Since its establishment in 1874, the University of Adelaide has been among Australia’s leading universities, continually contributing to the wellbeing and wealth of the State and the nation. The University has a fine tradition of exemplary scholarship, ground breaking research and influential graduates.

Today, it is internationally recognised as a leading Australian tertiary institution, with over 21,000 students, attracting the best and brightest from Australia and the world. As we move forward we must continue to strengthen our reputation and the impact we make upon the world around us.

At the heart of the University’s vision, achievement and impact is our commitment to excellence, our sense that a focus on the experience of the student is fundamental, and our belief that research intensity and innovative, high quality teaching underpin and characterise the finest universities in the world.
Our Mission
To be recognised internationally as a great research university and an Australian leader in research and teaching excellence, committed to the positive impact we can have on the lives of our students, staff and alumni as well as the local, national and international communities.

Building a Great Research University
To realise our mission, engagement with and support from the broader community – locally, nationally and internationally – is essential.

The University has been progressively shifting its activities to align more closely with community, state, national and global priorities. It has developed new programs in much-needed areas, entered into international industry partnerships, and secured research grants addressing specific problems that have the potential to make a significant impact on the community.

Join the University in supporting its mission to build a great research university that provides scholars with the best facilities and addresses social and economic needs, both in Australia and internationally.

A bequest, or gift by Will, no matter how large or small, is an effective way of providing a permanent legacy which will enable the University to address immediate and changing needs.

You have the opportunity to:
- direct your bequest to an area, research institute or activity, faculty, school, department or student support program of your choice
- provide discretionary funds which the University can then divert to high priority areas and needs
- make a Living Bequest and see your generosity in action within your lifetime.

Wording for Bequests
The University can help you plan a bequest that best fits your wishes. When considering the University of Adelaide in your Will, it is recommended that you seek independent legal advice, and any bequest to the University of Adelaide should be made after family and friends have been considered.

The following guidelines may be used in consultation with your advisers when drafting your Will.

Unrestricted bequest:
I GIVE [my estate] or [portion/the residue of my estate] or [the sum of $_____] to the University of Adelaide for its general purposes. I DECLARE that the receipt of the authorised officer of the University for the gift shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees.

Specific purpose bequest:
I GIVE [my estate] or [portion/the residue of my estate] or [the sum of $_____] to the University of Adelaide and I express the wish without creating a binding trust that the funds be used and applied for the purposes of _______ or if the purpose no longer exists then for a similar purpose at the discretion of the Council of the University of Adelaide AND I DECLARE that the receipt of the authorised officer of the University for the gift shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees.

Hughes Bequest Society
The University of Adelaide greatly appreciates the generosity of friends and alumni who remember the University in their Will, and has established the Hughes Bequest Society to recognise the enduring and visionary support of these benefactors.

The University encourages those who have made a bequest to inform us so that their support can be acknowledged within their own lifetime.