

How you can help

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will. No matter how large or small, your support will play a valuable role in shaping the future of vision research.

Residuary Legacy

Allows you to leave the remainder of your estate after settling any debts and other specified legacies. This type of legacy is flexible, as it avoids the need to decide on a specific sum and can adapt to changes in your circumstances.

Pecuniary Legacy

Involves specifying an exact sum of money for a named beneficiary.

Specific Legacy

Entails gifting a particular asset, rather than a monetary sum.

Reversionary Legacy

Postpones the transfer of assets until after the death of a named person, allowing them lifetime use of your assets. Once they no longer need these assets, they will pass to the beneficiary of the reversionary legacy.

Make a Difference with Tissue Donation


Donating eye tissue can greatly advance vision research and restore sight to patients with irreversible eye diseases. Please consider joining the National Organ Donor Register and discuss your wishes with family and friends.

"I'm incredibly grateful to the legacy gift funding my studies for three years. I want to ensure this donation makes an impact and helps as many people as possible."

Sarah, PhD student


If you're considering including Gift of Sight in your will, we would love to discuss your plans. This way, we can ensure your wishes are fulfilled and thank you appropriately for your generous support.

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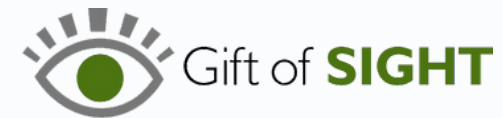
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The Gift of Sight Appeal is managed by the University of Southampton which is an 'Exempt Charity' (HMRC reference number X19140) under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.



Leaving a gift in your will.

Leaving a legacy gift will help save sight for the next generation.



What we do

Gift of Sight supports researchers at the University of Southampton and Southampton Eye Unit to find cures for common causes of blindness.

The university team comprises technicians, PhD and postdoctoral researchers, research fellows and senior scientists.

Our aims

- To perform world class research to create better treatments and help prevent blindness.
- To attract sufficient funding to allow research to proceed quickly.
- To disseminate research findings in leading scientific journals.
- To train the next generation of academic ophthalmologists and vision scientists.
- To work as a team to achieve these goals.



"My postdoctoral position was funded by a generous legacy from Gift of Sight, thank you."

Dr Ellie Keeling

Advancing vision research

Our dedicated scientists are working on projects to develop and harness new techniques, such as gene and stem cell therapies, to treat blinding eye diseases.

Translational research bridges basic science and clinical application, focusing on early trials to benefit patients.

We collaborate extensively with other schools at the University of Southampton, as well as research institutions in the UK and worldwide, to maximise the impact of shared research.

Previous legacy gifts have inspired the next generation of scientists by seed-funding ground-breaking studies.

Your gift, no matter the size, can make a lasting impact.

Areas of research expertise:

- Retinal diseases including Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD), Stargardts and Retinitis Pigmentosa.
- Children's eye conditions including albinism, amblyopia and nystagmus.
- Corneal diseases and infections.

Leaving a gift in your will

Leaving a gift in your will is an important decision. We want you to feel comfortable every step of the way.

- We understand that those closest to you always come first.
- We respect your support of other causes.
- Your support will shape the future of vision research at the University of Southampton.
- We are always here to help and answer any questions you may have.

We recommend writing a will with the help of your solicitor. Please see overleaf the different legacy options to discuss. Bequests should be made to the University of Southampton Gift of Sight Appeal.

You can add a gift to your existing will through a codicil, which allows changes to be made without rewriting the entire document.

In certain cases, leaving a legacy to a charity may provide some Inheritance Tax relief. Please ask your solicitor about this.



Essential laboratory consumables are funded by charitable bequests, ensuring research can continue at pace.