

Legacy Giving

A legacy is a uniquely valuable way to help the University of Hertfordshire invest in education to help shape the world for future generations.

A common misconception is that a legacy has to be an enormous sum of money. This is not the case. Any gift left in a Will, no matter how large or how small, is very important to the charities that you support and will make a real difference to the work that University of Hertfordshire undertakes.

The two main types of legacies that people leave are: residuary and pecuniary.

A residuary legacy is when a person leaves a percentage of their estate to a charity. This means that, however much your estate is ultimately worth, you ensure your loved ones are looked after as well as giving a gift to your chosen charity. It also means you don't have to keep altering your Will as your circumstances change.

A pecuniary legacy is a specific sum of money, whilst a specific legacy refers to an identified piece of property. However, we advise that you consult your solicitor on what is best for your particular circumstances.

If you have not yet made a Will, it is advisable to make an appointment with a solicitor. Without one, you are not in control of what happens to your assets. If you have made a Will, it is wise to review it regularly.

If you decide you would like to include a legacy to the University of Hertfordshire in your Will, a short paragraph or clause can be added when your Will is being prepared. We understand that you may wish to leave a gift to benefit a specific School or department.

You may decide to leave a residuary legacy (either all or a proportion of what remains of your estate once other bequests and payments have been made), a pecuniary legacy (a set sum of money), or a specific legacy (for example an article of property or research paper). Standard wording for these types of legacy clauses are included below, although there is no obligation for you to use these clauses.

If you want to add the University of Hertfordshire to your existing Will, your solicitor simply attaches a written instruction called a codicil. This must be done by your solicitor. The codicil will require the signature of two independent witnesses. If there are a number of changes you want to make, it may be better to make a new Will; if you choose to do this please consult a solicitor.

Legacy Clause Wording for England and Wales

Residuary legacy

I give [the proportion of the estate to be given] of my real and personal property not hereby or by any codicil hereto specifically disposed of after payment of my debts, pecuniary legacies, funeral and administration expenses, and any taxes in respect of estate to the University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL10 9AB.

I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of the University of Hertfordshire shall be a sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.

Pecuniary legacy

I give the sum of £_____ [GB pounds] free of tax to the University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL10 9AB.

I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of the University of Hertfordshire shall be a sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.

Specific legacy

I give my [short description of property given] free of all inheritance tax to the University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL10 9AB.

I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of the University of Hertfordshire shall be a sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.

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