GIVING BACK...
TO THE FUTURE

A gift in your will to
the University of Liverpool
WELCOME

What awaits the world tomorrow is happening at the University of Liverpool today.

As you read this booklet, a new generation of graduates from the University of Liverpool is preparing to embark upon the next stage of their lives – whether that is a course of further study or their first steps on the employment ladder.

Across a wide range of disciplines, our academics are engaged with the grand challenges of our age: pursuing research that will have demonstrable impact upon people, places, policies and the planet. Collectively we are helping to redefine the boundaries of human knowledge.

Since the foundation of our University, legacy gifts have been at the heart of much that has been achieved here. In the face of new financial challenges, that tradition is more important than ever. Making the decision to include the University of Liverpool in your will is an act that will resonate through the years ahead. Your gift will ensure that future students can be part of a vibrant academic community dedicated to excellence, supported by facilities in which they can fully realise their potential. Your generosity, embodied in their endeavours, will touch the lives of millions.

I very much hope you will be inspired to give back to the future of our incomparable University.

Professor Janet Beer
Vice-Chancellor

BE PART OF A PROUD TRADITION

1936
Emeritus Professor William Blair-Bell gift: In 1936, a bequest of £1,000 was made to fund a triennial lecture on cancer research.

1947
Sir Charles Sydney Jones gift: In 1947, Sir Charles Sydney Jones bequeathed £40,000 and his home on Sefton Park Road, which later became the Vice-Chancellor’s Lodge.

1976
Kenneth Allott Lectureship in English:
The Lectureship was founded in 1976 by Emeritus Professor Miriam Allott (BA General Studies 1940, Dipl. in Education 1941, MA 1946, PhD 1949) in memory of her late husband. Professor Allott contributed to the fund through her own legacy bequest in 2011.

2004
William Jack Roberts (BEng 1931) gift: In 2004, Jack Roberts left 35% of his estate to the Friends of the University of Liverpool and 15% to the University to support undergraduate engineering students.

2010
Henry Edwards MRCVS (BVSc 1944) gift: In 2010, Henry Edwards left his estate, worth £2.6 million, to support veterinary science at the University. In recognition of his gift, the University has named the Learning Centre at Leahurst after him.

2012
Elizabeth Gidney (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1938, Dipl. in Education 1939) gift: In 2012, the University received a gift of £54,738 from the estate of alumna Elizabeth Gidney (née Bushell). It has been used to support the redevelopment of the Liverpool Guild of Students which reopened its doors in September 2014 following a £1 million refurbishment.
Remembering the friends you made; your inspirational tutors, professors and colleagues; and the impact the University has had on your career – they’re all reasons why you may wish to leave a gift in your will to the University of Liverpool. Giving something back offers you the satisfaction of knowing you have helped future generations to enjoy a university experience that aims to be among the finest of its time.

However, the financial realities surrounding higher education have changed beyond recognition. In an era of unprecedented change and ever diminishing Government support, legacy gifts are critical if we are to continue to attract the highest calibre of students, researchers and academics.

Enhancing the University experience
Your legacy gift can enable students of exceptional ability, regardless of their background and financial means, to attend the University. It can help provide access and excellence scholarships; bursaries and travel grants; hardship support at times of financial difficulty; and awards for outstanding academic achievement, which celebrate students’ achievements and boost confidence. Gathered together, legacy gifts have the power to transform the University experience for students in the future.

Sustaining academic excellence
Legacies have helped to endow fellowships and chairs, create new teaching posts, fund exchange programmes and establish lecture programmes. More than half of our staff are ranked world-leading or internationally excellent. A legacy gift will continue to allow the most respected and dynamic leaders in their fields to teach at the University, currently rated in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide.

Answering future global challenges through research
The University brings together brilliant people united in a shared goal: answering the key challenges of our time. A gift in your will could support tomorrow’s most creative thinkers as they explore new directions in the humanities, medicine, technology and science. Your gift will help to produce tomorrow’s leaders, entrepreneurs, teachers and pioneers and, as the University shapes their learning and discoveries, so they in turn will help change the world.
A PLEDGE TO TRANSFORM LIVES

Pledging to remember the University of Liverpool in your will is not restricted to people at the end of their working lives; Eileen Pollard, our youngest pledger, is just 29. Nor is it restricted to alumni: pledgers include supporters of the University, members of staff and academics.

EILEEN POLLARD
(BA HONS ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE 2006, MA 2007)
“I won two small undergraduate scholarships on the basis of my examination results, then later I was awarded two prizes: one for an essay I wrote, and another for being the highest scoring literature student in my year group. I also won a School of English Bursary for my MA, which covered a third of my tuition fees.

“Receiving these awards made me push towards greater excellence, and the small ceremonies where they were awarded made me feel part of something really rare and precious.

“I would like my legacy to help these scholarships and prizes continue, and also to establish awards for all the excellent work students do outside of their degree courses which should also be recognised and celebrated in the same way.”

EMMA ORMANDY
(MSC VETERINARY SCIENCE 2013)

“Young people embody the future, and I wish they could have the same opportunities that I was fortunate enough to have. Support for students is crucial for their educational development and prospects. In a world of rising fees, jobs are scarce and realising your dreams is harder than ever. The University of Liverpool is one of the UK's leading institutions in world rankings and is rich in history and tradition. I have been a supporter of the University of Liverpool for a number of years and wish to make a last contribution to support students and the University in the future.”

JOAN KENWORTHY
FORMER MEMBER OF STAFF

“I am leaving money to be used to support undergraduate students in need of financial assistance. This is in gratitude for the wonderful opportunity I had to work in the University from 1960 to 1977, as Assistant Lecturer to Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography, and to work with enthusiastic students, brilliant academic and administrative colleagues, and with splendid tutors in the halls, when I was also warden of Salisbury Hall and Morton House. I never cease to be grateful for those years and enjoy many return visits and reunions.”

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BARBER-RILEY
(BSc 1955, MBChB 1958, MD 1960)

Supporting research into safer births is a cause which is very close to the heart of Professor Barber-Riley and his late wife, Nell. “For me, the union of physiology with gynaecology is very persuasive, and I’m sure Nell would have done exactly what I have chosen to do.”

MARJORIE FORREST PHD
STUDENTSHIP RECIPIENT (pictured on the left)

“The Marjorie Forrest bequest has provided me with the freedom to begin my PhD and helped me to invest in my future research career. Without the bequest, further full-time study would not have been possible.”
A GIFT IN YOUR WILL FOR AN EVEN BRIGHTER TOMORROW

We recognise that leaving a gift in your will is a personal decision and needs careful consideration. Enlisting the services of a solicitor need not be expensive and ensures your wishes will be carried out in the way you would like. As the University has charitable status, a legacy gift can also reduce the inheritance tax on your estate. Enclosed with this brochure, you’ll find details of appropriate wording for a gift in your will to the University of Liverpool. These include:

Giving a share of your estate
A residuary legacy is the gift of a percentage of your estate once all the specific legacies, debts and expenses have been met. These percentages remain the same so you avoid concerns about inflation and the eventual size of your estate.

A gift of a fixed sum of money
This is called a pecuniary legacy. Every cash gift is hugely appreciated and, if unrestricted, can contribute to the University’s most pressing needs at the time.

Leaving property or valuables to the University
A specific legacy allows you to gift your house, land, or stocks and shares.

To download a sample codicil to add to your existing will, please visit our website at: www.liverpool.ac.uk/giving/ways-to-give/legacies

Please contact us on: (0)151 795 4637 to discuss:
- Legacy giving in more detail
- Ways in which your gift can have the greatest impact on the future of the University
- Naming and recognition opportunities

Letting us know of your intentions
The decision to leave a gift in your will to the University is a private matter, and we respect that. However, letting us know of your intentions allows the University a degree of forward planning, and by clearly understanding your wishes we can ensure they will be realised. The information you give us will be treated with confidence and is not in any way binding.

Thank you!

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