A Lasting Legacy
Lasting Connections, Shaping Futures

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The University of Kent has always been renowned for its inspiring, friendly and collegiate atmosphere. This welcoming approach has helped us to gain many supporters over the years, including friends from our alumni, staff members and the local community.

In the wider academic world, the University also commands great respect thanks to its excellent research across all Faculties confirmed by outstanding results in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise. Our own students have consistently given the University of Kent a resounding vote of confidence in the National Student Survey, ranking Kent among the top ten UK universities.

The University of Kent has a strong community of supporters, many of whom have also been very generous benefactors to the University. Some have fond memories of studying at Kent and want to provide a scholarship so that other students may benefit. Some are interested in sporting facilities, music, or contributing to research in a particular field. This publication will give you an idea of the range of activities that a legacy can help to support, whatever the size of the donation.

To those of you who are considering or planning to leave a legacy to the University, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and generosity.

Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow
Vice-Chancellor
Mike Forder, class of 1974, has set up a legacy to help students in need

“Although I graduated over 30 years ago I still miss the University and I am always keen to attend reunions and careers fairs, for example. There are many reasons why my memories are so positive, not least of which was the quality of my time spent there. Time for sport, partying, eating out, going to plays in the Gulbenkian or just lying in until 1pm! Of course my experience of life at Kent was overwhelmingly positive because it also gave me a degree in Management Science. That degree opened the door to a successful business career that led to my being the main Board Director of a public company and a company chairman.

I am convinced that without my degree from Kent I would never have made it to the top of my chosen profession.

Increasingly I have asked myself what I can give back as a thank you. When you reach your fifties you have to start thinking about wills and I have included the University of Kent in mine. I have left some money as a legacy to support its students of the future. This works in the same way as leaving money to one’s children or another beneficiary. It gives me immense pleasure to know that as well as making arrangements for my family, I am giving back to the University that gave me so much.”
How can my gift make a difference?

No matter how small or large the gifts, the opportunities they create are certainly far-reaching.

A legacy gift can be used to support or develop:
- landmark buildings such as the Colyer-Fergusson Building
- new research in a field of interest
- financial scholarships to attract and support the most talented students
- facilities for arts, music and sports.

All of the areas above represent an investment in the future, on a local, national or international basis. Legacies to the University of Kent represent that investment – it is a positive commitment to the future.

How can I set up my legacy gift?

It is recommended that you visit a solicitor to make, or change, a will. However, if you wish to discuss the options with a member of staff, please get in touch.

If you have already made a will and included a legacy gift to the University of Kent, we would be delighted to hear about it. Letting us know about this would, of course, be treated in the strictest confidence and does not place you under any obligation at all. It can be helpful to discuss your plans with us to ensure that we can meet any specific wishes associated with your gift. You can complete an online pledge information form at www.kent.ac.uk/legacies to let us know.
Frequently asked questions

How can I support the University of Kent through my will?

Once you have decided to support the work of the University of Kent, choose which form of gift is most appropriate. For example you may choose to leave:

- a specific sum of money
- a proportion of your estate
- specific items of value – please contact us if you plan this so that you can be assured your gift can be properly housed and maintained
- the ‘residue’ of your estate (what’s left after you have provided for family and friends, liabilities, legal costs, funeral expenses and tax)
- the whole of your estate (after payment of liabilities, legal costs, funeral expenses and tax)
- your estate after the death of your spouse, which ensures that your husband or wife has security in their lifetime.

My assets are not in England or Wales – what should I do?

The laws relating to inheritance tax and making a will can vary according to country. If you live outside England or Wales, or hold substantial assets outside these areas, you should seek advice from a local solicitor.

If you are a resident of the United States you should direct your gift to the University of Kent in America Inc, which is an exempt charity with 501(c)(3) status. This means your gift will benefit the University of Kent while taking advantage of US income tax deduction to the maximum extent allowed under US law.

I’ve already made my will, but haven’t included the University of Kent. How can I make it a beneficiary?

A codicil is a simple way of adding to your will at a later date without rewriting the main provisions. It needs to be signed and witnessed but it is a straightforward procedure that can be easily arranged by a solicitor.

What is the suggested wording for my gift?

Below are some examples of legal wording. If you show these clauses to your solicitor, it can help in drawing up your will.

- **Specific bequests.** ‘I give to the University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NZ, UK free of all tax the sum of £______ (or the specific items to be given, as the case may be) for its general charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the University Treasurer or other proper officer of the University for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors for the said legacy.’

- **Residuary bequests.** ‘I give to the University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NZ, UK ______ (enter the word “all” or fractional share) the residue of my estate for its general charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the University Treasurer or other proper officer of the University for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors for the said legacy.’

- **Codicils.** ‘I ______ (full name) of ______ (full address) declare this to be a first (or second or third) codicil to my will dated ______ (date of will in words) which I make this ______ (current date in words) I leave to the University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NZ, UK, a pecuniary legacy of £______. In all other respects I confirm my said will.’

**Exempt status** The University of Kent was established by Royal Charter in 1965 and is an exempt charity within the meaning of the Charities Act 1993.
My experiences so far have been quite outstanding. Not only have I received exceptional guidance and teaching in my first year; but I have had the privilege of meeting Sasha’s parents Nigel and Penny, thanks to Professor Peter Brown. Being the beneficiary of a scholarship named after such a talented individual whose loss to her family, friends and colleagues is so great, is a very humbling experience. I look forward to completing my studies and hope I can do full justice to this chance I have been given. My time at the University of Kent so far has already given me the encouragement to look towards studying for a PhD: something I would not have considered a couple of years ago.

With the support of the Sasha Roberts Award and the School of English at the University of Kent I have had the wonderful opportunity to pursue a part-time Masters in Postcolonial Studies.

Whilst studying for my English Literature degree at the Open University, I developed a fascination with postcolonial writing and in the work of the Indian writer Kiran Nagarkar in particular. Distance learning over a number of years and in various countries had its own difficulties, but gave me lots of opportunities to read widely and gain other cultural experiences.

After this lonely pursuit of online study I found a whole new challenge in returning home to Kent to undertake postgraduate study on a bustling campus with non-virtual friends and teachers.
Sir James Colyer-Fergusson (1917-2004) left a legacy to help support music at Kent. Jonathan Monckton, Sir James’ second cousin and Chair of the Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust, explains his reasons.

“Sir James was brought up in Wombwell Hall in Gravesend. Since it was a Kentish ancestor who brought wealth to the family, he believed that the county of Kent should be the focus of his philanthropy.

Sir James was an accomplished pianist and organist and although he had over 2,000 records in his collection, he most enjoyed listening to live music. Sir James, supported by the trustees of his charity, believed that his support could have a great impact on students and staff at the University of Kent – both in terms of enjoying music as a pleasurable hobby and encouraging high standards of performance.

Over the years a number of grants were made to encourage greater interest in music on the campus and Sir James, along with many members of the local community, enjoyed regular performances at the University. Just as in life, so in death Sir James made generous bequests to the University of Kent, to ensure a lasting legacy for future generations of music lovers in the University community.”

His significant contribution was made greater following a donation made by his charitable trust. The Colyer-Fergusson Music Building on the Canterbury Campus was opened in December 2012.
Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarship

2013 saw Aoife Fitzgerald selected as the new Christine and Ian Bolt scholar. Aoife is a final year PhD student examining Late Antique secular architecture. The scholarship is enabling her to visit world-class centres in the United States and work with experts in Colorado to enhance her research findings, which has made a huge difference to her studies. Aoife explains: “The Bolt scholarship is unique in that it allows a student to come up with a plan that suits their needs. This freedom to tailor the scholarship is vital for postgraduate research. It affords me an opportunity to carry out work that I would never have been able to undertake on my own, by giving me access to research centres, academics and libraries in internationally renowned institutions.”

The Scholarship was set up in memory of Christine Bolt, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Kent, and was generously funded by her late husband, Ian Bolt. It provides funding for a postgraduate student which will support a sustained period of research carried out in the United States. The legacy left by Christine and Ian Bolt has so far allowed 12 Kent students to achieve their dreams and make a significant contribution to research in their fields.

Christine Bolt started as an assistant lecturer at the University of Kent in 1966 and went on to become Pro-Vice-Chancellor in 1988 and later, Emeritus Professor. Christine’s academic specialism was American history and professionally she had a genuine interest in students’ welfare. Christine’s critical research in the United States formed the basis of her important academic contributions. The Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarship reflects this, offering a scholarship to postgraduate students who need to do research in the United States.

Sadly, Ian passed away in 2008, but thanks to the generous provision made in his Will, this support for scholars continues – a testimony to Ian and Christine’s commitment to the University of Kent.