From your legacy giving
For the future
Our vision for Newcastle is of a world-leading university, advancing knowledge, providing creative solutions and solving global problems. The work we do here has enormous benefits for society: through our teaching that is providing our students with the critical skills needed for the future workforce; and through our research, which is tackling some of the greatest challenges facing the world today.

Throughout our 185-year history, the unwavering and generous support of our donors has helped transform and shape the University and, as we pursue our vision, the greatest honour we can receive is that of a legacy donation.

Leaving a legacy donation is an opportunity for you to become part of our story for generations to come. By remembering Newcastle University in your Will, you can choose to make a lasting contribution to research or to causes that have been important to you during your life. A legacy donation to Newcastle University will ensure that your values live on long into the future.

Thank you.

Professor Chris Day
Vice-Chancellor and President
Jack Fletcher, legacy pledger

Jack Fletcher is a legacy pledger to Newcastle University who has decided to leave a donation to advance the study of politics, a subject close to his heart and part of his heritage. Jack’s maternal grandfather, Henry Bolton, was a founding member of the Labour Party who served under several Secretaries of State. His paternal grandfather was descended from James Edward Oglethorpe, the MP for Haslemere in the 1730s who founded the State of Georgia in the United States – a connection which Jack still treasures today.

Jack never studied here but has an association with Newcastle University through his Uncle Wesley, who took a degree in Physics at Armstrong College (the forerunner of today’s Newcastle University) from 1914 to 1917. And as a lifelong school teacher he remembers many former students who went on to study at this University.

His passion for education and his optimistic vision for the future of the University has led him to commit his support in this most practical and effective way.

“I consider education to be the highest of mankind’s achievements. It is the basis of civilisation and the foundation for our progress. So I am delighted to leave a legacy to a great civic university with such a wonderful record and reputation, and such a marvellous future in front of it.

“I hope I can add to that future success by giving a legacy to a most important discipline – politics – a science which determines how we shape our society and our destiny.”

Creating the future

Laura Sabater, supported by Dr Lorna Jones (MB BS 1943)

The Jones’ long family association with Newcastle University began with Dr Lorna Jones and her husband, both of whom studied medicine here. Two of their children followed in their parents’ footsteps, and two of their grandchildren are the third generation of the family to graduate from the University.

Dr Lorna Jones’ generous legacy donation, made in memory of her late husband, funds a PhD scholar researching liver disease. This legacy donation has made a lasting impression today, giving PhD student Laura Sabater invaluable support to pursue her specialist studies in the University’s Faculty of Medical Sciences.

“It’s an amazing privilege to be able to dedicate myself to what I’m deeply passionate about, and this scholarship will help me to continue training in the field that I love, at a university with an international reputation.

“I feel honoured to receive this funding from the Dr Lorna Jones Legacy, and I will do my utmost to use it to make a difference in the advancement and development of knowledge in liver disease.”

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Rob and Kim Taylor, legacy pledgers

Rob and Kim Taylor have always wanted to give back to their home university. Both have a background working in the Fire Service, and through training offered by the service, Rob went on to gain a Certificate in Education and then his Master’s in Education here at Newcastle University.

Both Rob and Kim have pledged to help support key areas of medical research. “We wanted to have a direct impact on a person’s education and subject matter, so we decided to provide support in medical disciplines which benefits both students and researchers.”

Kim’s support will be going towards Alzheimer’s research and Rob’s towards prostate cancer research. Both these crucial areas of research will benefit a great deal from Rob and Kim’s generosity. They hope that the recipients will be even more enthusiastic, knowing that Rob and Kim have made this personal commitment to support such an important cause.

“We’re proud to think we’re making a contribution that is both supportive and meaningful, and the idea of giving someone an opportunity that otherwise wouldn’t have been possible is incredibly gratifying.”

Daniel Erskine, supported by Yvonne Mairy

Having suffered a stroke and subsequent paralysis in her mid-fifties, Newcastle-born Yvonne Mairy was determined to leave a legacy to her local university that would benefit people suffering from similarly devastating neurological conditions. The legacy set up in her memory now funds a PhD Studentship for research into Alzheimer’s disease which made a world of difference to Daniel Erskine, enabling him to pursue his passion and join the generation of new research talent searching for breakthroughs.

“Being a dementia research scientist has given my life such a lot of meaning, and knowing that my work may help people with dementia is a fantastic feeling. Without the Yvonne Mairy Studentship I would not be currently working as a postdoctoral research scientist, and I would like to thank all those who have left legacies or are planning to do so for making it possible for more students to undertake this kind of essential research.”

Lydia Lymperti, supported by William Iland

The Iland Research and Travel Award was funded by a legacy donation from the late William Iland, who had a passion for European music, language and culture. “Will had a long, interesting and happy life,” says Rob Barnard, Will’s nephew, “and his legacy pledge to the University was a great source of comfort and pride to him before his passing.”

Will’s legacy has already enabled Lydia Lymperti, a student in the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, to travel to remote parts of Greece to research how school children can use innovative ‘self-learning’ methods to improve their futures.

“The Iland Award undoubtedly supported my own development of intercultural awareness, but a legacy donation goes much further than helping to develop the award holder’s career and personality. In my case, the benefits have extended to a huge number of students, teachers and entire communities in a distant country, who never anticipated this attention or help from outside.”
Legacy Giving

The Benefit of Leaving a Legacy Donation

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Thank You

A legacy donation is the most significant contribution you can make and a powerful statement about your values. Every donation we receive makes a difference to the University and has a real impact on student experience, teaching and research, either directly or through the development of our campuses.

When you inform us of your legacy pledge you will be welcomed into our Armstrong Circle. Through Circle membership we can keep you informed of developments linked to your specific area of interest, University news, and exclusive invitations to campus events. The Circle’s name recognises the contribution of Lord William Armstrong, who was a founding benefactor in the early days of education here at Newcastle. An enigmatic figure closely associated with the North East through his engineering feats, Lord Armstrong was instrumental in the establishment of the College of Physical Science in 1871. His legacy lives on today in the Armstrong Building on Queen Victoria Road and across the city.

We would love to hear from you to discuss your thoughts on the life-changing potential of a legacy donation. We want to ensure that we fully understand what you would like to achieve through your legacy, and welcome the opportunity to discuss particular needs and priorities within the University that could benefit from your support. As well as helping us to understand your wishes, being aware of your intentions gives us a firmer basis on which to plan for the future. Importantly, it allows us to thank you and recognise your donation appropriately. We would therefore be grateful if you could fill out the Your Intentions form contained within this brochure and return to us using the return envelope.

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