



University of Essex

Remembering Essex:

Leaving a gift to the
University in your will



1964
2014



50 years of daring to be different

The University of Essex opened its dramatic, modern campus in 1964 to 122 pioneering students who had dared to apply to a brand new university. Our first Vice-Chancellor, Sir Albert Sloman, wanted to create an institution that would break down barriers between nations, disciplines and social classes. Everything the University did would be radical and innovative, unhampered by precedents and existing structures. At a time when just 10 per cent of British school-leavers were going into higher education, this would be a university that changed lives.

In 2014, our University will celebrate 50 years of Sir Albert Sloman's vision – of daring to be different. Our students are a more diverse combination of nationalities, cultures and backgrounds than at any other UK campus university. Around 96 per cent of our UK undergraduates come from state schools, 36 per cent from low-income families and 16 per cent from neighbourhoods where few people go on to higher education. We have stayed true to the essence of Essex – international, interdisciplinary and inclusive – but with 11,000 students, three campuses and a top ten UK research ranking, we have come of age.

From politics to poetry and economics to environmental science, we have global impact. We are the UK's leading university in social sciences, and two of our graduates have won Nobel Prizes. Another Nobel Laureate, Derek Walcott, is our Professor of Poetry. Our Human Rights Centre graduates work for prestigious organisations such as the United Nations, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. We are unique among UK universities in having a theatre on each of our three campuses, and our extraordinary collection of Latin American art is the only public collection in Europe dedicated exclusively to modern and contemporary art from that region.



Continued ambitions

Any legacy gift to the University of Essex, whether it's large or small, will help to enrich the lives of future generations. You will also be supporting cutting-edge research into important areas including prostate cancer, detecting pollution and the protection of human rights.

What could a gift achieve?

Every gift will have a real impact, helping us to invest in our students today and in the future. Some examples of previous legacy gifts to the University show what is possible:

- Honorary Graduate Sir Frederick Warner left a legacy towards the Albert Sloman Library Book Fund – and a collection of his papers.
- A gift in Professor Chris Winston's will helped us to refurbish the Lakeside Theatre, which now hosts the annual Winston Lecture.
- Since 2008, an endowment gift in Essex barrister John Silberrad's will has helped us to fund PhD scholarships – so our graduates can continue to contribute to our University's outstanding research.
- The legacy of Eleanor Drake-Lewis has provided scholarships for art history postgraduates, and for students enrolled on a postgraduate course in the field of health and human sciences.



Thank you

Leaving a charitable gift in your will is one of the most considered and personally significant decisions you can make. Thank you for thinking of remembering Essex in your will. We are grateful for all legacies, large and small.

If you decide to support Essex, your gift would be unique to you. You can direct it to a particular area of the University's work which interests you – perhaps supporting students, facilities or a specific subject area – or you can leave the question of how it is used to our discretion. We would be very happy to discuss your intentions with you, to make sure your gift has the greatest impact and fits with your interests and the things you care about.

“ Being a mature student with a home and family to support, self-funding was simply beyond the realms of possibility. Being awarded the Silberrad Scholarship has, quite literally, changed my life. It was a case of no funding, no PhD, so hearing that I had been awarded it was like being told I'd won the lottery! ”

Amanda Wilkinson, PhD History, recipient of a Silberrad Scholarship

“ The University now has a first-class theatre to match its exciting programme of international and culturally diverse professional productions, student and community productions. This greatly improves the arts facilities available for both our students and the regional community. ”

Pasco-Q Kevlin, Lakeside Theatre Director, 2008-2012, recipient of support from the legacy of Professor Chris Winston

How do I leave a gift?

Remembering Essex in your will is more straightforward than you think. Any gift simply needs to be included in your will, or attached to an existing will as a codicil. You can leave money or assets like books, property, shares or works of art to the University – or even a proportion of your estate.

We recommend you talk to a solicitor to make sure your wishes will be properly implemented. Explain that the University is an exempt charity, which means leaving the University a gift in your will is entirely free of tax, including Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax. Also, if you decide to leave more than 10 per cent of your estate to charity, there will be less tax to pay on any non-charitable bequests.

Contact us

If you are thinking about leaving a gift to the University in your will and would like to discuss it in confidence, please contact:

Lynsey Dawson
Senior Development Officer
Development and Alumni Relations
University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park
Colchester CO4 3SW
United Kingdom

T +44(0)1206 873372

E ldawson@essex.ac.uk

www.essex.ac.uk/supporting_the_university

