



University of  
**Leicester**

# An education lasts a lifetime

Your help will last generations



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Thomas Fielding Johnson (1828–1921) purchased land and buildings gifting the site to Leicester Council to be used for a University College. It was this gift that led to the establishment of the University College, which later became the **University of Leicester.**



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# Gifts that keep growing

Without the generosity of those who left gifts in their Wills there would be no University of Leicester today. To help us continue our work, we still need your support.

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## A gift to the University will enable us to help shape great minds in the country.

- A network of over 100,000 people across the world are now proud holders of a qualification from the University or are alumni of the University College. They include captains of industry, politicians, doctors, diplomats, journalists and broadcasters, novelists, teachers and scientists. **You are one of them.**
- Among our many research highlights is the discovery of DNA Genetic Fingerprinting by Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys in 1984. One of the greatest scientific discoveries of the twentieth century, it continues to revolutionise forensic investigation and medical science today. The Leicester Genetics Department remains at the forefront of international research in its fight against pollution, crime and disease.
- The University also excels in the Arts. Leicester's Museum Studies has achieved international acclaim by

having the greatest cluster of worldleading researchers of any discipline in any UK university.

- Our achievements are not just Earth-bound – with the largest academic Space Research Centre in Europe, the University of Leicester leads the way in developing novel sensors and optics for planetary landers and orbiters.

Gifts in Wills, both large and small, are essential to the University. They ensure that, whatever the future brings, you will help us to flourish and continue to provide vital resources and opportunities for generations to come. Students who follow in your footsteps will be equipped with the knowledge to make positive and lasting contributions throughout society, as you do today.

Thomas Fielding Johnson's spirit of generosity has established a tradition of giving that lives on – former students, staff and friends have built on this founding legacy to the benefit of successive generations of students.

# What would a gift in your Will do?

Gifts in Wills, no matter the size, are essential to the University and its future. To grow and flourish we must remain at the forefront of world-changing research and deliver high quality teaching and a student experience to match. **Your gift will help us do that.**

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Our founder, Thomas Fielding Johnson showed a spirit of generosity and foresight that continues today. Former students, staff, friends and families have all been a part of keeping this spirit alive.

In recent years, the rapid growth in our student community has put greater demands on library books, computers and laboratory space, not to mention accommodation, student services and facilities. To compound this, the allocation of funds to universities from central sources is expected to fall. We must look to alternative sources to continue to grow whilst maintaining our standards of excellence.

## **This is where you can help**

The University of Leicester is at the forefront of a new wave of universities that is redefining higher education. As a former student you have benefited from this experience and from generations of

people who have supported the University and have helped shape your future. Could you help future generations of students benefit from the Leicester experience?

## **How to make a Gift in Will?**

It is not difficult or expensive to make a Will, but it is advisable to consult a solicitor, to ensure that your wishes are legally valid. If, after taking care of family and those closest to you, you choose to remember the University you can record your intentions when you first make a Will, or add a postscript (known as a codicil) to an existing one – you can include as many as you like. If you have already remembered the University in your Will, or intend to, we would appreciate it if you would let us know. This helps us with our future financial planning and gives us the opportunity to thank you and keep you informed about new developments.

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# Remembering the University of Leicester

There are a number of ways you can leave a gift, all of which will help future generations of students benefit from a world-class education.

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**Gifts can be made in several ways; in the form of money, property or other valuables, such as stocks and shares or works of art. The main types include:**

- *Residuary Gift* – a gift of the residue of your estate, or a share of it, after all other costs have been deducted. This means that you do not have to quantify the sum you wish to leave, or take into account the effect of inflation.
- *Pecuniary Gift* – a cash gift of a specified amount to a named beneficiary. As gifts of money lose value from the day the Will is made, unless they are indexlinked, it is preferable to name a percentage of your estate to the University.
- *Conditional Gift* – a gift that will be left to the University, if none of your named dependants survives you.
- *Specific Gift* – a gift of a specific property or assets, such as a house, valuables or stocks and shares.

## Sample Wording for a Residuary Gift:

"I give free of tax to the University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH ("all") the residue of my estate (or state the percentage you wish to give) to support\* the emerging priorities of the University of Leicester. I declare that the receipt of the Council shall be full and sufficient discharge."

\* state your preference if you wish to support a specific project.

## Sample Wording for a Pecuniary or Fixed-Sum Gift:

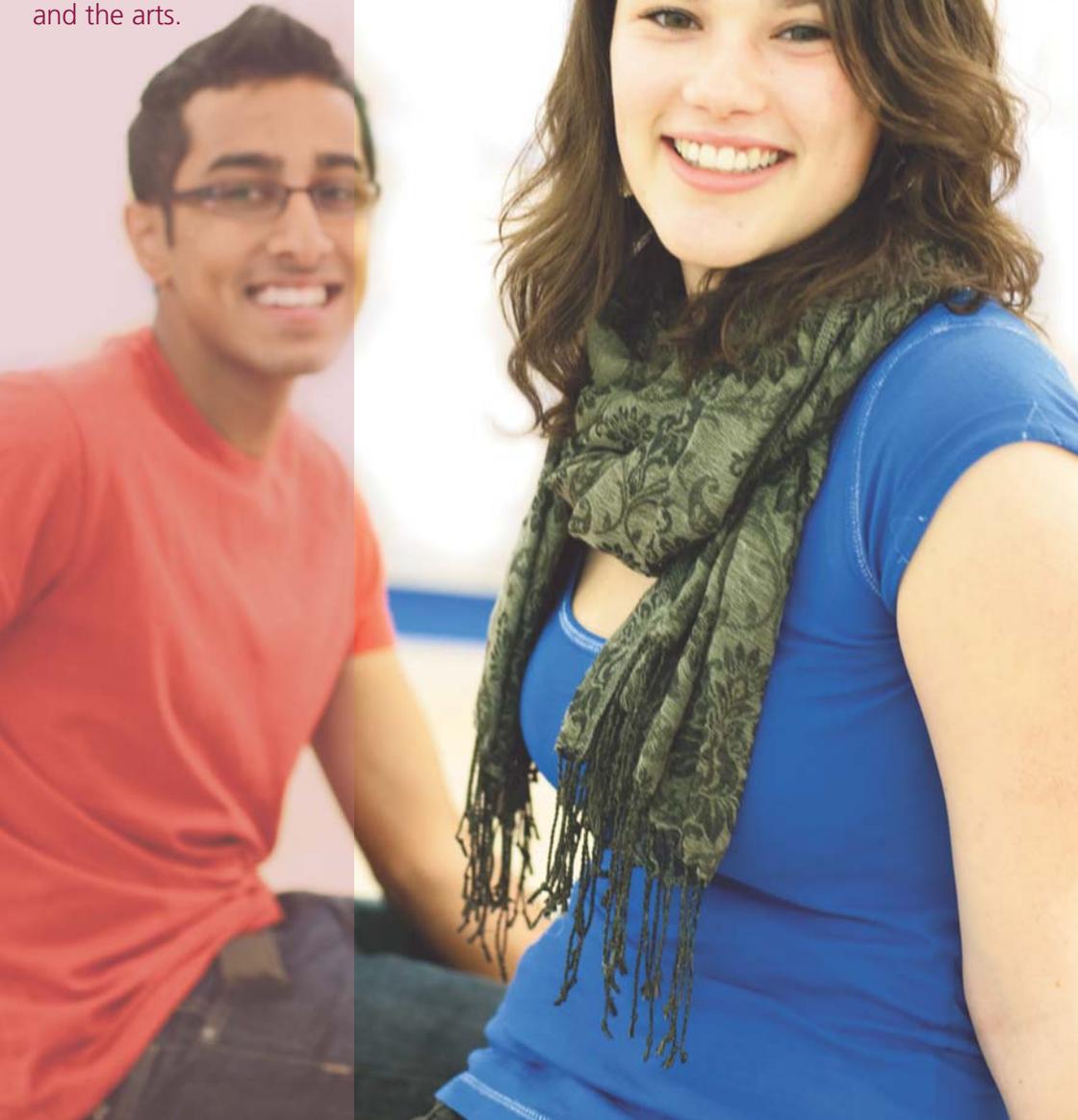
"I give free of tax to the University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH the sum of

£ \_\_\_\_\_

(preferably inflation-linked) from the date of this my Will to support:

\* state your preference if you wish to support a specific project.

A gift in your Will helps keep our University at the cutting edge of teaching and research in science, literature, law, medicine and the arts.



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# If you have already given a gift, please tell us how

Please complete the sections below and on the reverse side and return in the postage paid envelope.

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I have already remembered the University of Leicester in my Will with a:

- Residuary gift of ..... percentage of my estate
- Pecuniary gift (inflation-linked)
- A gift of item(s) of value
- A gift of property

Please see overleaf to let us know how you would like your gift to be used

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Country: .....

Telephone: .....

Subject and Year of Graduation: .....

Email address: .....

All information is held securely by the University of Leicester and will be treated confidentially. The information you provide will be used to keep you informed of University developments, events and services.

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# How would you like your gift to be used?

Please use the section below to tell us how you would like your gift to be used to benefit the University of Leicester, either by designating it for a specific purpose, or leaving it to the University to apply it where the need is currently greatest.

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## **I would like to help:**

- I would like my gift to be used to support the University's greatest needs
- I would like my gift to be used to support student scholarships or bursaries
- I would like my gift to be used to support the development of the University campus and estate
- I would like my gift to be used to further research

Please specify .....

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Signature: ..... Date: .....

We would like to acknowledge our supporters in the Leicester Graduates' Review, but if you wish to remain anonymous please indicate below.

- I do not wish my pledge to be recorded publicly

**If you would like more information about an area of support or more information about leaving Gifts in Wills and donations please contact:**

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# How you can shape the future

By leaving a gift in your Will to the University, you will be transforming lives and making a lasting contribution to society. Your gift will help the next generation of doctors, teachers, scientists, lawyers, health-care workers, and business leaders to take up their role in society.

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## **You can shape the future in a number of ways:**

- You can establish a scholarship or bursary to support more of the most talented students or help those who might not otherwise be able to come to university or complete their studies due to financial pressures.
- You can support more world-changing research that pushes the boundaries of knowledge further to find new solutions to the challenges of disease, crime, poverty and the environment.
- You can continue to invest in the development of our campus and estate to provide modern, accessible and environmentally friendly space to meet the needs of a growing student population.
- You can provide development opportunities for a diverse student population that will enable young people to reach their full potential, be better able to secure employment and make a positive contribution to society.

## **Making the most of your donation**

Making a gift in your Will may allow you considerable tax advantages. The University of Leicester has charitable status for all UK tax purposes (HM Revenue & Customs reference X23305/3) so gifts may be made tax effectively. All gifts in Wills to UK registered charities, including shares or securities, are free of Inheritance or Capital Gains taxes under present legislation.

Further information is available from the HM Revenue & Customs or alternatively through their website on [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk).



**Thank you**  
for your generosity