CREATE A BETTER FUTURE: GIVE AN ENDURING GIFT
“A will is your last statement to the world about what mattered to you in your life and the institutions and people who played a memorable role. I wanted to leave a legacy that created opportunities in education for people who might otherwise struggle to get them. ANU was the logical place, as an institution I know, as a Canberra institution for a Canberra person, and as one that has played a significant role in my family’s life.”

— MS HESTER GASCOIGNE, ANU ALUMNA AND BEQUEST DONOR
Your will

A will ensures that your estate, whether large or small, is distributed according to your wishes.

Your will outlines provisions for your family and friends, as well as charitable organisations and causes, such as The Australian National University, where you would like to make a meaningful impact.

Creating a better future

At Australia’s national university, around 30,000 students, staff and researchers are working towards a better future.

A future with less disease and poverty. A future full of discovery and possibility. A future where every student can receive a world-class education, grow and give back to their community.

At ANU, we pioneer new research, teaching methods and innovative solutions to tackle national and global challenges, from Indigenous health and climate change, to public policy and gender equity.

Your support will help us create opportunities for our students, staff and researchers, and deliver excellence in research and education.

By remembering ANU in your will, we can create a better future together.

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A legacy of Love

John Love arrived at the Institute of Advanced Studies at ANU in 1973 to research fibre optics and retired as an Emeritus Professor in Guided Wave Photonics.

Professor Love was deeply connected to ANU and the Canberra community as a teacher, pioneer researcher and philanthropist. He was committed to supporting equity, excellence and diversity, and creating opportunities for students to reach their full potential.

John passed away in 2016 and his commitment continues to be delivered through the Love Scholarships, a program John established during his lifetime to support students whose circumstances would have prevented them from studying at ANU.
Professor Love spent his life helping others and, through his bequest, ensured that his support of students and researchers could continue in perpetuity.

“For me, John’s love has meant more than financial stability, it gave me the confidence to thrive at university, to put myself out there and to take every opportunity. John’s love and compassion was infectious and I hope to carry on his legacy of love.”

— JHARNA CHAMLAGAI, LOVE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Giving the next generation a chance

John Mitchell is a farmer and investor with a passion for economics and reducing income inequality. He has provided a bequest for an Endowed Chair at the ANU Research School of Economics to ensure that there will always be world-leading research carried out into reducing income inequality.

John’s philanthropic drive was shaped during a challenging youth and the obstacles he overcame in his pursuit of higher education. He is passionate about making sure that the benefits he received from studying at ANU are shared with others.

“I have been successful because of education,” says John, “and it is very important to give the next generation a chance. Education is the key to closing the gap between poverty and wealth and increasing living standards.”
Giving renewed confidence

Ella Imber-Ireland is the 2019 recipient of the Bill and Kate Guy Scholarship, and says that being recognised with a scholarship is not only about the financial benefits.

“It is a privilege to be picked for the scholarship and it really motivates me to keep focusing on my studies. I have renewed confidence that hard work is recognised.”

“Medicine is a very intensive course, requiring long hours. This scholarship improves my life so much as the time that I would have had to spend working to afford living expenses, I can spend on achieving personal as well as academic goals.”

Ella says she plans to make the most of her free time by giving back to the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education centre at ANU, alongside her Doctor of Medicine and Surgery course.

Although originally from Tasmania, Ella has quickly adapted to life on the ANU campus.

“Tasmania will always remain home, it’s my country. But Canberra has developed into my second home, here on Ngunnawal land.”

Ella’s love of meeting new people and seeing different landscapes is something she hopes to experience in her future career as well.

“I would love to think that in five years’ time, I’ll be travelling around regional towns in Australia, particularly the Northern Territory, doing general practitioner work and co-specialising in emergency medicine, so I can work in rural hospitals, too.”

The scholarship was established by the estate of the late Kate Guy, an ANU alumna who left a gift in her will to support Indigenous Australian students wishing to study medicine or engineering. Kate requested that recognition of her gift include her late husband, Bill Guy.
Mount Stromlo treasure

Joan Duffield spent part of her childhood living at Mount Stromlo as her father, Professor Walter Geoffrey Duffield, was appointed the inaugural Director of the Commonwealth Solar Physics Observatory in 1924.

Joan maintained a keen interest in the Observatory and ANU throughout her long life. She established the Joan Duffield Postgraduate Scholarships and supported academic positions in honour of her father. After the Canberra bushfires damaged the heliostat dome in the Visitors Centre, Joan funded the precision re-engineering of the heliostat.

“I remember her vivid enjoyment in hearing about what was happening, her sharp questions, and her lovely stories about the earliest days of the Observatory” said Professor Matthew Colless, Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (RSAA).

Although Joan passed away in 2014 at the age of 104, the ANU Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics and its future students will continue to benefit from her legacy. Joan’s bequest supports the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of Mount Stromlo, it has so far enabled RSAA to renew the Visitors Centre at Mount Stromlo and refurbish the Duffield Building to improve facilities for staff and students.
Your impact

It’s important that your gift is directed where it matters to you most. You can choose to support a specific purpose at ANU or for the University to decide where your gift will meet the greatest need.

You could support an academic discipline or research priority that you are passionate about, support distinctive teaching and learning opportunities such as international collaboration and study, or support scholarships for students who might otherwise be unable to study at ANU.

You may prefer to give to ANU through your will rather than during your lifetime. Or, you may already give to ANU and would like to continue this support through a gift in your will.

Our Gift and Estate Planning team is here to advise you on your gift’s direction, value, and impact. Please get in touch to confirm your gift and ensure your intentions are safeguarded for the future.
How to leave a gift in your will

There are a number of ways you can leave a gift to ANU in your will. Your gift could be:

• A percentage or portion of your estate
• Pecuniary – a fixed amount of money
• Residual – the remainder of your estate after providing for family and friends
• A specific item or asset including property, shares and artwork

You may direct the University to support a purpose in perpetuity, or give ANU the flexibility to use the funds to achieve an immediate impact. You could support an existing fund or purpose, or establish a new opportunity.

All gifts to the University are accounted for by the ANU Foundation and governed by the ANU Foundation Board on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor and ANU Council.

Our Gift and Estate Planning team can provide you with suggested wording to include a gift to ANU in your will. Please contact us to start the conversation.

We strongly encourage you to seek professional legal advice for your estate planning and to ensure your will is validly executed and up to date. ANU is unable to provide you with legal or financial advice.
Thank you

Thank you for thinking about including our national university in your will. We encourage you to contact us to talk about how your intentions can be achieved.

By notifying us that you have left a gift to ANU in your will, you will join our community of bequest donors. We welcome the opportunity to recognise your generous commitment with regular updates from the University and invitations to ANU milestone celebrations.

If you have already remembered ANU in your will, we would be grateful if you could please contact our Gift and Estate Planning team with your completed “Let us know” form.
Contact us

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