen train. This project will reuse existing rolling stock to create new supply opportunities and skills creation for the emerging green economy.

Your legacy could also help to deliver critical data to reduce the environmental impact of sonar on the world’s oceans.

Global challenges

Through legacies we can provide flexible funding to our researchers when they need to react quickly to emerging global challenges.

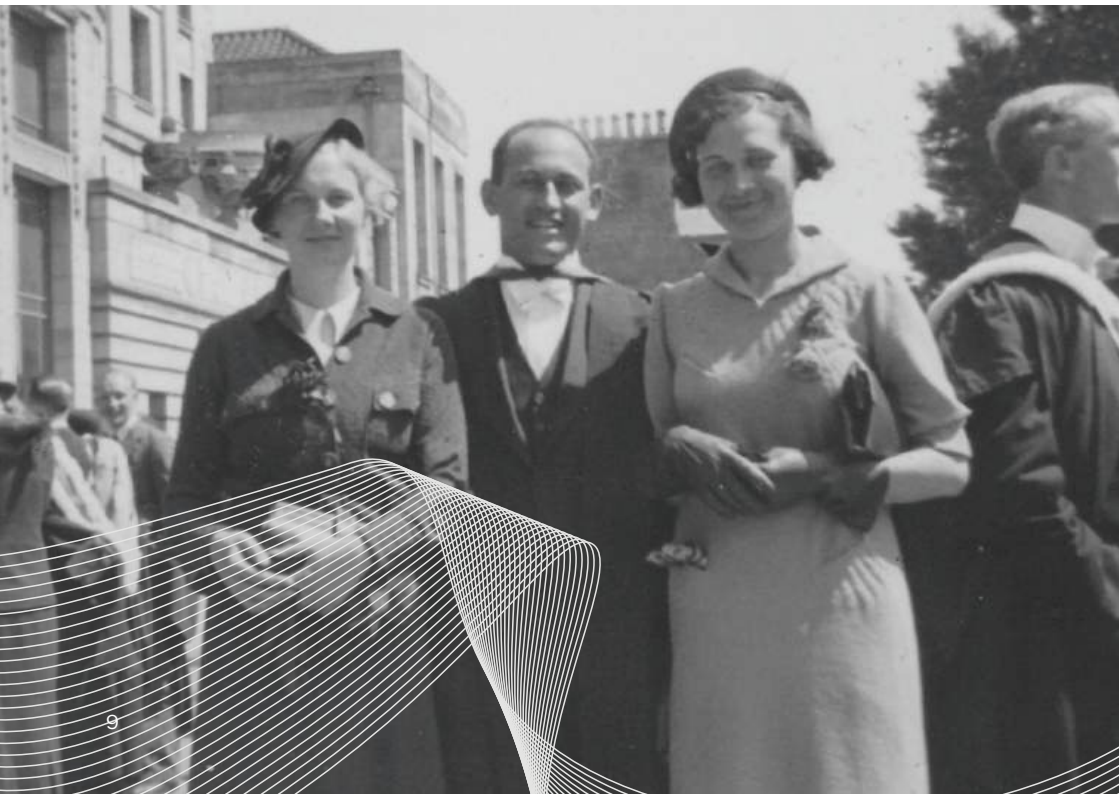
Your legacy can deliver a better future for us all

Dr Murray Fuhrman was one of a group of Jewish Americans who studied Medicine at St Andrews in the 1920s and 1930s, after they were barred from doing so in the US. His widow Silvia Fuhrman left a gift in her will in her husband's memory to thank the School for giving him this opportunity.

Thanks to her generous gift, the School was able to buy an automated system known as JESS. Using a technique called 'Western blotting' the machine can analyse proteins in human tissue more efficiently than other methods, potentially leading to new treatments for kidney cancer and other diseases.

Like Silvia Fuhrman, your legacy could help provide funding for a young PhD researcher at St Andrews who is working to address a global challenge – from climate change to healthcare.

Silvia Fuhrman left a gift in her will in memory of her husband, Dr Murray Fuhrman



Your legacy can protect our history and benefit the University community

Bequests have been instrumental in the redevelopment of many of our inspirational buildings.



The Byre Theatre

The [Byre Theatre](#) is home to, and a platform for artistic, creative, engaging and learning experiences that nurture and enrich the lives of our communities – both in St Andrews and beyond.

In addition, the Byre is committed to creating strong connections with diverse audiences through a programme of events including the annual Sands: International Film Festival of St Andrews, the StAnza International Poetry Festival and the St Andrews Playwriting Award, which is run in partnership with Playwrights' Studio, Scotland and Pitlochry Festival Theatre.



The Wardlaw Museum

The [Wardlaw Museum](#) gives visitors an insight into the institution that is the University of St Andrews. Its four thematic galleries feature the University's groundbreaking research and global impact, and showcase its extraordinary art, history, science and natural history collections.

These permanent galleries are complemented by an exciting programme of temporary exhibitions and interactive experiences for all ages, making the museum a major cultural space and destination.

Your legacy can redevelop an existing building

A legacy of any size will ensure that you become part of the fabric of St Andrews by funding the redevelopment of an existing building.

Scottish Oceans Institute

By 2016 Marine Science at St Andrews had outgrown its old home in the 'Gatty' laboratory on the East Sands. University Court approved its redevelopment, and work began on the new Scottish Oceans Institute (SOI) building that year.

The SOI was formally opened in September 2019. Since then, it has brought all our marine scientists under one roof and is facilitating daily interactions that are leading to innovative and cutting-edge research. The new aquarium is a facility of the highest quality and is being used to develop our knowledge and understanding of how human activities affect our oceans.

Sports Centre

Sport at St Andrews has one of the highest student participation rates of any university in the UK.

Following a major £14 million redevelopment of the Sports Centre – which included a substantial contribution from legacies – the University now provides some of the best sports facilities in the country. To remain competitive within the current landscape of University sport and to keep up with greater student demand we continue to have ambitious plans to develop our facilities.

All the sports available at the University of St Andrews



Your legacy can create centres of excellence

Laidlaw Music Centre

It was thanks to a transformational donation from the Laidlaw Foundation and a significant bequest from the late Jean McPherson – in addition to many donations and legacies from friends, parents and alumni – that this wonderful, award-winning building is now at the heart of the University's music making.

The Music Centre is open to the entire community of Fife – not only to students and staff of the University. It is also committed to outreach and devises projects for schools – including StAMP – our award-winning brass music education project.

Each semester it curates or hosts (and live-streams) more than 70 performances at venues such as the McPherson Recital Room – the first chamber hall in the world with a reverberation chamber.

The Music Centre also enjoys mutually enriching relationships with its three ensembles in residence: the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Fitzwilliam String Quartet and the Wallace Collection.



Your legacy could help to create inspirational new buildings

‘New College’

Legacies are already helping to create the first ‘New College’ at the University of St Andrews for three centuries. It will not only be home to our renowned School of International Relations, but also to our new University of St Andrews Business School.

Prize-winning architects WilkinsonEyre will carefully preserve the historically important buildings on the site, while complementing them with new, sensitively designed architecture that will meet the needs of our current and future students and academics.



At ‘New College’ students, academics and internationally renowned experts will share research, debate issues and work together to provide practical solutions to some of the world’s most intractable challenges.

The ‘New College’ will enhance our research in areas as diverse as global security, social justice, sustainability and responsible enterprise, and our experts – who are already consulted by international governments, policymakers and key decision makers – will have even more opportunity to make their mark on world affairs.

In years to come, a gift in your will could help to establish a similar hub of learning, innovation and influence at St Andrews.



Concept model

Your legacy could help to create inspirational new buildings

Digital Nexus Building

Bequests are also helping to create the Digital Nexus Building – the first state-of-the-art building to be completed as part of the planned investment in our Science and Medicine Campus.

Our researchers are exploring some of society's most pressing challenges. They are helping to protect our planet and the people on it through projects that range from pioneering work on low-power computing to reduce the environmental impact of modern AI, to collaborating with medical science to improve early diagnosis for dementia.

By building this landmark home, we can integrate a group of these talented researchers – from undergraduates to young postgraduates keen to make a difference – with established teaching and research colleagues. Together, they will create an intellectual powerhouse that will educate, inspire and innovate.

Your legacy could help us to help them solve these urgent problems and change lives for the better.



How we recognise your legacy: Chancellor's Circle

The Chancellor's Circle was founded in 2011 to recognise and thank those generous alumni and friends who have chosen to remember the University of St Andrews in their will during their lifetime.

Since its launch, membership has grown every year and we enjoy meeting members at our annual Circle events. This gives us the opportunity to celebrate the remarkable group of people who have pledged a gift to secure the financial future of the University of St Andrews and who will help us consolidate our status as a world-class centre for teaching, learning and research.

All members of the Chancellor's Circle receive regular donor communications and an invitation to these events.





Chancellor's Circle

We hope to widen the impact of our message, increase membership of the Chancellor's Circle and introduce members and interested donors and friends to some of the wonderful projects that your legacy can help the University to realise.

'For those of you who are contemplating the decision to leave a gift to St Andrews, I hope you will feel inspired to help reinforce our position as one of the leading universities in the world by joining our Chancellor's Circle.'

The Rt Hon Lord Campbell of Pittenweem CH CBE PC KC FRSE





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Pledge Form

I wish to help St Andrews continue its tradition of excellence

Returning this Legacy Pledge Form to us does not commit you in any way. It helps us to know your intentions and provides us with the opportunity to show our gratitude for your support during your lifetime.

Name:

Address:

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Please tick as applicable:

☐ I have already included a gift to the University in my will

☐ I am considering adding a gift to the University in my will

The following information helps us plan for the future and ensure that your wishes can be fulfilled.

I am planning to leave the University:

☐ the residue of my estate (or a portion thereof)

☐ a specific sum of money

☐ a specific asset (please specify)

An estimate of the current value of my proposed legacy is:

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Please tick if you wish your legacy to remain anonymous: ☐

I wish my legacy to support:

☐ Whatever is of priority to the University at the time of my death

☐ A specific project – please indicate below:

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