

# IGNITE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES



**We are changing the world for the better, opening door after door for students, their ideas, and innovative new solutions. Discover the impact you could make by leaving a gift in your will to the University of Southampton.**

## **Support tomorrow's students**

You may want to ensure that our brightest, most determined students have the same opportunities that you enjoyed and the chance to fulfil their potential. If you choose, your gift could help to create fairer futures for all, by supporting students from lower-income backgrounds to study at Southampton, or provide a scholarship to allow the best minds of tomorrow to achieve their goals.



*“Going to university opens so many doors, both academically and non-academically. As well as expanding your knowledge and interests by being taught, you get the opportunity to have practical experience in your field through work experience and internships. My situation was quite stressful because my dad was out of work for a long period of time after a heart operation. I needed a lot of textbooks and a laptop to support advanced computer programmes for my course. Receiving the funding has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders! It meant that I could focus on my studies instead of worrying about how much the things I needed were going to cost me. My favourite part has simply been the people. My fellow ‘Igniters’ are a great bunch of people, studying different subjects and from all different backgrounds. When someone from our group achieves something, it becomes our achievement too.”*

### **Maleeha**

(Studying Environmental Science and part of the University's Ignite Programme)

## Launch tomorrow's research

From finding new ways to treat cancer to understanding how humans hear and process sound, the University is well renowned for its interdisciplinary approach, bringing the best minds across different disciplines together to tackle the greatest challenges we face. Our world-renowned interdisciplinary institutes specialise in fields as diverse as oceanography and photonics, cementing the University at the forefront of innovation and scholarship.

## Contribute to future breakthroughs by leaving a gift in your will to fund research at Southampton.

*"The University of Southampton has played a significant part in my life. I first came to study at Southampton in 1975, and valued the opportunities the University offered me – not only in terms of academia, but also in broadening my horizons. Since then, I have become involved as a donor, and have been privileged to hear about the exceptional work undertaken across the University. I have chosen to leave my legacy to fund tomorrow's research, knowing that my support will have a long-lasting impact on generations to come."*

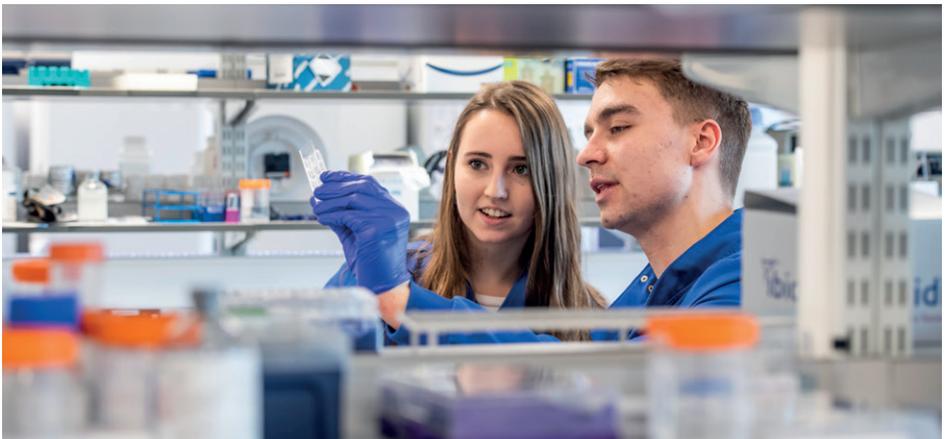
**David Rauch**  
(BA History & German, 1978)

## Help us face whatever challenges the future holds

The University is constantly developing and evolving, and so too are the challenges we face as a society. What will always remain is Southampton's commitment to quality teaching, research excellence with global impact, and contributing to the life of our region. By leaving an unrestricted gift, you can give us the flexibility to allocate your support where the need is greatest.

*"As the pandemic brought into sharp focus, we never know what is around the corner. Leaving an unrestricted gift enables us to respond to the most important priorities as they arise. Most recently, Southampton played a pivotal role in the UK's response to Covid-19. Generous donations from our alumni and supporters, including a significant legacy gift received at the time, enabled lifesaving solutions to be developed at pace. For example, our brilliant academic colleagues designed a personal respirator for healthcare staff treating Covid patients and led a study determining the safety and effectiveness of vaccines for use in adults and children across the world."*

**Professor Mark E. Smith, CBE**  
President and Vice-Chancellor



*Scientists in the UK's first Centre for Cancer Immunology, fully funded through philanthropy.*

# PEOPLE WHO HAVE CREATED INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

**The University of Southampton has already benefited from some wonderful gifts left in wills from our alumni and supporters, covering many areas of present and future development. Here are just a few stories about our pledgers and donors:**

## **Charles George**

Supporting medical research

Professor Sir Charles George worked at the University for 25 years – joining in 1974 as Senior Lecturer in Medicine and progressing through his career to become Dean of Medicine, Health, and Biological Sciences. These experiences led to subsequent roles as Medical Director of the British Heart Foundation, President of the British Medical Association, and Chairman of the Stroke Association. Sir Charles's significant contributions to the University were recognised with an Honorary Doctor of Medicine degree in 2004.



*“I have chosen to remember Southampton in my will for two main reasons. First, I was privileged to spend many years there, and was given huge opportunities to develop; what I learned during that time helped me throughout my career. I have very fond memories of the University, and take great pride in its achievements. Second, gifts in wills make an enormous contribution to important research in the UK, which saves and improves countless lives. Personally speaking, giving also brings me great happiness. This is why I have chosen to leave my gift to support medical research at Southampton – knowing that it will play an important part in tackling future health challenges, whatever they may be.”*

## Joan Caldwell

Supported Gift of Sight

Born in Yorkshire in 1922, Olive Joan Caldwell – known as Joan to her friends – enjoyed a long career in nursing. She met her husband Jack through a shared love of photography, and following his retirement, the couple moved to Guernsey in 1972. Joan was diagnosed with age-related macular degeneration (AMD). She attended clinics in Southampton Eye Unit for many years, and later had annual consultations with Professor Andrew Lotery at University Hospital Southampton. She developed a keen interest in how his patient care was influenced by scientific research – particularly concerning new developments in studies of AMD – and how much of that work was funded through philanthropy. Although Joan’s vision deteriorated, she did continue to lead an incredibly active life – attending gardening and photography clubs up to shortly before her death in 2016.

Joan left a wonderful gift in her will to Gift of Sight, the University fund that supports research into the prevention and treatment of blinding eye diseases. Her legacy supported the funding of two postdoctoral fellows, salaries for laboratory technicians, and the purchase of vital imaging equipment for clinical trials and laboratory use. Joan made a direct impact on advancing research that will ultimately help others suffering from sight loss.



Joan Caldwell with Ailsa Walter, Gift of Sight Manager

## Daphne and Antony Wright

Supported the Centre for Cancer Immunology and students of aeronautical and astronautical engineering



Daphne Wright (née Lawrence) and Antony Wright were students at the University in the 1950s, where they completed their degrees in biochemistry and aeronautical engineering respectively. The married couple recognised the value of their education at Southampton, and after they both sadly passed away, the University received a gift in their will to support the two disciplines that they were passionate about.

Daphne was a highly respected biochemist, whose work led to the use of new methods for the measurement of hormones, and to advances in the treatment of endocrine disorders and infertility. Daphne chose to support PhD scholarships at the University’s Centre for Cancer Immunology, launching the careers of bright young scientists looking to create better, more effective treatments for cancer.

Antony enjoyed a distinguished career over four decades in the aircraft industry – beginning with two years of national service in the Royal Air Force, and eventually managing instrument design at British Aerospace. Antony’s gift is funding PhD scholarships in aeronautical and astronautical engineering, as well as undergraduate bursaries.

Together their support will benefit countless students over the next decade and throughout their careers.



**Did you know that we have over a quarter of a million alumni in 180 countries around the world?**

# HOW TO RECORD YOUR WISHES

**If you are planning to include a gift in your will towards the University of Southampton, we hope the suggested wording overleaf will be useful to you. This can be adapted to suit your particular wishes, and we always recommend that you consult with a legal adviser when drafting or amending your will.**

# Your legacy to the University of Southampton may take one of the following forms:

## 1. Residuary Bequest

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A residuary bequest is a gift of all of, or a share of your estate – after allowing for expenses, pecuniary, and specific bequests.

### Suggested wording:

*“I give to the University of Southampton [HMRC Reference Number: X19140] (a percentage or share) of my residuary estate to be applied to the area of greatest need (or your preferred area) and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, or other authorised officer, for the time being of the University shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.”*

## 2. Pecuniary Bequest

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A pecuniary bequest is a gift of a fixed sum of money. If you wish, you may make the sum index-linked so that the value does not reduce with inflation.

### Suggested wording:

*“I give to the University of Southampton [HMRC Reference Number: X19140] the sum of (in figures and words) free from all taxes and duties, to be applied to the area of greatest need (or your preferred area) and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, or other authorised officer, for the time being of the University shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.”*

## Our charitable status

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The University of Southampton is an exempt charity under the terms of the Charities Act 2011. In accordance with the Act, the Office for Students (OfS) monitors our compliance with charity law.

As an exempt charity, a gift in your will to the University of Southampton is exempt from Inheritance Tax.

### Our HRMC Reference Number is: X19140.

Many of our supporters choose to include this in their will to help identify the University.

Our correspondence address is:

**University of Southampton,  
University Road, Southampton,  
SO17 1BJ, United Kingdom**



# OUR PROMISE TO YOU

**Leaving a gift in your will to the University of Southampton is an important decision. We want to make sure that you feel comfortable every step of the way, so here is our promise to you:**

- We understand that those closest to you always come first.

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- We respect your support of other causes.

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- You don't have to tell us if you are leaving a gift, but if you do it will help us to plan for the future.

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- We will use your support to shape the University's future, and not for short-term fixes.

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- 100% of your gift will be used to support your chosen area – no overheads will come out of your donation.

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- We will share stories with you of the important impact that gifts like yours make.

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- If you wish us to, we will work with your executors to communicate the impact of your gift.

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- We are always here to help and answer any questions you may have.

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- Using the contact details you give us, we will keep you updated on philanthropy and University news.

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- You can ask for a copy of our Privacy Notice at any time, or read it on our website: [www.southampton.ac.uk/alumni-privacy](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/alumni-privacy)

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### **The Southampton Giving Circles**

For any pledges over £1,000, you will automatically join the Moore Circle – named after former University Council Member George Moore, who left a legacy gift in 1925 that helped to develop Southampton’s research expertise in life sciences.

As a member of the Circle, each year you will receive a donor report and an invitation to a special event – both celebrating the advancement that we have made as an institution thanks to philanthropy. Through our regular communications, you will have the opportunity to read about the impact of legacy gifts first-hand, and meet our community of donors, students and academics.

*“As executor of my aunt and uncle’s will, I really wanted their gift to achieve what they had hoped for – to help bright students reach their potential. From my first contact with the legacy team and academic colleagues at Southampton through to today, they have really understood this and I feel proud of the programme we have created together. It has been a real pleasure and inspiring to meet the students who have benefited from my aunt and uncle’s support knowing that their impact is still felt through their legacy gift.”*

#### **Graham Martin**

Pictured above meeting  
Desty Scholarship students

# TELL US YOUR PLANS

**Please complete this form to help us communicate with you appropriately about your legacy pledge and to keep you updated on news from the University. This information is not legally binding, and we realise that your intentions may change. This will simply enable us to understand your current wishes and recognise your generosity.**

## 1. Your legacy pledge

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I have remembered the University of Southampton in my will with a:

- Share of \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of my residuary estate (residuary bequest)
- Cash bequest of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (pecuniary bequest)
- Gift to benefit my loved ones first before passing to Southampton (reversionary bequest)

The approximate value of the gift in today's terms:

£ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my gift to support:

- The area of greatest need
- The following purpose:

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## 2. Your details

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please tick if you are a University of Southampton alumnus/alumna.  
(If yes, please provide your year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ )

## 3. Recognising your support

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Please let us know if you wish your legacy gift to remain anonymous:

- I wish my legacy to remain anonymous during my lifetime  
 I wish my legacy to remain anonymous always

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### Thank you for your support.

Please complete all sections of this form and return to:

**Legacy Manager, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, University of Southampton, University Road, Southampton, SO17 1BJ, United Kingdom**

Or by email:  
**supportus@soton.ac.uk**