

Your gift, their future

Gifts in your Will



The University of Notre Dame Australia



Your gift will support
students experiencing
financial disadvantage.



Your gift will create
a better future through
our transformative
research.



Your gift will help create state-of-the-art facilities to deliver world-class learning environments.





Your gift for our future generations

Leaving a gift in your Will is a meaningful way to invest in the future.

This can be achieved through:

- Scholarships for students experiencing financial or personal disadvantage.
- Research programs to improve our communities for the common good.
- Investment in our state-of-the-art facilities to provide world-class learning environments.
- Leaving an unrestricted gift, allowing Notre Dame to allocate it to the University's area of greatest need.

And this is only the beginning – there are many ways to invest in the future of Notre Dame, such as health sciences, medicine, nursing, science, law, business, education, philosophy and theology.

Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference.

Even a gift of 1% of your estate can create a lasting legacy in your name or in memory of a loved one, while supporting the ongoing success of Notre Dame for generations to come.

The impact of bequests

William Brennan, a dedicated supporter of Notre Dame, has devoted many years to the field of education. A strong believer in the transformative power of education, he understands the importance of fostering the growth and development of students.

As a testament to his commitment to future generations, he has established an endowed scholarship fund at Notre Dame through a confirmed bequest.

“I intend to leave a bequest that will facilitate and help Notre Dame students achieve their goals. Motivated students from any discipline will be able to apply for financial support, helping to remove any impediments to their academic progress.

I am convinced that education, and the cultural legacy of Notre Dame, is a transformational process that ultimately benefits the individual, society and the nation.”

**William Brennan,
Confirmed bequest donor**





“The Fr PJ McGuire Scholarship has made an incredible difference in my journey as a medical student. I’m deeply grateful for the support and recognise the privilege it represents—it has made me feel seen, encouraged and supported as a proud Wiradjuri person pursuing this path. The scholarship has eased financial pressures and allowed me to focus more fully on my studies, clinical placements, and community and student activities. Thank you to the donors for believing in the future of Aboriginal doctors. I hope this support continues to uplift others future Aboriginal medical students in the years ahead.”

Ally, Fr PJ McGuire Scholarship recipient

Leaving a gift in your Will is a powerful legacy, connecting your passion with Notre Dame's vision.

Honouring your wishes is a responsibility we take very seriously.

As you reflect on your connection with Notre Dame and the legacy you wish to leave, we invite you to consider including a gift in your Will. This is a powerful way to invest in future generations and help shape the University we will become.

Putting this important decision into action is simple and involves just a few conversations. A Will offers you the opportunity to direct your estate to the people, organisations and causes that matter most to you. We encourage you to discuss your intentions with your family and consult with independent legal and financial advisers when preparing or updating your Will.

Our Bequest Guide, available in the following pages, provides further details on how we can work together to ensure your gift brings you peace of mind, while making a meaningful and lasting contribution to Notre Dame.





Your guide to shape their future through your gift

You may choose to define your legacy

A residual gift is the remainder after all debts and expenses are met and you have made provisions for your loved family and friends. This is the most effective way to leave a gift in your Will to the University of Notre Dame, as it keeps up with inflation.

A percentage of your estate is the nominated portion or fixed percentage of your estate to Notre Dame. Similar to residual gifts, this is also one of the best ways to include Notre Dame in your Will, as the proportion of your gift will not be affected by inflation.

A pecuniary gift is a specific amount of money donated to Notre Dame. The value of the gift won't change as the value of your estate changes.

A specific gift is when you leave a particular item to Notre Dame such as real property, shares or artwork.

Frequently asked questions

Why do I need a Will, and how do I make one?

A Will is an essential legal document that protects your family and loved ones and ensures your wishes are fulfilled. We strongly recommend that you seek the advice of a solicitor when preparing your Will, along with the input of those nearest and dearest to you.

Why should I leave a bequest to the University of Notre Dame Australia?

Our community's generosity helps provide scholarships, fund research and invest in facilities. We understand that your family and loved ones will always come first and we can provide suggested wording for your Will if you wish to include Notre Dame.

I already have a Will; how can I include the University of Notre Dame Australia?

If you wish to leave a gift to Notre Dame in your current Will, your solicitor can help you write a simple codicil.

While the University cannot provide legal advice, we strongly recommend speaking with your solicitor regarding any matters related to your Will.

Can I direct you on how my gift should be used?

We recommend considering an unrestricted gift in your Will, as it provides the flexibility to direct your generosity where it is needed most. If there is a specific program or area you would like to support through your Will, we would be delighted to discuss your preferences. We welcome a confidential conversation with our Bequest Manager to ensure that your gift achieves its maximum impact for the long term.



I can't give much. Is it still worth considering a bequest to the University of Notre Dame Australia?

Yes, we are very grateful for every gift, no matter the size. Your generosity is invaluable and will have a lasting, positive impact on future generations of Notre Dame students.

Do I need to notify the University of Notre Dame Australia if I plan to leave a gift in my Will?

While it's not required, we encourage you to inform us of your intentions to help ensure that your wishes are fulfilled. We would also be delighted to hear from you, so we can express our gratitude and celebrate you as a valued supporter. If you wish, we can acknowledge your generosity and keep you informed with regular updates.

Can I change my mind?

Yes, sharing your current intentions with us is not legally binding. Once you have made the decision, you can amend your Will accordingly. You can also change your mind about a gift in your Will to Notre Dame.

How does the University of Notre Dame Australia manage bequests?

The University of Notre Dame adheres to the best financial management and governance practices to ensure that your gift is managed and administered in accordance with your wishes.

Thank you for your interest in leaving a gift in your Will to future generations of our Notre Dame community.

A gift in your Will is a lasting legacy towards the continued fulfilment of our University's Objects.

The objects of the University are –

- (a) the provision of university education within a context of Catholic faith and values; and
- (b) the provision of an excellent standard of –
 - (i) teaching, scholarship and research;
 - (ii) training for the professions; and
 - (iii) pastoral care for its students.



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