THE POWER OF POTENTIAL
A legacy is your gift to future generations. The impact of your generosity will be felt in years to come by promising students, the leaders and change-makers of tomorrow. It will assist in critical research that seeks solutions to challenges that we, and future generations, face. It will help attract the finest academics and deliver the high quality educational experience that is synonymous with the National University of Singapore (NUS).

You can designate how you want your legacy to be used or leave it unrestricted so that NUS has the flexibility to meet the needs of a changing world.

By letting us know of your intention to make a legacy gift, you give us the opportunity to understand your wishes and plan how to best implement them. We would also like to involve you in University activities that are close to your heart. This dialogue does not commit you to a certain course of action or limit your freedom to change your plan.

The gift provides many opportunities, from providing funds for graduate students and fellows to test their research ideas, to inviting international speakers. We can now initiate research that is more risky, highly innovative and blue-sky that has potential to bring about a huge impact to our understanding of the chemical, physical and biological functions of life.

Professor Soong Tuck Wah
Head, Department of Physiology
Beneficiary of the Swee Liew Wadsworth Endowment Fund

The late Professor George Wadsworth left part of his estate to the Department of Physiology, NUS Yong Yoo Lin School of Medicine to set up a fund in memory of his wife, Swee Liew Wadsworth.
Ms Siong Siew Oon, an 87-year-old retired school teacher, has lived in a historic shophouse off Emerald Hill for over 80 years. She now plans to bequeath her share of the house to NUS to fund a study award in honour of her father, the late Mr Siong Keng Hoon.

“My father worked very hard for us. He brought up us very well. I had a very happy childhood. I am doing this as I want to remember him and show respect. This was our family home and I have many happy memories here,” explains Ms Siong.

Ms Siong’s legacy gift to NUS will fund a study award for students at Yale-NUS College, Singapore’s first liberal arts college.

In recognition of Ms Siong’s generous gift, Yale-NUS will name a room at the College after her father.
For Mr Darren Tan Kim Poh (‘97), going to school was not just about receiving an academic education. During his school years and at NUS, he was on a heart-warming journey of extraordinary learning, character-building and soul-nurturing.

The Business School alumnus believes very much in the importance of education and its holistic influence on one’s values and character. In appreciation of the education he received, he made a legacy gift – naming all his alma maters beneficiaries of his estate comprising his CPF, insurance payouts and cash.

“I have fond memories of my years spent at school. My alma maters have all been instrumental in moulding my heart and soul beyond the academic aspects. Therefore, as a gesture of gratitude, I am pleased to make a legacy gift to NUS,” says Mr Tan, who grew up in a humble family.
BE PART OF THE FUTURE

You can choose to support the University as a whole or the aspect of University life with which you have the greatest affinity.

Here are three ways you can make a legacy gift:

**Charitable Bequests**
Since a charitable bequest can take many forms, you have considerable flexibility. You can leave a specific asset, a specific sum of money, a percentage of your estate or what remains of your estate after you have provided for other beneficiaries.

You can designate how you want your bequest to be used or leave it unrestricted so that the University may direct the funds to where it is most needed at the time. Most importantly, you remain in complete control of the bequest process and can change any bequest provision during your lifetime.

**CPF Monies**
You can nominate NUS as a beneficiary of your CPF monies using a CPF nomination form. Further information and the nomination form can be obtained from the CPF Board Office or the CPF website at www.cpf.gov.sg.

**Insurance Policies**
You can designate NUS as the beneficiary of your insurance policy when the policy is no longer important to you or your family’s financial security. Alternatively, you can purchase an insurance policy and name NUS as both the owner and the beneficiary.

The Bursary helped lighten the financial burden for my family and provided me with peace of mind to complete my medical studies. Philanthropic gifts are reflective of the reputation and credibility of the university and they serve to enhance the core functions of the university, namely in research and development and in education.

Dr Tan Choon Kiat ('00)
Recipient of the Terence Khoo Medical Bursary

The late renowned news photographer, Mr Terence Khoo, designated NUS as the beneficiary of his insurance policy to set up a bursary for medical undergraduate students.
Philanthropy enables researchers to take a step in a new direction by providing readily available funding. The Lee Hiok Kwee fund gives our researchers the competitive edge in the world-wide research arena, further strengthening the impact on research and education which ultimately benefits society as a whole.

Professor Paul Matsudaira
Head, Department of Biological Sciences

The gift from the estate of Lee Hiok Kwee has allowed the Department of Biological Sciences to establish an endowment to support new faculty hires, seed funding for new research initiatives, and purchase core equipment such as 300kV Titan Krios TEM electron microscope, one of the few such microscopes in the world. It has allowed researchers to break new ground in understanding how cells and viruses work in their dynamic and natural state.

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Suggested wording

With the advice of your lawyer, you can use the following sample language in your will to make:

1. A specific or explicit bequest for a stated dollar amount or securities: “I give, devise and bequeath to the National University of Singapore (NUS), UEN No: 200604346E, with its registered office at 21 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119077, to be used for funding ______________________ (please specify how you would like to designate your gift) at NUS, the sum of S$_________ (or describe the specific security you intend to bequeath).”

2. A percentage bequest allocating a fixed percentage of your estate: “I give, devise and bequeath to the National University of Singapore (NUS), UEN No: 200604346E, with its registered office at 21 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119077, to be used for funding ______________________ (please specify how you would like to designate your gift) at NUS, _________ percent of my estate, both real and personal property, of whatever kind and wheresoever situated.”

3. A residual bequest, which grants the residue, or portion, of your estate to NUS after explicit bequests have been made: “I give, devise and bequeath to the National University of Singapore (NUS), UEN No: 200604346E, with its registered office at 21 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119077, to be used for funding ______________________ (please specify how you would like to designate your gift) at NUS, all (or _________ %) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal property, of whatever kind and wheresoever situated.”