



# GREAT MINDS

IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN ENSURE  
IMPERIAL REMAINS HOME TO THE  
GREAT MINDS IN SCIENCE, MEDICINE,  
ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS.



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO IMPERIAL,  
IS A GIFT TO NURTURE GREAT MINDS

From surgical pioneers to visionary civil engineers, our world is healthier, more resilient and more prosperous because of the enduring excellence of Imperial students, researchers and alumni.

Imperial's community pursues truly novel ideas underpinned by a deep understanding of the fundamentals. We are not afraid to tackle tough problems without obvious solutions. Above all, we are defined by our desire to apply our research and education for the benefit of society: both present and future.

In the decades to come, we can be sure that the world will be quite different from today. International relations, social structures and trade patterns will alter. New multidisciplinary approaches will be needed to respond to epidemics, shortages of natural resources and environmental crises. The need for universities like Imperial to be agents of change will be more pressing than ever.

The support of inspiring donors gives our wonderful staff and students the courage and confidence to achieve excellence. Your legacy gift will help us to advance at the forefront of research and education, help us to plan for the future with confidence and ensure we always remain home to great minds.

Please come and meet our staff and students and see for yourself the lasting impact your gift could have.

**Professor Alice P. Gast**  
**President, Imperial College London**



INSIDE: THE DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH YOU  
CAN SUPPORT IMPERIAL IN YOUR WILL

YOU CAN INSPIRE, NURTURE AND ENCOURAGE  
GREAT MINDS AT IMPERIAL IN THE FUTURE

### President's Scholarship Fund

In the future, education is likely to become increasingly globalised, with students more mobile and less tied to their own country than they are today. This means that Imperial will be competing with institutions worldwide to recruit great minds – the most promising and talented students of tomorrow.

A gift in your will directed to the **President's Scholarship Fund** will mean we are able to compete on a global scale for the most gifted students, who will go on to make ground-breaking discoveries in engineering, science, medicine and business.

*“While researching potential universities to attend, finance was an important consideration – especially given the high cost of living in London. The financial assistance provided by my scholarship enabled me to make the most of the wonderful opportunities that are on offer here at Imperial and I hope to go on and study for a PhD in molecular biology.”*

**Heather Jeffrey,**  
**(final year in Biochemistry)**



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**Student Support Fund**

Studying at Imperial requires a huge commitment of time and energy. Sudden financial hardship: a death in the family, lost or stolen property or unexpected housing issues, can have a hugely harmful effect on students' ability to devote the requisite energy to their course. At the same time, London is likely to remain one of the most expensive cities in the world in which to live. In some cases, these financial pressures could mean students being forced to forego their dream of studying at Imperial altogether.

You can ensure Imperial continues to nurture the great minds of tomorrow by choosing to support the **Student Support Fund** with a gift in your will.

The fund provides vital assistance to students experiencing unexpected financial hardship. Your gift can help students in the future to meet the costs of living and studying in London, enabling them to focus on their studies and remain on track to complete their degree at Imperial.



**Student Experience Fund**

A gift in your will directed to the **Student Experience Fund** will help future generations develop skills and talents that stay with them for a lifetime.

Your support could help Imperial provide a rich university experience, in which students can explore their passions for music, sport and service to the community. Such a gift will lay the foundations for lifelong success and fulfilment for these young people, ensuring they excel outside the classroom as much as in.

Your gift could also ensure that Imperial students receive the support they need to thrive and achieve their goals.

This might be through ensuring access to comprehensive disability support, or assistance in managing stress or depression. With your help, we can ensure that in the future no student is held back from reaching his or her full potential.

*"I would like to support talented students who, without assistance, might struggle to attend Imperial. A legacy gift seems an appropriate way to pass on the advantages I experienced to a future generation."*

**Anne V.J. Blake  
(Mechanical Engineering, 1974)**



YOU CAN SUPPORT GREAT MINDS WITHIN YOUR FACULTY



*“My father’s lifelong connection with the College was very important to him, as were the relationships with his colleagues and students. I am sure he was happy to think that his legacy gift would make a continuing contribution to the future teaching and research at Imperial.”*

**Gillian Westcott, daughter of John Westcott (MEng, Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1951), Emeritus Professor of Control Systems**

### Faculty of Medicine

The Dean’s Fund in the Faculty of Medicine is dedicated to maintaining and building on the outstanding research and clinical achievements of Imperial and its training hospitals, students and alumni.

A gift in your will to the Faculty of Medicine will be invested in the next generation of students and staff, helping them tackle great challenges like the rise of antimicrobial resistance and contribute to engineering the future of healthcare worldwide.

Similarly, your gift could help provide the Faculty’s great minds of the future with the environment and tools with

which they can flourish by providing seed funding for experimental research projects, investment in facilities and travel bursaries for field trips, conferences and exchange programmes.



### Faculty of Engineering

Imperial’s engineers are respected around the world for their commitment to innovation and excellence. Consistently rated in the top ten engineering and information technology faculties in the world, the Faculty provides international leadership in research and education in a dynamic and inspiring environment.

If you studied or taught in the Faculty of Engineering, you may wish to support the Faculty in your will. Your gift can help ensure that the Faculty continues to provide the environment where great minds focus on engineering-led, multidisciplinary areas that confront global challenges,

such as future manufacturing, biomedical engineering, energy, security, data and urban energy systems.

Your gift can help maintain and further the Faculty’s hard-earned reputation for innovation. It could help kick-start experimental research projects, support students in financial hardship or contribute to the upgrade of buildings and facilities.

With your gift to the Dean’s Fund, the Faculty can remain at the very forefront of engineering excellence worldwide.



## Faculty of Natural Sciences

In the future, the Faculty of Natural Sciences must continue to build on its record of achievement in making fundamental discoveries in the physical, mathematical and life sciences.

Research in the Faculty is integrated across these areas in a multidisciplinary way to apply our discoveries to the benefit of humanity. You can support our community of staff and students by giving them the opportunity to study abroad and rewarding talent through scholarships.

With your support they will work to make fundamental discoveries to answer the greatest scientific questions of their day, whatever those questions are in the future.

Your gift to the Dean's Fund could fund student support, be invested in 'blue-skies' experimental research or help upgrade buildings and facilities – all ensuring that the Faculty's global reputation for innovation, discovery and excellence lives on and that the scientists of the future are educated to the highest possible standard.



## Imperial College Business School

With a gift in your will, Imperial College Business School can continue to fuse cutting-edge research, new technologies and entrepreneurial thinking to drive forward business innovation. Your gift can inspire our exceptional students to create practical solutions to real-world problems such as helping societies move away from the carbon economy and averting the next financial crisis.

Whatever challenges the future might bring, your gift to the Dean's Fund can enable the Business School to react quickly to a wide range of changing needs of the Faculty and its students, accelerating social enterprise, innovation and entrepreneurship, providing scholarships and supporting vital research.



*"I have chosen to make this gift as I spent my whole career at Imperial and want to support the College which was, and still is, a big part of my life. I want my gift to reflect my values and to enable students to use their creativity and talent to build successful businesses but ones which benefit the community, not the few."*

**Professor Dorothy (Dot) Griffiths OBE FCGI FRSA,  
Provost's Envoy for Gender Equality and Professor of  
Human Resource Management, Imperial College London**

# G R E A T M I N D S O F I M P E R I A L

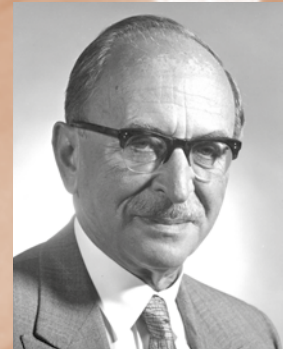
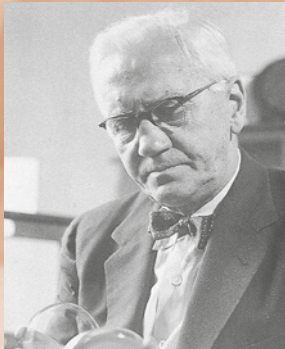
Sir Alexander Fleming

Sir Dennis Gabor

Professor Sir John Pendry

Dame Janet Maria Vaughan

Helen Sharman OBE



Imperial has been home to men and women whose discoveries and breakthroughs have had an enormous impact not just on their academic field, but on the entire world.

With a gift in your will, you can help ensure Imperial remains a place where great minds come to study, teach, experiment, grow and continue to change the world.

**Fleming's discovery of the antibiotic substance benzylpenicillin (Penicillin G) was one of the most important medical breakthroughs of the twentieth century.**

After graduating from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in 1906, Sir Alexander Fleming returned 12 years later after the First World War and was made a Nobel Laureate for his discoveries in 1945.

**As a young pathologist at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School (now part of Imperial). Dame Janet initiated the creation of national blood banks in London in 1938.**

She developed a blood transfusion system in the Second World War and was a pioneer in studying blood disease, blood transfusion, the treatment of starvation and the effect of radioactivity on the bone and bone marrow.

**Sir Dennis Gabor, the inventor of holography, joined Imperial as Reader in Electron Physics in 1948, remaining with the College until his retirement in 1967.**

His research focused on electron optics and led to the creation of three-dimensional images through the use of lasers in 1964. In recognition of his achievements, Sir Dennis Gabor was awarded the 1971 Nobel Prize for Physics.

**In 1991, Helen Sharman became the first Briton in space, spending seven days aboard the Mir space station.**

A chemist by training, Helen is currently Operations Manager of the Department of Chemistry here at Imperial and is passionate about outreach work bringing science, and chemistry in particular, to a wider audience.

**In 2006 Professor Pendry developed the world's first 'invisibility cloak'. It manipulates electric and magnetic fields to form a container around an object, effectively making it invisible.**

This has potential revolutionary benefits across fields from cancer treatment to bio-sensing (used in the diagnosis of illness) and has stimulated researchers worldwide in the field of metamaterials.



## YOU CAN HELP GREAT MINDS TO FLOURISH AT IMPERIAL

### Library Fund

Imperial College London is a world-leading institution in research excellence, and will always be committed to supporting both staff and students with education facilities of the highest standard. To do this, the Central Library must continue to incorporate cutting-edge technologies to connect students, researchers and academics to the information they need – now and in the future.

A gift in your will to the **Library Fund** will mean it can continue to increase capacity and expand resource provision. With your support the Library will be best suited for the changing needs of our twenty-first century students and academics, and

in keeping with the expectations of a world-leading institution.

### Greatest Need Fund

An unrestricted gift, allocated in the future at the discretion of the President, will allow the College to respond quickly to our **Greatest Need**. These gifts also give us the flexibility to adapt to the changing needs of the College, ensuring we remain a leading and competitive university. They allow Imperial to explore new avenues that have the potential to change the world, and create a culture that rewards innovation and risk-taking.

Investing in this way in the College's future will mean that Imperial can continue to make bold choices—choosing to pursue ground-breaking leaps forward, rather than avoid risk and restrict ourselves to incremental progress. By making an unrestricted gift in your will to the College, you can ensure we remain leaders in our fields.

Opposite: Geoffrey Hawkins (centre) with wife Judith on a visit to the Wohl Reach Out Lab.

### Outreach Fund

Alongside our excellence in research and education, Imperial is leading the way in science-based outreach to inspire the next generation, engage the public and support local communities.

A gift in your will to the **Outreach Fund** will ensure that we can continue to excite and inspire a wide public audience, from potential students to lifelong learners, by sharing the wonder of what we do in ways that arouse curiosity, awaken discovery, and broaden understanding in an increasingly complex world.

Through facilities like the Wohl Reach Out Lab, designed specifically to engage schoolchildren in science,

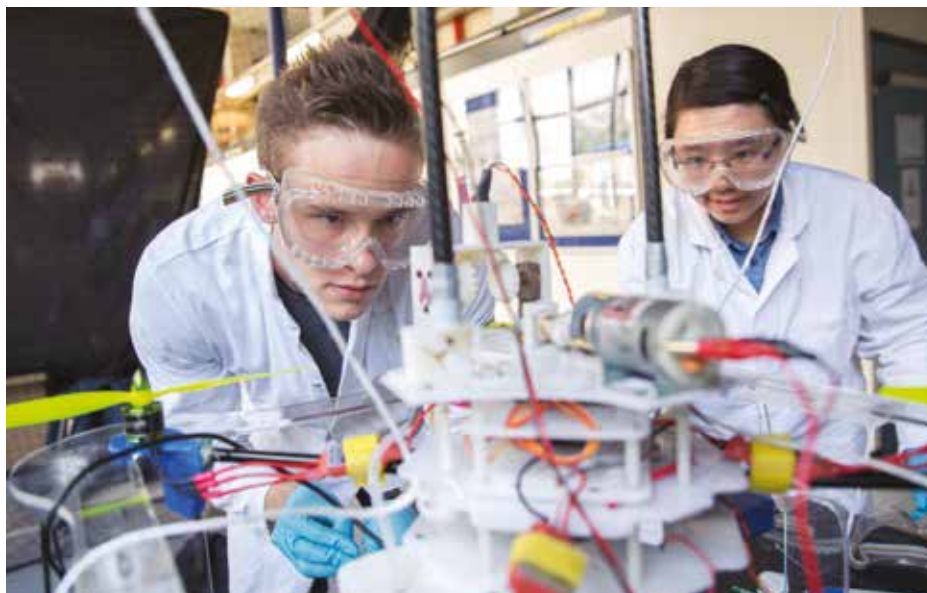
technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) activities, your gift can help us continue to inspire young people and communities and look for new, innovative ways to share our research and expertise with more people.

*"I really enjoyed my time at Imperial and look back on my College days with great, great favour. So I thought, 'why not let the College have the benefit?' I know the money will be put to good use here."*

**Geoffrey W. Hawkins  
(Mathematics, 1945)**







## The power of your gift

Imperial's past and present have been shaped by the generous legacy gifts of people like you. Over 150 years ago, **Sir Julius Wernher** and **Sir Alfred Beit** pledged funds to establish a new institution to educate professionals in technical and applied scientific fields. Their support underpinned the founding of Imperial College London, and their legacy is the institution you know and the achievements of the great minds within it.

In recent years, the legacy gifts of individuals with foresight and vision have remained central to Imperial's growth. The Maurice Hancock Smart Energy Lab was built thanks to the bequest of **Dr Maurice Hancock**

(Physics 1932, MSc 1933) to advance research in engineering. It is world-leading in developing and testing new technologies that allow energy generation to be better matched to consumer demand. The gift of **Brian Gliddon** (Chemical Engineering 1956, PhD 1959) will support ten scholarships per year, in perpetuity, ensuring the impact of his generosity will live on for generations.

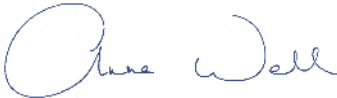
A gift in your will, however small or large, can help Imperial remain a byword for excellence, where great minds can flourish long into the future.

# INSPIRING THE GREAT MINDS OF THE FUTURE

## MY INTENTIONS

A gift in your will can ensure great minds continue to be welcomed, to grow and to flourish at Imperial. To help us plan for the future, it would be a real help if you could please complete the form below to let us know your intentions. If you do decide to support us in your will, we would like to enrol you as a member of our special Legacy Society in honour of the commitment you have made and to offer you a range of exclusive benefits including an invitation to an annual lunch.

Yours sincerely,



Anna Wall, Head of Legacy Giving

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### My intentions

- I have already remembered Imperial College London in my will.
- I intend to remember Imperial in my will.
- I am considering remembering Imperial in my will.

### Next steps

I'd like to discuss remembering Imperial in my will in more detail by:

- telephone    email   (please tick a box and write your preferred contact details below)

Please return this form to:  
Freepost RSUS-LKUL-ERCU, Imperial College London, Alumni Office,  
SALC Mezzanine, Level 5 Sherfield, London SW7 2AZ.

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Please send me information about Free Wills Network so I can have a simple will written for free by a solicitor in my area.

Please do let me know if you would like to meet or have a chat on the telephone in the next few weeks. I can arrange for you to meet with a colleague working in an area of interest to you or even arrange a tour of the campus. You can reach me at **a.wall@imperial.ac.uk** or **+44 (0)20 7594 3801**.

*Thank you, Anne*

**You are important to our future, so we'd really like to learn more about you. Please use the space below to tell us your own experiences of Imperial, or to share more about your decision.**

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## YOUR GIFT TO IMPERIAL'S GREAT MINDS OF THE FUTURE

### Q. What type of gift can I leave in my will?

**A.** There are different ways in which you can choose to support Imperial in your will.

#### **Residuary gift:**

This is the remainder of the estate once other gifts and payments have been made. This type of gift is popular because it takes care of others first and remains proportional to the value of your estate by keeping pace with inflation.

#### **Pecuniary gift:**

A fixed sum of money. The value of a pecuniary gift could decrease over time, as the cost of living increases.

#### **Specific gift:**

A named item, for example a piece of jewellery or property.

#### **Reversionary gift:**

This allows you to leave assets for the care of a loved one for the duration of their life. When they die, your gift will then go to your chosen recipient.

#### **Gift in the form of a trust or endowment:**

Setting up an endowment or trust is a wonderful way to frame your gift to Imperial. Your gift can be invested into our endowment fund to generate a return of 4% a year. The income generated from the fund can then be used to support the College in a number of ways, for example, a student scholarship or bursary, an annual lecture or an area of research with the capital from the fund re-invested. The fund can be spent down after a period of time or can be set up in perpetuity.

### Q. What wording should I use in my will?

**A** We can provide you with suggested wording for your will and can work with you to find a way to ensure your gift is used in accordance with your wishes if there is a particular area of work you would like to support. Your solicitor may also use the following wording as a guideline for including Imperial in your will:

*I give to Imperial College of Science, Technology, and Medicine, (also known as Imperial College London) HMRC number X2361 of Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 2AZ, [insert a fixed amount] or [insert a specified percentage/all of my residuary estate] to be applied to the [insert general purposes/preferred area] of the said College and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer of the College shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.*

### Q. Does Imperial College London have charitable status?

**A.** Imperial College London has charitable status for all UK tax purposes (HM Revenue and Customs number X2361) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The College enjoys all tax exemptions and other benefits of a charity but does not need to register with the Charity Commission. Our HMRC number X2361 can be used in place of a registered charity number.

### Q. How can a gift in my will to Imperial benefit my inheritance tax status?

**A.** If you leave a gift to charity in your will, the gift's value won't be counted towards inheritance tax. This could reduce what your beneficiaries have to pay, or remove your inheritance tax liability altogether. Also in some situations, anyone leaving 10% or more of their taxable estate to a charity may qualify for a reduced rate of

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inheritance tax – 36% rather than 40%. Please see [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax) for further information.

### **Q. Will my gift be affected by capital gains tax?**

**A.** When someone dies, the value of their assets is re-established and any gains that arise during the administration of the estate (i.e. between death and sale) may be liable to capital gains tax. Charities are exempt from capital gains tax, so where a charity is a beneficiary in a will, it may be possible to use this exemption to benefit the whole estate.

### **Q. Does Imperial take part in a free wills scheme?**

**A.** We can offer you a free will through the Free Wills Network. We will put you in touch with a solicitor who will help you make or amend a simple will at no cost. Please request further information by returning the enclosed form.

