A LASTING LEGACY
Inspiring the future
Our alumni and friends are an important part of the University community and it is your continued support that has helped Kent become one of the UK’s top universities.

Since the signing of our Royal Charter in 1965, Kent has sought to innovate in teaching, in research and in all aspects of education and student development. Our continued rise in the university league tables confirms what many of us already knew: that Kent is a very special university with tremendous ambition. As an alumnus, and as Chancellor, I am proud to see Kent’s increasing presence on the national – and indeed international – stage. While considering the impact that the University has had today, it is natural to consider how we can continue to make a difference tomorrow.

A decision to leave a legacy for Kent can make a lasting impact: it recognises the part that the University of Kent has played in your life and the role that you can play in our future.

Through bursaries and scholarships, a gift in your will can give opportunities to generations of future students, whatever their background or financial circumstances. You could help support new resources and facilities, essential in maintaining the quality of “the Kent experience” in years to come, or create a prize to reward achievement in a particular subject.

Legacies are transforming lives at Kent and beyond. I am truly grateful to the many alumni, friends and staff who have chosen to express their gratitude and belief in the University through a gift in their will. Every legacy will make a real difference, inspiring the next generation of staff, students and researchers, and I hope you will join me in considering leaving a gift to the University in your will.

Gavin Esler, Rutherford 1971
Chancellor
He is remembered as an outstandingly lucid lecturer with a deep concern for better crop production in poorer, developing countries; and for the encouragement that he gave to young scientists. Alongside the medal, an award of £1,000 is made to the winner, who is also invited to give the prestigious Wain Medal Lecture at the University.

Having initially been established by the family of Professor Wain in his memory, this award continues thanks to a generous gift from the estate of his late wife Joan.

Each year, the Wain Medal is awarded to a British scientist undertaking research in biochemistry in memory of the late Professor Louis Wain.

A chemist by training, Louis Wain was throughout his career determined to apply his chemical knowledge to the solution of problems related to agriculture. Following his formal retirement he became an Honorary – but very active – Professor in Chemistry at Kent.

“Promoting research: Wain Medal

Dr James Turner from the Francis Crick Institute, recipient of the 2014 Wain Medal

The School of Biosciences is proud to be able to award the Wain Medal each year, which recognises the work of outstanding young scientists, undertaking groundbreaking research. Our association with this prestigious award reinforces our position as one of the UK’s top research institutions”

Professor Martin Warren
School of Biosciences
Supporting scholars: The Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarship

The Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarship was established in memory of Christine Bolt, Emeritus Professor of History, and was generously funded by her late husband, Ian Bolt. It provides funding for a postgraduate student to support a sustained period of research carried out in the United States.

In 2013 Aoife Fitzgerald, a final year PhD student examining Late Antique secular architecture, was selected as the Christine and Ian Bolt scholar. The Scholarship has enabled 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.

This legacy left by Christine and Ian Bolt has so far allowed 12 Kent students to make a significant contribution to research in their fields and will continue to do so for many years to come.

“...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.”

Aoife Fitzgerald
Christine and Ian Bolt scholar

Sadly, Ian passed away in 2008 but, thanks to the generous provision made in his will, this support for scholars continues: a testament to Ian and Christine’s commitment to the University.
Creating opportunities:
Patricia Collen Fellowship

The Patricia Collen Fellowship was established in 2012 from the estate of Patricia Collen in order to develop a project to support young people with an intellectual disability and complex needs, as a legacy to Patricia, who spent most of her life in an institution for people with learning difficulties.

Funding from this three year fellowship is supporting Dr Nick Gore to deliver the Early-Positive Approaches to Support project. By providing specialised ongoing support during a child’s early years, the project aims to help prevent the development of challenging behaviour and guard against its negative impact for children and families.

Whatever your area of interest, a legacy gift to research at Kent is a highly efficient way to give to something you care about. Every penny of your gift will go directly to the research area of your choice and make a real difference.

“In the past three years, the Early Positive Approaches to Support project has assisted the development of improved services and support for children with intellectual disabilities at risk of challenging behaviour. This approach includes research, policy development and consultation for professionals in the field. This innovative and dynamic approach to driving change would not have been possible without the support of the estate of Patricia Collen and the ongoing support from members of Patricia’s family who serve as advisory group members to the project.”

Dr Nick Gore
Tizard Centre

“The creation of Patricia’s legacy to the Tizard Centre has meant a great deal to those she has left behind. Keeping in touch with the researchers and faculty it supports, and learning about the results this gift has helped to realise, provides a wonderful opportunity to see the impact she continues to have.”

Anthony Shillingford
Trustee
Encouraging creativity: Sir James Colyer-Fergusson

Sir James Colyer-Fergusson (1917-2004) left a legacy to support the development of music at Kent, reflecting his personal passion for live performance. An ardent opera and concert-goer all his life, Sir James was passionate about Kent and the arts. In 1996, he made an endowment to the University to refurbish the seating in the Gulbenkian Theatre and to support the musical life of the campus.

Thanks to his gift, the music events and activities at Kent have flourished, and each year a major concert in Canterbury Cathedral bears Sir James’ name by way of acknowledgment and celebration.

A bequest following his death in 2004, together with a further major grant from his Trust, matched funding from the Higher Education Funding Council and donations from over 200 individuals, enabled the development of the Colyer-Fergusson Music Building, which opened in December 2012 and continues to inspire musicians and music-lovers alike.

“Since starting at the University of Kent in 2010, I have seen a vast amount of change in making music. We started rehearsals in Eliot Hall which was terribly echoey and noisy, but all of that changed in 2012, when we were gifted with the Colyer-Fergusson Music Building. It has made such a difference, rehearsals are much more rewarding and the standard of our music making is soaring. I have also been able to rehearse on my own too; before there were sporadic music rooms around campus but this wonderful new building now offers purpose built practice rooms, which have been invaluable.”

Hannah Williams
Music Scholar 2014
When considering drafting your will, there are several different types of gifts to consider.

**Residuary gift**
A residuary gift is a way of passing on what remains of your estate (the total value of all property and assets), once all gifts to loved ones have been made. You can leave the residue or a share of it to the University.

**Pecuniary gift**
A pecuniary gift is a set amount of money, large or small. It is worth noting that the value of this type of legacy may decrease, as the cost of living rises over time.

**Specific gift**
A specific gift is a particular item and is a good way to pass on cherished belongings to loved ones. Any gift that you choose to leave to the University of Kent will have an impact but by leaving a residuary legacy you’ll ensure that your loved ones will be taken care of first. As a percentage, rather than a set amount, your gift will remain proportional to the value of your estate, regardless of inflation.

Anyone leaving 10% of their taxable estate to charity will qualify for a reduced rate of inheritance tax. If you already have a will and wish to add the University of Kent as one of your beneficiaries, a solicitor will be able to help you draw up a codicil. When leaving a gift to the University, please make sure that your solicitor uses our full name, address and HMRC number in your will: The University of Kent, The Registry, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7NZ / HMRC number XN5452.

More information on how to leave a legacy to the University can be found on our website www.kent.ac.uk/legacies. If you would like to have an informal discussion about the options available to you, or if you would like to notify us of your intention to remember Kent in your will, please contact Jenny Richardson at J.Richardson@kent.ac.uk or on 01227 823588. Jenny will be delighted to speak with you in confidence and answer any queries you may have.

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.

**Residuary bequests**
'I give to the University of Kent, The Registry, Canterbury, CT2 7NZ, UK, HMRC number XN5452, (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.'

**Specific bequests**
'I give to the University of Kent, The Registry, Canterbury, CT2 7NZ, UK, HMRC number XN5452, 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.'

**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, The Registry, Canterbury, CT2 7NZ, HMRC number XN5452, 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.
The launching of the University reminds me in many ways of the launching of a ship: romance, high hopes and sound craftsmanship. She is to be the home and workplace of a company of men and women of varying views and skills, bonded together for a chain of voyages into the seas of knowledge.

Lord Grimond
Chancellor of the University of Kent 1970-1990