

FUNDING THE FUTURE

Leaving a Gift in
your Will to Queen's



Queen's
Foundation





I have chosen to support the continuing good work of Queen's through a legacy gift that will make a positive, lasting difference to future generations.

Dr Lavinia Boyce
PhD Management, 2010

Norma Sinte,
BA Hons Modern Languages
Director of Development
and Alumni Relations



A message from the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, **Norma Sinte**

Thank you for your interest in supporting Queen's University through a gift in your will.

Many of the University's past achievements, and those we hope to celebrate in the future, have been made possible by funding from legacy gifts of all sizes from generous alumni and friends.

Queen's University Belfast plays a pivotal role in Northern Ireland through its world-class teaching and research and its direct contribution to the cultural, social and economic development of the region. Every day our graduates, staff and students make an enormous impact in over 120 countries around the world.

The University is constantly evolving to meet students' needs and pushing boundaries in the quest for solutions to global challenges.

Vision 2020

Our vision is to create "a world-class international University that supports outstanding students and staff, working in world-class facilities, conducting leading-edge education and research, focused on the needs of society."

Philanthropic gifts, such as legacies, are instrumental in enabling this vision.

They help in so many ways: by funding advances in healthcare; by supporting the most gifted students; by helping us to develop campus facilities to provide our students and staff with a world-class experience.

You may wish to make a gift for a particular purpose – for example, you can choose to direct your gift towards a specific area such as medical research, fellowships and scholarships, capital projects or to promote student welfare.

Your future gift will make a difference

There has never been a more vital time to invest in the life of the University. If you are considering a charity gift in your will, and after you safeguard your loved ones, please consider Queen's. Regardless of size, each and every gift is an investment in the future of education and research in Northern Ireland and beyond.

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet and for considering Queen's University as part of your legacy.

Norma Sinte

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The Lanyon Society



As graduates ourselves, we feel fortunate to have obtained a Queen's University education. For us, it represents a world of opportunities, lifelong friendships and treasured memories – all of which have stayed with us long beyond our graduation day.

Leslie and Hilary Morrison
Patrons of the Lanyon Society
2011 - 2015

If you would like to remember Queen's in your will and want to speak to our **Legacy Manager** about your wishes, please contact **Susan Wilson** on **+44 (0)28 9097 3162** or email susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk

Why leave a gift to Queen's in your will?



Queen's has played an influential role in my life. As a student, I took advantage of the vast range of opportunities that are only on offer at a world-class institution such as Queen's. I believe that it is these life experiences that not only offer the long-term advantages of an exceptional education, but also nurture ambition and a competitive spirit. I feel privileged to have enjoyed these opportunities and want to offer the same to future generations of Queen's students.

Jonathan Hill
BA History and Politics, 2000

It is an astute future investment

Queen's University is an established institution bringing about transformational change in education, research and business. Every £1m the University puts into the economy generates £1.38m in economic activity. Your gift can help preserve our history through securing important collections and supporting future generations of students, irrespective of their financial background.

It can be appreciated by future generations

Scholarships to support students or rooms and buildings may be named in honour of the donor or a loved one, allowing the gift and the donor's name to live on in perpetuity.



The FinTrU Trading Room

It can reduce the amount of inheritance tax you pay on your estate

The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation is a registered charity (number: NIC 102044) and is thereby exempt from Income and Inheritance Tax. This means you could reduce the amount of tax you pay on your estate. Gifts of stocks, shares or property can also reduce the tax burden on your estate.



Cutting-edge investigations in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology



What can be achieved through your legacy gift

Every year Queen's University gratefully receives legacy gifts ranging from several hundred pounds to six-figure sums. Each gift makes an impact – investing in pioneering medical research, supporting students in their studies and tackling head-on the greatest global issues facing society.

- Would you like to support pioneering research that could help to develop new treatments for major life-altering diseases?
- Would you like to offer future generations of students a financial lifeline?
- Do you believe that we should be addressing the future needs of society through research and education?



Mechanical Engineering students

Medicine and Clinical Research

The chances are that your life or that of that of a loved one has been touched by medical research. For generations, Queen's has educated doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals who go on to serve society at home and abroad.

Focused on speeding up the process of taking laboratory discoveries through to the patient's bedside, the Institute of Health Sciences at Queen's brings together significant international programmes impacting global healthcare, by developing new ways to prevent and treat disease. Improving outcomes for patients lies at the heart of everything we do. We are developing new diagnostic tests and treatments for cancer, respiratory disease, eye health and diabetic complications.

Our work in many fields of medicine has won global acclaim and is attracting gifted international researchers to the University. Survival rates for cancer in Northern Ireland are now among the best in the UK.

Through choosing to support this important area of our work, you are showing that you trust in our established reputation as leaders in the field of medical research.

World-class Education

Supporting academic posts, lecturers and fellowships, or choosing to assist future generations of talented students through a scholarship, your gift can benefit the future educational life of the University.

Annual Fund

By leaving a gift to the Queen's Annual Fund, which supports projects that enrich the student experience, you demonstrate that you care about the future of the University. Your gift will be directed towards the area of the most urgent need at that time.

Buildings and Facilities

Queen's has more than 250 buildings, some 120 of which are listed as being of architectural merit. As well as maintaining and preserving these buildings, the University must also ensure it meets the increasing demands of growing student numbers through provision of new facilities. Landmark buildings at Queen's include The McClay Library, the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, The Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, The Graduate School and the School of Law. Many of these have been made possible through philanthropic gifts such as legacies.



I hope there is an opportunity for the CCRCB and my old faculty to combine their research and innovation skills to develop a simple and effective pain management system to alleviate the discomfort associated with cancer. That's my gift for the future.

Des Clarke
BSc Mechanical Engineering,
1968



Thanks to the sacrifices my father and mother made, I obtained a university education with all the career and other opportunities that such an education brings. Hence I can think of no more fundamentally worthwhile use of my surplus wealth than helping young people benefit from a world-class education, with all the life-enhancing benefits that brings.

Professor Sir George Bain
Former Vice-Chancellor
of Queen's University Belfast

The Graduate School



I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2013. My mother had been diagnosed in her thirties, so I understand first-hand the devastating impact it can have on family life. After my father passed away in 2014, I decided to reserve my parents' collection of rare and valuable motorbikes as a legacy gift to support ground-breaking MS research at Queen's. The gift will be named after my mum and dad, and I take confidence that 100% of my gift will be spent here in Northern Ireland.

Caroline Jamison
Legacy pledger

How your gift will make a difference



Thanks to a legacy scholarship, I was able to complete my Master's in Advanced Food Safety in the Institute for Global Food Security at Queen's. Thanks to the skills and experience which I gained throughout the course, I have now secured gainful employment.

Amy McSparron

Beneficiary of the Katharine Harris legacy scholarship gift

Legacies to Queen's may be large or small and each gift makes a difference. Here are some examples of how your gift could make an impact:



£500

Could support a student with essential course materials or equipment.



£2,000

Could buy a machine needed to extract pure samples of DNA from cancer cells, helping us to identify possible causes and treatments.



£5,000

Could provide specialist books for the library, or new sports equipment for clubs and societies.



£10,000

Could fund undergraduate student bursaries in the subject area of your choice.



£50,000

Could refurbish a teaching space or provide a travel scholarship.



£100,000

Could fund an annual visiting Professorship for a scholar of international acclaim or purchase vital equipment to support the study of infectious diseases.



£500,000

Could provide a state-of-the-art lecture theatre.



When Mr Thomas Simms received world-class care at the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital, he decided to leave a significant legacy to Queen's to support clinical cancer research. His generous bequest enables our researchers to develop individualised treatments that will have higher cure rates, longer survival times, fewer side effects and provide a better quality of life. His legacy has been instrumental in the level of treatment and care of patients.

Professor Richard Wilson

Professor in Cancer Medicine, Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queen's University Belfast and Honorary Consultant in Medical Oncology, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

Planning a gift in your will to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation



I want to give something back to Queen's as an expression of my personal gratitude for the enormously happy years I enjoyed there. I donated to the Queen's Annual Fund when I was working and now I am retired I have left Queen's a lump sum in my will.

Alan McKelvey
BSc Economics, 1969

Your will is an important document which details your future wishes and we strongly suggest that you seek professional advice when drafting it.

The easiest way to update an existing will is through a codicil document. A template codicil is inserted in the back sleeve of this brochure.

How to Word your Gift

You may find the following wording helpful when you and your solicitor are considering your gift to Queen's:

Residuary Legacy

Part or the balance of your estate, after taxes, charges and other legacies have been settled.

"I give the residue of my estate (or XX per cent of the residual of my estate) to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, Queen's University Belfast, BT7 1NN

- For its general purposes or
- It is my wish that this gift is used...
 - In support of students
 - To enhance academic development
- For the purposes of...(specify)"

Pecuniary Legacy

An exact sum of money for a named beneficiary. You may wish to discuss with your adviser how to protect the real value of your gift from inflation over time.

"I give the sum of £XX to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, Queen's University Belfast, BT7 1NN

- For its general purposes or
- It is my wish that this gift is used...
 - In support of students
 - To enhance academic development
- For the purposes of...(specify)"



Specific Gift

A gift of specific property, such as land, buildings, shares, copyrights, paintings or other property.

"I give (describe the property to be given) to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, Queen's University Belfast, BT7 1NN."

International legacy gifts

American Donations: The "Friends of The Queen's University of Belfast, Inc"

Legacy gifts from US tax payers can also benefit from this exemption through the 'Friends of The Queen's University of Belfast, Inc.' – a special fund in the United States, which has charitable status under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that USA tax payers can offset a donation to the Friends against their tax bill.

Canadian Donations

The Queen's University of Belfast is a university outside Canada, which is prescribed by section 3503 of the Canadian Income Tax Regulations.

We can send you details of how to leave a bequest to Queen's that is suitable for Canadian tax purposes.



Music at
Queen's
University

Thank You



As the beneficiary of a scholarship myself, I understand first-hand the benefits of helping gifted students who may not have the resources to support a university education. And today's difficult economic climate will obviously affect the decisions of eligible students about going to Queen's. I hope that those who can, will give a little to help support such individuals.

**Professor Emeritus
James Dunwoody**
1935 - 2012
BSc Mechanical
Engineering, 1957

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet and for considering Queen's University as part of your legacy.

If you have already chosen to support Queen's University Belfast through a legacy gift, we are immensely grateful. Thank you.

We appreciate the details of your will are private, so please be assured that if you choose to let us know of your plans involving a future gift to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, the details will remain confidential and will not be seen as binding.



The Lanyon Society is a unique group of individuals who are considering or have chosen to leave a gift to Queen's in their will. If you wish, you can let us know of your plans by returning The Lanyon Society form in the back sleeve of this brochure.

It is beneficial to us to understand how our donors are planning to help and allows us to ensure that all aspects of your intentions involving the University are fully understood.

It is also a pleasure for us to be able to thank you personally for the gift that you have planned and to recognise your generosity in a way that is appropriate for you.

By becoming a member of The Lanyon Society, you can choose to receive regular updates on developments at Queen's, notifications of selected University events and an invitation to a special annual donor event, should you wish.

If we can assist you further

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Queen's in the 1950's





Entering the Quad at Queen's University

The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation

Since its establishment in 1999, The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation has been engaged in generating financial support for Queen's capital development programmes and academic initiatives from private individuals, charitable trusts and corporations. A core part of our work is fostering lasting relationships with donors who share Queen's vision for the future.

The work of the Foundation is consistent with the University's mission to become recognised as a world-class university that links Northern Ireland to the global community through the life-changing experience we offer to our students, the distinctive contribution made to society by our graduates and the high quality and impact of our research.

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