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Making a legacy bequest:

# Leaving a lasting impact



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 and postgraduate scholarships.

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.

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Walking in the Quad



Celebrating being ranked top university in the UK by both the *Guardian University Guide 2024* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*.

## Why leave a legacy?

Your legacy gift gives you the chance to:

- 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 which 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.



St. Salvator's Quad

## 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 a legacy can support a promising student

Robert of Montrose and Lord Douglas gave the first donations to the University in 1419. Since then, the gifts and legacies of our alumni and friends have been, and continue to be, crucial to our success: they have enabled the University to establish the scholarships, awards and bursaries required to support promising students who might otherwise struggle with the cost of studying at St Andrews, and enable them to reach their full academic potential.



Morgan Kirkwood was such a student. She graduated in 2022 with a 2:1 in Neuroscience, having received the Peter Carpenter Scholarship for the last four years of her academic career.

“My graduation day was the best day of my entire life - a real pinch-me moment. After all the hard work, a little girl from a small mining village in Fife had graduated from St Andrews with a Neuroscience degree.

None of this would have been possible if it were not for the Peter Carpenter Scholarship, which reduced the financial burden and allowed me to pursue my dream.”

**Morgan Kirkwood**, BSc (Hons) Neuroscience  
Peter Carpenter Scholarship

Barbara Ure (née Miller) graduated in 1941 and went on to teach for 20 years at Sunnyside Primary School, Alloa. When she died in 2016 her generous legacy to St Andrews enabled the creation of undergraduate scholarships for students from Scottish state schools. Ritchie Farmer is a Barbara Bennett Ure Scholar and is studying Chinese Studies and Comparative Literature.



“At high school in Glenrothes, my education and I were hindered greatly by financial and familial problems. I struggled for stability; I struggled for encouragement; and I struggled for resilience.

In my studies at St Andrews, I am at my happiest. Every day, I am grateful to be able to pursue my interests in Chinese culture and language through academic study, which had never been an option for me before.

I have been a class representative for Chinese Studies, a student ambassador, and was on the Deans' List for academic excellence.

These opportunities have truly changed my life for the better. I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your kindness.”

**Ritchie Farmer**, second-year undergraduate Chinese Studies and Comparative Literature  
Barbara Bennett Ure Scholar

## Sports scholarships

As a world-leading university, we pride ourselves on our ability to attract the brightest minds. Now that we've made a significant investment in sport, we are also able to attract some of the best student athletes.

We have developed a range of offers at undergraduate and postgraduate level to attract and then support our best athletic students and to help them achieve their goals on both sporting and academic fronts.

**Emily Dark**, third-year undergraduate BSc Physics and Scott Lang High Performance Athlete (2020)



Emily is on the right hand side



School of English

## How a legacy can enrich intellectual life

Legacies make it possible to promote the intellectual life of the University by supporting visiting lecturers, fellowships and permanent academic posts. This in turn enables us to continue to lead the academic field.

One such legacy was made in 1889 in the name of Alexander Berry, who came to St Andrews to study Classics and Logic. He went on to establish the first European settlement on the south coast of New South Wales in Australia (now known as Berry). Because of this bequest we have had a Berry Chair in English ever since and, as a result, have fostered the international reputation of the School of English as a centre for both academic research and literary creativity.

## How a legacy can benefit research

Cutting-edge research is the lifeblood of any university, and we depend on donations and bequests to support this vital work.

### Mackenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis

In September 1919 Sir James Mackenzie set up the first Institute for Clinical Research on the Scores in St Andrews. His vision was to examine and record symptoms and signs of common disease in his patients and use that research to enable early diagnosis in general practice.

The School of Medicine launched the Mackenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis in 2019 to harness its existing medical research expertise to address today's specific health challenges and – in doing so – to realise Sir James Mackenzie's vision.

Professor Peter Donnelly (Director) and a strong interdisciplinary team in St Andrews are delivering this vision through research programmes that focus on improving earlier diagnosis of cancer, cardiovascular disease, mental health and infection. Fellowships and PhDs will form the engine that drives this research.

Thanks to a generous legacy from Owen Silver, we can now fund a clinical lectureship for research and education within the Institute that will bring early diagnosis one step closer.

Students in the School of Medicine

## How a legacy can benefit the University community

St Andrews is a wonderful place to live, work and study, and legacies have always played a significant role here – not only in enriching the life of the University, but also of the wider community. Here are some of the civic projects that your legacy could benefit.

### The Byre

The Byre is working towards delivering a diverse and balanced programme of events that reach a broad range of diverse audiences. It maximises opportunities for the University to play a leading role in public engagement and research impact activity through the creation and presentation of high-quality arts experiences.

In addition, the Byre offers opportunities for learning, training and professional development including student placements, internships and modern apprenticeships.

It is currently developing some key projects to create greater connection between the University, the programme of events and the local community – including the St Andrews Film Festival, St Andrews Playwriting Award and an engagement project taking arts into schools and the local community.



The Byre at night

## The Wardlaw Museum

The University's flagship museum – the Wardlaw Museum (formerly known as MUSA) – is named after the University's founder and first Chancellor Bishop Henry Wardlaw.

The Museum has recently been completely reimagined: it is now 50% larger with new displays in four thematic galleries, a temporary exhibition space and a remodelled entrance area and shop. The space also provides an exciting venue at the heart of St Andrews' cultural quarter, which comprises the Wardlaw Museum, Bell Pettigrew Museum, Byre and Laidlaw Music Centre.

Exhibitions will draw on the more than 600-year history of the University as well as the world-leading research being done at St Andrews.

Dr Catherine Eagleton, Director of Museums plans to "innovate and experiment and continuously push ourselves to surprise audiences."



The exterior of the Wardlaw Museum

## Special Collections

Manuscripts, archives and early printed books have been acquired by the University since its foundation. Our University Library's Special Collections has custody of this unique cultural heritage, which is of local, national and international significance.

At St Andrews we are unusual in that we offer access to the oldest and most valuable materials in our Libraries. These range from manuscripts, print materials and photographs to maps and music. The oldest item in the collection is a Greek papyrus dating from the first century AD.



Book of Hours, courtesy of Special Collections



The Richardson Research Library at Martyrs Kirk

Special Collections is committed to working with academic staff to ensure that our materials are used to support research, learning and teaching at St Andrews. The collections are also used in a variety of ways by external visitors, who range from academic researchers to arts practitioners and school and community groups.

The Richardson Research Library at Martyrs Kirk – acquired from the Church of Scotland in 2012 – was preserved and recreated as a central Research Library and Special Collections Reading Room for use by academic staff, postgraduate research students and, upon request, by members of the public.



The exterior of the Laidlaw Music Centre

### Laidlaw Music Centre

The Laidlaw Music Centre has been one of the triumphs of the 600th Anniversary Campaign. Thanks to a transformational donation from the Laidlaw Foundation and a significant bequest from the late Jean McPherson – in addition to the many donations from friends, parents and alumni – this wonderful building has now been completed.

Music-making spaces include a suite of ten practice rooms, three ensemble rehearsal rooms, a recording suite and a percussion room.

The crowning glory of the new Music Centre is the McPherson Recital Room, with its reverberation chamber and a fully automated flooring system – the only one of its kind in the world.

This ‘jewel of a building’ – as it has been described – will be used for music making by the University community, the local community and visiting professional musicians from all over the world for many years to come.



A concert being live-streamed from the McPherson Recital Room

### Sports Centre

The first links between sport and education can be traced back to the fifteenth century when students studying at Scotland’s first university played golf.

Today, sport continues to play a significant part in student life, and we have one of the highest participation rates of any university in the UK. The University’s commitment to making sport a central part of the student experience has resulted in an investment in both sporting infrastructure and highly qualified specialist staff.



The Chancellor, The Rt Hon Lord Campbell of Pittenweem, ran the 200 metres for the GB team at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics

Bird’s eye view of the redeveloped Sports Centre. © Guthrie Aerial Photography







The Women's First football team playing at the University



Varsity rugby match 2018

### Sports facilities

Following a major £14m redevelopment of the Sports Centre – which included a huge contribution from legacies and donations – the University now provides some of the best sports facilities in the country. But to remain competitive within the current landscape of University sport and to keep up with greater student demand we have ambitious plans to develop our facilities by adding new artificial pitches, a boatshed and a much-needed swimming pool.

## 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.

The Principal and the Chancellor at the 2023 Chancellor's Circle event.



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 planned giving 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 QC  
President, the Chancellor's Circle



The Chancellor's Circle event in October 2023



Students on the Pier



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# 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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Postcode: ..... Telephone: .....

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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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# Pledge Form



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