


Your legacy can shape the future

Swinburne Bequests

A portrait of Professor Linda Kristjanson, a woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a dark blazer over a light blue striped shirt and a pearl necklace. She is smiling and sitting in a chair. A green text box is overlaid on the top right of the image.

'I not only believe in the power of education, but in the people and purpose of Swinburne. That's why I personally choose to give.'

Giving to education empowers and transforms lives

More than 100 years ago our founder, engineer, former Victorian Government minister, business leader and philanthropist George Swinburne, saw the need for an education facility that empowered, educated and inspired a new generation. George and his wife Ethel worked tirelessly together to achieve this dream.

For me, giving is a privilege and an opportunity to make a difference.

It is in this same spirit that I have left a bequest in my Will, and also give to Swinburne during my lifetime (*in vivo*).

You too can shape the future by leaving a gift to Swinburne in your Will. You may also want to consider commencing your giving today and experiencing the remarkable impact of your generosity during your lifetime.

Your gifts will go directly to causes that matter, such as student scholarships to help deserving students reach their full potential, or vital research that is transforming industries, and shaping lives and communities.

I encourage you to join me in empowering the next generation and I look forward to personally thanking you for your generous support of Swinburne.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Kristjanson".

Professor Linda Kristjanson AO, FAICD, FTSE, PhD
Vice-Chancellor and President



Kath Watson

I started school in 1932. I didn't have much chance of going to university, but my parents, who were not educated themselves, had a strong view about the importance of education, especially for girls. They encouraged me to keep going.

I won a junior scholarship which paid my high school fees and a teaching scholarship saw me through my Bachelor of Arts degree and Diploma of Education.

I became an active member of the Victorian Teachers' Union, where we fought for permanency of employment for married women. We then agitated for equal pay for equal work, which was eventually phased in by 1970.

My association with Swinburne began in 1992 when I was asked to represent the outer eastern region on the Swinburne Council.

I was very impressed with Swinburne's attitude to staff and students and support of disadvantaged people.

I decided to leave my estate to set up a scholarship for disadvantaged women over 25 years of age to study at Swinburne, and the Kath Watson Scholarship for Women was born. I'm so impressed with all the women who have received the scholarship.

The scholarship is part of a gift I have made during my lifetime (*in vivo*), so that I can see the benefits to women today, which is important to me.

It's given me an interest in my retirement and I feel that I can still contribute.

I really wanted to help women who struggle against the odds to get a tertiary education. You can see there is a need and I wish I was a millionaire so I could help everyone.

I've just been trying to make a difference.

Dr Kath Watson AM
Founder, Kath Watson
Scholarship for Women

Marie Camin is a recipient of a Kath Watson Scholarship for Women. Read about the difference it has made to her life on page 12.



Swinburne was born out of philanthropy

A bequest is an extraordinary and powerful gift that shapes the future, and never more so than when it supports education.

Swinburne (then known as the Eastern Suburbs Technical College) was established in 1908 through the generosity and vision of George and Ethel Swinburne.

Together, and individually, these educational pioneers continued to donate significantly to Swinburne throughout their lives. Their generous gifts enabled the institution to purchase real estate, acquire furniture and fittings, fund student prizes, support staff travel, and meet the requisite salary for the College Chaplain.

Ethel, who outlived her husband by more than 30 years, continued his legacy by making an especially strong commitment to Swinburne's future. After Ethel's passing in 1960, Swinburne continued to benefit from her generosity through a substantial bequest.

Ethel's vision and support is recognised today by Swinburne's bequest society, the Ethel Swinburne Society.

Recognising your generosity

The Ethel Swinburne Society

During her lifetime, Ethel Swinburne was a loving mother to four daughters, president and vice-president of a number of organisations supporting women and children, and an active partner in many of the community projects undertaken by her husband, George.

As well as supporting the establishment of the Swinburne Technical College, Ethel was co-founder and patron of the Swinburne Girls' School, firmly sharing her husband's belief that technical education was equally important for young women. The Girls' School ran classes from 1916 to 1966, when it amalgamated into what is today the co-educational secondary school.

In 1959, in honour of this caring and dedicated woman, Swinburne Technical College commissioned the Ethel Swinburne Centre, which was funded in part by her bequest. This building sustained Swinburne students for many years until its 21st century transformation into what is now the Advanced Technologies Centre.

Ethel's bequest is perhaps the best example to date of the extraordinary heritage one can be part of at Swinburne.

In 2012, Ethel's memory and legacy were further recognised by the creation of the Ethel Swinburne Society.

Through the Ethel Swinburne Society we recognise all those who, like Ethel, have generously chosen to leave a bequest to the university and invest in Swinburne's future.

Thanking you in your lifetime

When you commit a bequest to Swinburne, you automatically become a member of the Ethel Swinburne Society. Members receive a commemorative pin and invitations to attend exclusive annual events and activities.

This allows us to warmly thank you and acknowledge your generosity during your lifetime.



Presentation of painting to
Mrs Ethel Swinburne by students (1959)

Your gift will shape the future

For over 100 years Swinburne has nurtured some of the brightest minds who have gone on to challenge and shape our tomorrow. No matter how – or how much – you choose to bequeath, your gift will make a difference.

+ Swinburne's discretionary fund

Gifts without nominated intentions enable us to freely continue our work in research and education, and direct your gift towards the most pressing areas of need. We review our discretionary fund's priorities annually to ensure that your donations have maximum impact.

+ Student scholarships

Swinburne is determined to provide meaningful pathways to driven and passionate students who might otherwise not have the opportunity to study.

Through bequests we can establish scholarships that provide opportunities for students in disadvantaged financial, social and personal situations who have the potential to do great things.

You can also support scholarships for women in STEM, asylum seekers and refugees, PAVE students, as well as prizes and awards that recognise academic success and achievement.

If you are making a substantial gift to honour or memorialise an individual or family member, you may also wish to meet with us to discuss naming opportunities.

+ World class research

We know that education and research are two of the most powerful ways to transform lives and society. We're always pushing the boundaries of what is possible in areas such as health and wellbeing, social impact, future manufacturing, sustainable futures, digital innovation, entrepreneurship, inspirational science and technology.

+ Teaching support

We're committed to innovative education, strong industry engagement and social inclusion. You will be supporting the continuation of high quality, engaged teaching that inspires our students to change the world.

+ The library

Our library is more than just a place of learning, it is home to some of our greatest resources. Your contribution can ensure that our library continues to be a world class resource for Swinburne students and the wider community.

+ Building the future

These gifts help support and maintain Swinburne's historic fabric and state of the art learning spaces. The maintenance, construction and renovation of our buildings and facilities ensures that our students have the best opportunity to achieve success.

+ Indigenous success

We are committed to learning with Indigenous peoples and actively seek to increase the number of Indigenous students, researchers, and staff at Swinburne. You can support scholarships, research, education programs, and leadership opportunities that empower Indigenous peoples to design their own futures whilst staying connected to country and community.

+ Faculties, departments and schools

You can support a particular area of the university that you are passionate about. Swinburne is a large institution that provides accessible opportunities to students through Higher Education and Vocational Education pathways. Through the generosity of donors, Swinburne students have access to many diverse and exciting opportunities to excel beyond the conventional classroom.



Marie Camin

It was such an honour to be a recipient of the Kath Watson Scholarship for Women. I manage a chronic medical condition, so the scholarship meant that I didn't have to work as many hours outside of university – which usually worsens my physical health. It also helped me to pay for my transport costs and textbooks.

Now, I'm a provisional psychologist currently completing my final intern role at the Royal Children's Hospital and I'm looking forward to pursuing a clinical PhD.

I have always been really curious about human behaviour – why do we do what we do? I'm passionate about clinical psychology because the field embodies important values of empathy and person-centred care, and it does so while upholding scientific principles. Psychologists are always questioning, reflecting, evaluating, and improving

so that vulnerable populations are given the highest standard of care possible.

There couldn't have been a scholarship more perfectly suited to me as I share many of the same aspirations for women as Kath. Scholarships like this are just so important as they help bring disadvantaged students up to an even playing field and, in my case, it empowered me to achieve my academic and career goals.

Marie Camin

**Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
with a high distinction average**



Leaving a gift in your Will

Everyone has the power to make a difference. Will you create a legacy?

Swinburne is a place where students from all walks of life, pursuing different career aspirations, have the opportunity to change the world. While you are making provision for your family members and loved ones in your Will, jointly consider leaving a gift to Swinburne to ensure that your wishes have a personal impact on future generations through an enduring and innovative organisation.

There are many benefits to leaving a gift in your Will.

You have the opportunity to:

- + support a cause you are passionate about in a way that may not be financially practical within your lifetime;
- + fulfil philanthropic goals while still having the use of your property in your lifetime;
- + honour or memorialise someone special with your gift, in perpetuity;
- + contribute to something extraordinary;
- + create a lasting legacy that goes on making a difference beyond your lifetime.





Your lasting legacy

Leaving a gift to Swinburne through your Will is a wonderful act of generosity enabling you to make a significant difference beyond your lifetime.



There are many ways you can choose to make your gift:

- + **Percentage bequest**
Making a gift of a percentage of your estate.
- + **Specific bequest**
Making a gift of a specific amount or specific asset (i.e. real estate, shares, superannuation, securities, artwork or collectibles, etc.).

- + **Residual bequest**
Making a gift from the balance or residue of your estate, after family and friends have been taken care of. Many individuals do not fully account for their estate in their Will and as a result, a significant amount of their estate is left without specific directions.
- + **Contingent bequest**
Identifying the university as an alternative beneficiary if the purpose of a primary bequest cannot be met (for example, if a named beneficiary does not survive you).

You may also consider making an *in vivo* gift:

- + ***In vivo*** (Latin, meaning between the living) where part of the transfer of the gift is made during your lifetime. This enables you to experience the immediate impact of your generosity.

Suggested wording for your Will

- + **Clause for a specific bequest for general purposes:**
"I give and bequeath free of all duties and taxes or other deductions to Swinburne University of Technology ABN 13 628 586 699 of John Street, Hawthorn, Victoria or its successors in law (University) the sum of \$[.....] or [...] % of my residuary estate (hereinafter called 'my Gift') for such general purposes as the Vice-Chancellor for the time being shall decide in his or her sole discretion and I declare that the official receipt of the University shall be an absolute discharge to my Trustee for my Gift."
- + **Clause for specific bequest for a specific program or initiative:**
"I give and bequeath free of all duties and taxes or other deductions to Swinburne University of Technology ABN 13 628 586 699 of John Street, Hawthorn, Victoria or its successors in law (University) the sum of \$..... or ...% of my residuary estate (hereinafter called 'my Gift') and it is my express wish without imposing any obligation, condition or restriction upon the university that my Gift be applied for the general purposes of [area wishing to support] provided that in the event that such area/ program no longer exists or is no longer in operation I direct that my Gift shall be applied in as similar a way as possible to my wish as the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall decide in his or her sole discretion and I declare that the official receipt of the University shall be an absolute discharge to my Trustee for my Gift."



Dr John Miller AO

Founder and former Dean of the Swinburne Graduate School of Management, and member of the Ethel Swinburne Society



Leaving a bequest in your Will

Would you like more information?

We would be delighted to have a confidential discussion with you.

Contact us:

- + Complete and return this form to PO Box 218, Hawthorn VIC 3122
- + Phone our Senior Philanthropy Advisor, Bruce McDonald on 9214 5911 or 0416 174 958
- + Email us at giving@swin.edu.au

Please tick the boxes that most apply to you:

- ☐ I have included Swinburne in my Will
 - ☐ I am happy to be acknowledged as a bequest donor and welcome an invitation to join the Ethel Swinburne Society
 - ☐ I prefer my gift to remain anonymous
- ☐ I am considering including Swinburne in my Will and would like to be contacted for a confidential discussion
- ☐ I am currently updating my Will and will contact Swinburne when it is finalised
- ☐ I have not made provisions for Swinburne in my Will, but would like to make a donation (please turn over for payment information)

If you would like to specify how your gift should be used by Swinburne, please indicate here:

Personal information:

Title	Given name/s	Surname
Address		
Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone	Email	

I would also like to make a donation today.

☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$2500 ☐ \$5000 ☐ My choice \$ _____

☐ One-off donation ☐ Monthly recurring donation, starting: ____/____/____

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Please direct my support to:

Students:

- ☐ Student Achievement Awards
- ☐ Indigenous Success Fund
- ☐ Welcome Scholarships for Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- ☐ Women in STEM Scholarships
- ☐ PAVE (TAFE) Student Scholarships
- ☐ Young Mums Program
- ☐ Kath Watson Scholarship for Women
- ☐ A specific Fund: _____

Research:

☐ Research with Impact

☐ A specific area of research:

Resources:

☐ Endowment Fund

☐ Library

☐ Art collection

☐ Where most needed/Swinburne's discretion

☐ My choice: _____

Payment:

I wish to make my donation by:

Online: www.swinburne.edu.au/giving ☐ **Cheque** (payable to Swinburne University of Technology)

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

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☐ I do **not** wish my donation to be publicly acknowledged in publications and honour rolls.

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-Dr John Miller AO



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