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you could leave a lasting impact?

leave a lasting legacy:
www.alumni.hw.ac.uk/legacy-giving
By pledging a legacy to Heriot-Watt you can.

A legacy gift to Heriot-Watt University is not only an investment in the future of the students who follow in your footsteps but in our global community. Your decision to leave a gift in your will can open doors to education, inspire new discoveries and feed innovation. It is an investment in answering society’s most urgent questions.

“I have decided to help provide for students at Heriot-Watt in the future and to give them the opportunity I myself enjoyed.”

Mr Stephen Kay
Civil Engineering BSc 1971
Former Student Union President

“We teach our students to go out and see the world, then change it. Your legacy will do just that – change the world. Your gift will allow the University to transform and react in the future. Thank you.”

Principal Richard Williams
Ways to leave a gift to Heriot-Watt University in your will:

There are a number of options for leaving a legacy, we recommend that you discuss these options with your legal advisor in order to identify the best choice for you and your family.

RESIDUARY
A residuary gift ensures that all other areas of your will are looked after before your charitable gift is made. You can choose to leave all or part of this residue to the University.

CASH
A pecuniary legacy secures a fixed sum of money for the area that you wish to support.

SPECIFIC
You may prefer to leave an alternative to money as a gift in your will. A specific gift can be in the form of assets such as property, stocks or shares. These should be detailed specifically in your will and could reduce your inheritance tax liability. Provided you do not specify otherwise, the University may sell non-financial gifts and utilise proceeds as necessary.

REVERSIONARY
A reversionary legacy is an excellent way of both providing for your family or friends and supporting the University. It allows you to leave assets to chosen beneficiaries in their lifetime with the whole or portion reverting to the University after they have passed.

Areas of support

Unrestricted support is extremely valuable to the University. It allows us to direct your gift to the goals that are most important for our future; reacting quickly to new discoveries, supporting students in the greatest need and continuing to strive for global success.

You may, however, have a particular interest or cause that you wish to support. The Development and Alumni Office will help to ensure that your wishes are carried out. We would be delighted to discuss any ideas you have and how these may complement future projects at Heriot-Watt.

You can also direct your support to a specific area within the University by housing world-leading research through capital projects, inspiring talent through scholarships, or allowing someone to follow in your footsteps through bursaries.

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supported through bursaries since 2012
watt if... we could thank you now?

A will is very personal, and we understand if you prefer to keep your intentions private. However, if you do wish to let us know about a legacy to the University we will be able to thank you personally and keep you informed about the impact your gift could make.

Please email e.macdonald@hw.ac.uk or call Eve MacDonald on 0131 451 3408 with any queries, to complete a pledge form or to arrange a meeting.

The Watt Pioneers’ Circle is our opportunity to thank legacy donors in their lifetime. It allows us to show the potential impact of your support and hear about your reasons for giving to Heriot-Watt. Alongside our programme of events, members of the Watt Pioneers’ Circle will be invited to an annual lunch with the Principal and students of the University.
Contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office

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