





#### I feel privileged to be Vice-Chancellor and President of an outstanding University, known for its global outlook, world-leading research and exceptional student experience.

We are living through challenging times, and I am committed to working with our University community to help navigate us through all the unknowns, keeping true to the mission and culture that distinguishes us from our rivals.

To this end, I have initiated a 'Covenant' for the University, building upon Jesse Boot's foundational principles to secure a positive future for this great institution. It draws great strength from the continued interest and involvement of our alumni, friends and partners – a community that cares deeply about our University. Only by working together, can we push the boundaries further in delivering world-changing research, and help give future generations of talented students the opportunities they need to flourish and succeed as socially responsible, global citizens.

Throughout our history, gifts left in Wills have collectively made a significant and lasting impact. Those who make them remain ever-connected to the University and all that we do. Once the needs of family and loved ones have been taken care of, I offer my deep thanks and gratitude to all those who consider the University as a recipient of support. Your kindness and generosity will not be forgotten.

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# You can leave a gift to the University of Nottingham in your Will

Your days at the University of Nottingham were perhaps the most formative in your life.

They may have helped to shape or inspire your career. Maybe you made lifelong friends, or even met your spouse or partner here?

Whatever it is that Nottingham gave to you, by remembering your University in your Will, you can give something significant and lasting back.

Leaving a legacy gives you the chance to acknowledge the difference that the University of Nottingham made to you. Your gift will enrich campus life, making an incredible impact on students following in your footsteps, or it could enable ground-breaking research that helps change the world.

It was not just the education at Nottingham from which I benefited. It was the whole experience: the societies, the clubs that made up a bigger involvement with Nottingham.

I was very fortunate to have gone to such a prestigious University. Moreover, my education was free and I even received a grant to assist me with my studies. A legacy gift will help today's best and brightest students who are less fortunate than I was, it will help them receive what I did."

**Andrew Morrison (English 1991)** 



When you leave a gift in your Will to the University of Nottingham, you have the opportunity to let us know the area of work you would like it to support. You might want to give talented students the chances you had, support academic prizes and scholarships that reward achievement, or back pioneering research at your University.

## You can back ground-breaking research in the future

A gift in your Will could fund more vital research and treatments for generations to come.



With your legacy, you can support pioneering research that has the potential to change and save lives. Your lasting gift really could make a global impact and benefit generations to come.

#### A gift in your Will could help find new treatments for diseases like dementia and breast cancer

As you may know, your University has already made great strides in ground-breaking research. Our studies into dementia and breast cancer are just two examples of pioneering medical research.

The University of Nottingham's Sir Peter Mansfield Imaging Centre is the first to use a new scanner – thousands of times more sensitive than conventional MRIs – to examine dementia. The scans can detect tiny chemical changes in the brain which occur before the structural damage caused by dementia becomes visible. It paves the way towards earlier diagnosis and tailored treatments.

## **Veterinary research** at Sutton Bonington

Sarah Pykett has pledged to leave a legacy to the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science for research into canine oncology.

Likewise, in the field of cancer research, a gift in your Will could support studies like Professor John Robertson's. His team have already developed the world's first blood test to detect early lung cancer and are applying that knowledge in the early detection of breast cancer.

By supporting research like this, your legacy gift has the power to impact millions of lives.

## The Joan Browne Legacy – supporting the brightest medical students and pioneering research

The Joan Browne Legacy is funding our most promising earlystage research PhD students. It not only supports students, but the innovative medical research they carry out – research that could have a global impact.



# Will you give us the chance to say 'thank you'?

Leaving a gift in your Will to the University of Nottingham marks a special commitment that we would like to thank you for and acknowledge. By letting us know your intentions, we can recognise your support in a very special way.

#### Become a member of the Revis Circle

The Revis Circle was created to show our appreciation to those who have chosen to remember the University of Nottingham with a gift in their Will. It is named in honour of one of the University's greatest benefactors, William Henry Revis, who left a portion of his estate to the University of Nottingham. That was in 1923, and over 90 years on, his legacy continues to provide scholarships every year to the most talented students.

As a member of the Revis Circle you will receive invitations to special events and exclusive information on how legacies are making a crucial difference to the University. We will also, should you choose, display your name on our website alongside other Revis Circle members.

# You can give the most talented students the chance to study at Nottingham

Your legacy could go towards scholarships, offering outstanding students from low-income families the first class education and opportunities that you experienced at the University of Nottingham.

The increasing financial pressure on students today could deter the brightest students if they come from a disadvantaged background. So if you believe that a place at Nottingham should be gained on merit, rather than background, your legacy can ensure that the University of Nottingham continues to welcome students from every walk of life.

# Margaret Jackson – supporting postgraduate female mathematicians

Margaret Jackson's name and passion for Mathematics will live on at the University of Nottingham, thanks to her special bequest. Her legacy gift provides funding to encourage women to take short-term internships as a gateway to postgraduate study – an area in which they are presently under-represented.



#### You can make an impact on campus

You'll no doubt have many fond memories of your student days at Nottingham. Perhaps you'll remember your first sight of the Trent Building, meeting friends by the Portland Building or sitting by the Millennium Gardens at the start of spring?

Nottingham's beautiful campuses most likely played an integral part in your university experience. A gift in your Will can ensure that your University's grounds remain as welcoming and inspiring as they were during your time here and that the campus is equipped with modern facilities providing future generations of students with what they need to thrive in an ever more competitive world.

# The Lloyd Harrison Fund – supporting new resources for the newly extended George Green Library

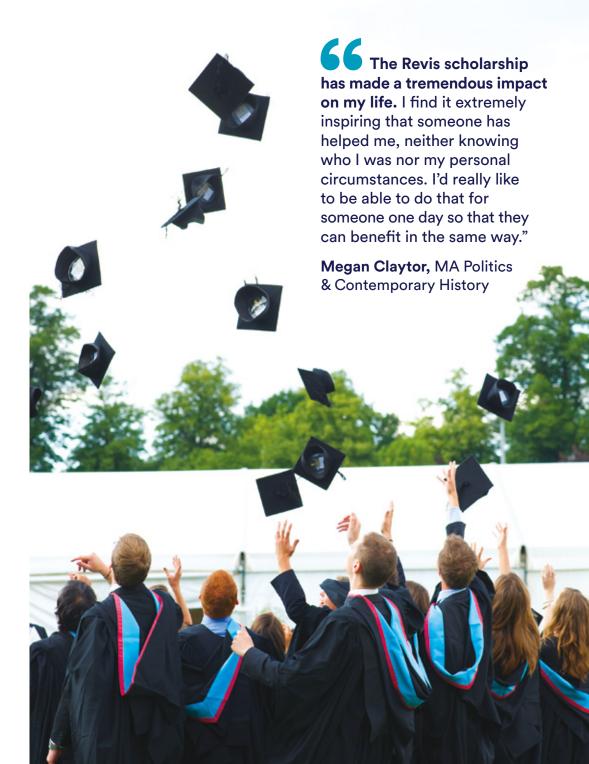
It's vital that we continue to provide students with all the resources they need. This legacy gift is helping to fill our newly extended library with the latest texts and state-of-the-art equipment, making sure our students can excel in their studies.



# You can choose to remember the part of the University that is special to you

It could be the Hall of Residence you stayed in, the library where you studied, or ensuring that our beautiful grounds continue to be maintained, cared for and nurtured.

As courses develop and technology changes, some of our buildings undergo development to ensure that students, lecturers and researchers have access to the best facilities, providing future students with access to the first-class resources they need. Indeed, if the University of Nottingham is to maintain its place as one of the world's top universities, it is vital that our campus continues to attract the brightest and best students.



#### Your questions answered...

### 1. How can I choose what my legacy will support?

When completing your pledge or codicil form, there is a section that allows you to state where you would like your gift to go:

- Scholarships and bursaries
- Teaching and research
- University grounds and buildings

You can also choose to give a gift in your Will that would allow the University to allocate your gift wherever the need is greatest.

## 2. Are there any tax benefits to leaving a charitable gift in my Will?

In the UK, Inheritance Tax is paid on your estate and also on some gifts made in your lifetime, above a certain threshold. However, as a charity, the University of Nottingham would not incur any tax on a gift in your Will, so 100% of your gift will go towards the University.

It is also currently possible for your other beneficiaries to receive a further reduction in Inheritance Tax, if you leave at least 10% of your net estate to charity.

### 3. How do I go about writing a Will?

It is advisable to consult a solicitor and you can also get support from our Legacy Manager (see question 5).

### 4. How do I add a gift to an existing Will?

You can include a gift to University of Nottingham by using the enclosed codicil form, which is an amendment to your existing Will.

### 5. How do I notify you about my intention to leave a gift?

You can fill in the enclosed pledge form, or contact our Legacy Manager. Simply call 0115 95 13664 or email LegacyEnquiries @nottingham.ac.uk

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. For more information, or to download a codicil or legacy pledge form, you can visit nott.ac.uk/giftinyourwill

Please return your Legacy Pledge form to: Legacies, Campaign & Alumni Relations Office, Ground Floor, Pope Building, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD