

UNIVERSITY of  
STIRLING



Your legacy,  
our future:  
a lasting investment



# Your legacy to future generations



Legacies are about planning and providing for the people and causes you care about. Some of our benefactors are alumni and staff whilst others have no formal links to the University other than they are proud of what Stirling has achieved and continues to achieve locally, nationally, and internationally.

If the University of Stirling is to meet the long-term challenge of continuously improving its high

standards and providing students with an education of which they can be proud, additional resources will always be needed. In the past, Stirling has benefitted from bequests that have helped capital projects, academic research and student scholarships. You would be surprised at what even the most modest amount can achieve. Smaller sums can have an exceptional impact on the lives of other: a grant to attend an international conference, for example, can mean the difference between a student achieving a first class or a second class honours degree.

By leaving a legacy to the University you will ensure Stirling remains a properly resourced, world-class University. You may choose which part of the University is to benefit from your gift: for example, widening access scholarships, or bursaries for our

elite athletes, or you can choose an area of special interest to you such as helping people with addiction, or those living with dementia. You could support library resources, academic posts, visiting lecturers and fellowships or you could support research that is tackling climate change, stopping the plastic tide, or preparing societies and ecosystems to prepare for the unexpected; or you can support the Stirling Fund, ensuring your bequest is directed at an area of most urgent need to support the student experience.

Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure and for considering the University of Stirling as part of your legacy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry Bryson".

**Kerry Bryson**  
Director for Global Advancement

A portrait of Paul Lewis, an older man with a full grey beard and hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and a patterned jacket. He is looking slightly to the right.

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“One of the nicer ways to reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax is to leave money to a charity close to your heart such as our alma mater.”

**Paul Lewis, BA 1971**



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“Leaving a legacy to the University of Stirling means that I can support the successes of current students and make a difference to someone’s life in the future.”

**Leslie Patterson**  
Friend and supporter



# Celebrating the past, enriching the present, shaping the future

When Airthrey Estate was gifted to found the University of Stirling in 1965 it was valued at £132,000. Since then the University has benefitted from the generosity of alumni, staff, friends and neighbours in the local community.

In 1966 the University launched an appeal to raise £2m to cover a 20% shortfall in the cost of new buildings. The donors included Lord Robbins, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen Mother. Support was also secured from many other individuals, companies, councils and trusts. The foundation

appeal funded the MacRobert Arts Centre, the Gannochy Sports Pavilion, the Nuffield Houses for visiting staff, the Chaplaincy and 2,000 student residences.

The University's Art Collection has received many gifts and bequests during its history. The first was of fourteen works by the Scottish Colourist painter J.D. Fergusson which was presented by the artist's lifelong partner Margaret Morris in 1968. In 1997 the Collection acquired fifteen paintings and three sculptures as part of the Scottish Arts Council Bequest.

This tradition of giving continues today at the University. In the last few years, Stirling has benefitted from a number of unrestricted

bequests directed at the University's most urgent needs.

Dr Elizabeth Rose, a highly respected consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist left an unrestricted legacy to the University. Her gift funded the Best for Babies research project in the Centre for Childcare Wellbeing and Protection.

The University Archives has benefitted from recent donations including the Jack McConnell papers, the Commonwealth Games Archive, the Peter McKay papers, the Iain Banks collection, and the Patrick McGrath papers.

The annual Williamson lecture was established by Eric and Joyce Williamson in memory of their son Andrew, a Politics student. Since 1982 the lecture has attracted prominent political figures to present a lecture each year at the University.

A legacy from the late Colonel Andrew Bain will fund a room in the University's new Campus Central project due to be completed in Autumn 2020.

Sir Fred Holliday, the marine biologist and acting Principal at

Stirling from 1973 to 1975, left the University an unrestricted gift for the Stirling Fund.

Denis and Peggy Ractliffe funded a bench in the Garden of Time in memory of happy holidays in Stirling.

Legacies can be large or small, and each gift makes a difference.

A gift in your will may reflect your personal preferences or you can specify an area of the University that you may wish to support.

You may wish to make a gift to support our incredible research.

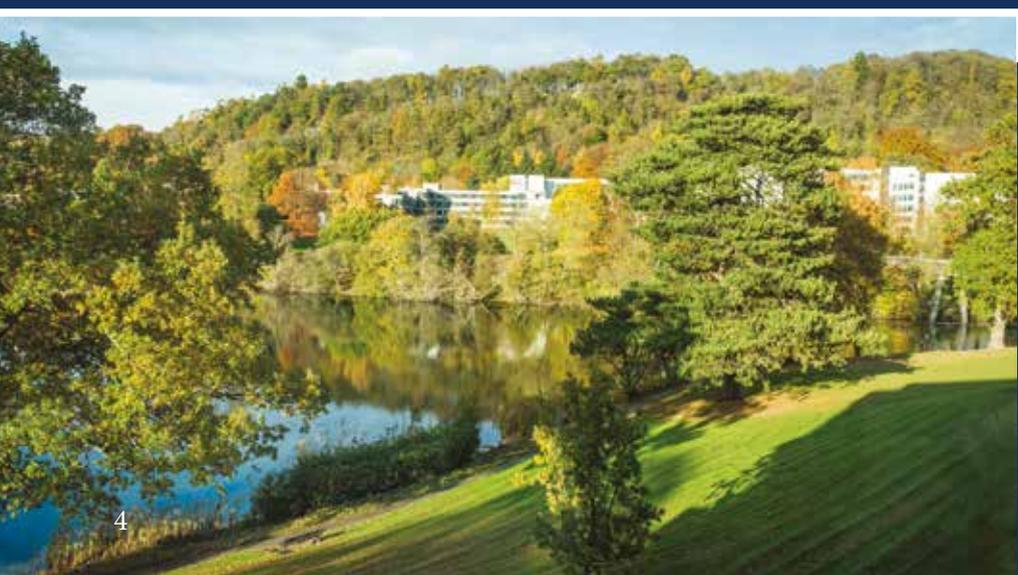
Our academics are working on solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges: how to feed the world through sustainable aquaculture; innovations to improve the lives of people with dementia; interventions to ensure the best nursing and cancer care is delivered to patients. They are leading the fight against tobacco-related harm; and tackling the problems created by climate change through the delivery of sustainable solutions for a more resilient future through environmental protection and conservation.

Alternatively you may wish to support the student experience through funding scholarships, student hardship, student enterprise and thereby helping future generations of students, regardless of their financial background.

Gifts can also be made to the Stirling Fund which supports projects which enrich the student experience. Your gift will be directed towards the University's area of most urgent need at that time.

Buildings, new laboratories or outdoor courtyard are examples of spaces which can be named in honour of a benefactor, or dedicated to the memory of a loved one. Similarly, named scholarships can be created for a set period of time, or be set up in perpetuity through an endowment.

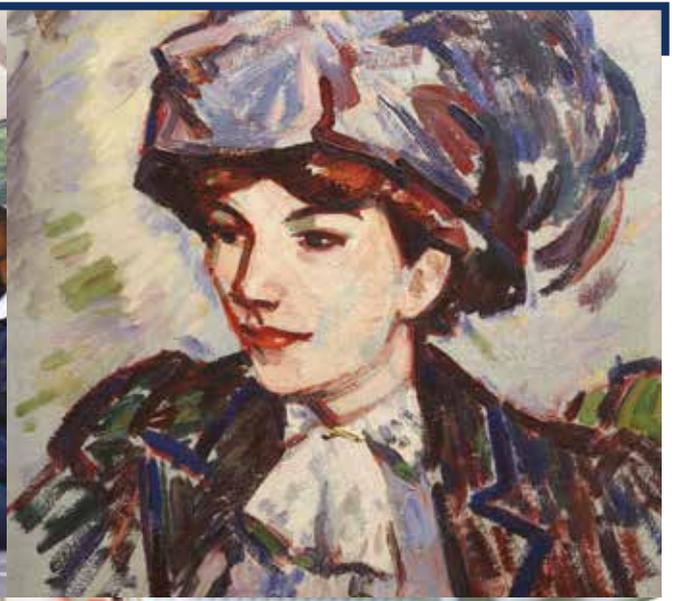
Having your gift recognised through a named opportunity helps the University develop a culture of philanthropy and demonstrates the value of 'giving back' to current students.





“As graduates ourselves, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the University; it has shaped our whole life, from the day we met in our first semester! The University needs the support of individuals to ensure that many others will benefit as we have done. The University offers a lifetime of opportunities, friendships and treasured memories.”

Kevin Clarke and Linda Clarke  
BA 1974 BA 1973





“Like many others I can truly say that attending Stirling was a life changing experience. By making a gift of a legacy to the University we can help to create the same experiences for succeeding generations of students. I see it as repaying a debt by investing in the future.”

**Harry Adam, BA 1980**

# How to leave a legacy

A bequest can take the form of a pecuniary or residuary legacy, or it could be a specific gift. Including the University of Stirling in your Will is not complex but we recommend that you take professional legal advice. You may find the following wording useful when you and your solicitor are considering your gift. If you already have a Will, your solicitor can advise on using a codicil should you wish to include a legacy to the University of Stirling.

## **Residuary Legacy**

part of, or the balance of your estate, after other bequests, taxes and charges have been settled.

*I give the residue (or a ... % of the residual of my estate) to the University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA (Scottish Charity Number SC 0111590) for its general purposes OR to support University priorities.*

## **Pecuniary Legacy**

an exact sum of money.

*I give the sum of [insert the amount of money – for example £1,000 or \$5,000] to the University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA (Scottish Charity Number SC 011159)*

## **Specific Gift**

a specific gift such as land, shares, property, copyrights or artwork.

*I give [describe the gift] to the University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA (Scottish Charity Number SC 011159)*

**Inheritance tax:** the University of Stirling is a recognised Scottish charity and is exempt from income and inheritance tax. This means a gift in your Will could reduce the inheritance tax on your estate. Gifts of shares, stocks, or property may also reduce the tax burden on your estate.

# Forever Stirling - Join the 1967 Circle



Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure and for considering the University of Stirling as part of your legacy.

Leaving a bequest to the University is the highest honour the institution will receive. By remembering the University of Stirling in your will you are valuing the University alongside your family and friends. It is an endorsement that you believe in Stirling – now and in the future. It also allows the University to plan for the future.

If you do decide to leave a legacy in your will, please let us know, either by emailing [DirectorAdvancement@stir.ac.uk](mailto:DirectorAdvancement@stir.ac.uk) or by completing the enclosed form. We appreciate that the details of your will are private, so please be assured that if you choose to share your plans with us, the details will remain confidential and will not be seen as binding. It is beneficial to us to understand how our benefactors are planning to help and we can ensure that all aspects of your plans involving the University are fully understood. It is also a pleasure for us to be able to thank you personally for your planned gift and recognise

your generosity in a way that is appropriate for you. We will invite you, however, to join the 1967 Circle and to attend the annual benefactors' lunch to keep up to date with all the news and important developments at the University. Thank you.





The University of Stirling is an international university, with a worldwide reputation for high-quality teaching and research. Stirling is a place where ability – not background – is valued.

Everything we do makes a positive difference to people's lives. We strive for excellence in all we do, and are an agent for change, connecting people, innovating and transforming the lives of our students, staff and the global communications we serve.



**BE THE DIFFERENCE**



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