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Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington is a leader in teaching and research, providing generations of students with a world-class learning environment, a vibrant city-based campus, and a great student lifestyle packed with opportunities.

Our donors play a vital role in making the University the respected institution it is today, and thanks to the continued generosity of our supporters, the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation funds scholarships, research, teaching, and essential equipment to continue this success.

Leaving a gift in your will is just one of the many ways you can support our university. Your legacy to the Foundation invests in the future of tomorrow's students, and every donation—whatever the size—will have a positive impact for generations to come.



The impact of a gift in your will

Philanthropic support of the University funds life-changing scholarships, world-class research, and excellence in teaching.

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, a gift in your will can be the perfect way to have a lasting effect, without impacting on your current financial needs. We are immensely grateful for every gift we receive, whether it is a specific sum or a percentage of whatever is left once you have thought about those close to you.

When you create a legacy, you continue to be part of Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington far into the future.

Former diplomat and supporter of the arts Suzanne Blumhardt has a long history and personal connection with the University. Not only did she study Education and English here in the 1960s, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Education, but she was also married here and had her wedding photographs taken on the stairwell of the Hunter building. So, after several years of giving to support various university initiatives, it is little surprise that she has decided to leave a gift in her will. Suzanne hopes her legacy will facilitate interdisciplinary staff research in the Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, including topics with a Pasifika angle—an area close to her heart.



"The University has been a huge part of my life, and my involvement with it has always brought me a great deal of stimulus and pleasure."

Suzanne Blumhardt

Making a difference



The University has been fortunate to receive bequests from alumni, former staff members, and those in the wider community.

Bequests have helped support students who face financial hardship studying for undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications across every school in the University. Gifts have nurtured research in fields from experimental physics to public health.

The Jack Pearce Postgraduate Scholarship in History, established in 2009, is funded through a generous legacy gift set up in memory of Jack by his daughter Brenda Joyce. Past recipient Louisa Hormann graduated with a Master of Arts in History in 2016. She now works as an archives technician at the Air Force Museum of New Zealand and has been elected to the board of Museums Aotearoa.

Jack Pearce
Image: *Courtesy of Brenda Joyce*



"I am so grateful for the opportunity the Jack Pearce Scholarship has given me, especially in allowing me to really dedicate my year to this project. Without the financial support of this scholarship, which allowed me to concentrate entirely on my research, I could not have undertaken my rather time-intensive oral history project, which was core to my primary research for my thesis."

Louisa Hormann

Donations of all sizes can make a great difference. Even a small gift in your will can have a lasting impact. It is often the little things—funding for conference fees or a prize that lifts a student by knowing someone believes in them—that can change the direction of a student's life or drive pioneering research.





How your gift can support the University

We invite you to make a gift that will support students, education, and research for generations to come.

You might create a scholarship, fund programmes in your chosen faculty, or help our academics pursue ground-breaking research.

Many donors choose to direct their gift to a fund—in their name—that supports something close to their heart.

Endowed gifts

Some bequest donors specify that their gift be invested in an endowed fund that continues in perpetuity, earning investment income that will support their own aspirations and those of the University.

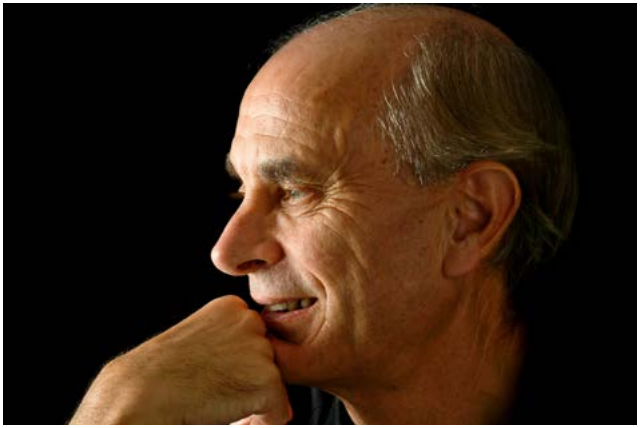
When you make an endowed gift to the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation, it will be wisely invested for the benefit of students and the University now and in the future.

Talk to us if you would like to create a lasting legacy. You can set up a fund now and enjoy seeing it in action during your lifetime, or you can include it in your will.

Named funds

A fund created by your bequest can carry your name, or that of a family member or someone else who has had a significant impact on your life. Contact us to find out more.

In his time at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, Emeritus Professor Roger Robinson was a professor of English, head of department, dean, and assistant vice-chancellor. He is also a writer, TV commentator, published author, and an international runner. Having established his bequest in 2011, he has now endowed it to support the Roger Robinson Scholarship for Student Runners. By doing this, Roger has ensured that his scholarship will continue far into the future.



"A bequest is a way of giving back. Scholarships that combine academic work and sport will especially help first-in-family students or those who thrive on a balance of interests—like me in both cases. Then there are the many young athletes who go away on American scholarships and often get burned out. It's a gain for them, for the University, and for New Zealand if they can study and compete here in those crucial years."

Roger Robinson

By setting up a scholarship aligning with his bequest, Roger has been able to see the scholarship in action and meet the recipients who have benefited from his generosity.

"I'm relieved to note that it's not yet the Roger Robinson Memorial Scholarship. I'll enjoy actually knowing and cheering for the students, as well as supporting them at a university that always supported me."





Victoria University of Wellington Foundation

Your gift will be managed wisely and with great care.

Through the generosity of donors like you and earnings from endowment investments, more than $96 million has gone to support the University in the 30 years since the Foundation was established in 1990.

We will ensure every philanthropic dollar you invest is disbursed according to your wishes. There are no administration fees and your gift may be eligible for a charitable gift tax rebate.

The Foundation is a registered charitable trust and has an independent board of trustees.

Why make a will?

Your will is a legal document that records exactly how you wish your assets and possessions to be distributed after your death. By preparing a will, you can safeguard the future of the people and causes closest to your heart. You can have peace of mind knowing that your affairs are in order.

What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift in a will. It is a way for you to support your loved ones and causes in the future without impacting on your financial needs during your lifetime. Once you have met the needs of your family, you could consider remembering Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington with a bequest.

Who makes a bequest?

Anyone can make a bequest. The University has received bequests from alumni, their families, former staff members and their families, and from people in the wider community. Their gifts have supported prizes and scholarships, teaching, and research across the University.

What type of bequest can I make?

There are several options for leaving a gift in your will, including:

- the residue of your estate (what remains once all other gifts and costs are deducted)
- a percentage of your estate
- a specific sum of money
- a particular asset, such as property, art, shares, or an insurance policy.

How to make a bequest

Please see the pdf Leaving a bequest—suggested wording

Victoria Legacy Club

We would love to say thank you.

We are enormously appreciative of all donors who support the University by leaving gifts.

The Victoria Legacy Club was established to acknowledge and thank those who have told us of their intention to leave a gift in their will.

Members are invited to university and foundation events, including an annual Legacy Club reception. These events are opportunities to meet others who have made similar provision for the University in their wills, and to keep in touch with what is happening on campus.

Do let us know if you plan to include the University in your will so we can thank you personally for your generosity and invite you to join the Legacy Club. If you prefer total confidentiality, we will, of course, completely support your wish.

Thank you



What to do next



Development Office staff are available to provide advice and apply your bequest according to your wishes. All discussions are treated in strict confidence.

We strongly suggest you seek the advice of a lawyer, the Public Trust, or a trustee company in the drafting of a new will or codicil to an existing will. These professionals can provide you with the advice you need to ensure your wishes are met.

We would welcome the chance to speak with you about your gift plans and how you can make a difference for the next generation.

Development manager Karen Whitehead is available to meet with you, in complete confidence, to discuss the best way for you to leave a gift in your will.

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