

# Remembering Queen Mary University of London

A gift in your Will



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# LEAVING YOUR LEGACY

Some of the most significant donations to Queen Mary have come from legacies. Whether it is 1% or 100% of your assets, a gift in your Will can have a truly transformative impact on students and staff at Queen Mary for generations to come. Your gift will enable us to plan for the future, continue to provide a first class education for our students and make new discoveries that can help change the world. With your support, we can ensure that Queen Mary's students and staff continue to succeed far into the future.



# THE BARBER BEAUMONT SOCIETY

The Barber Beaumont Society has been created to thank and honour those individuals who have made provision for Queen Mary in their Will.

The Society is named in honour of John Thomas Barbour Beaumont (1774 – 1841), a philanthropist who had a vision of bringing education and culture to East London. When Beaumont died in 1841, a gift in his Will established a trust fund of £13,000 which later created the People's Palace and fulfilled Beaumont's dream of "the intellectual improvement and rational recreation for people living at the East End of London".

Barber Beaumont strongly believed that education should be available to all, regardless of their social or economic position. At Queen Mary we champion this belief and with the help of our alumni and friends aspire to advance this vision.

If you have already included a bequest to Queen Mary in your Will, please let us know by returning the pledge form at the back of this brochure. This will enable us to fully understand your wishes and to thank you for your support by welcoming you as a member of the Barber Beaumont Society.





# SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

At Queen Mary we have a long tradition of encouraging gifted students to fulfil their potential and study here. Many students today come from our surrounding locality of East London; and many are the first in their families to attend university. We aspire to equip each student with the confidence and skills necessary for success in their careers.

Endowed bursaries and scholarships offer the opportunity to help generations of students overcome the increasing financial pressures of university, giving them the best chance to realise their full potential.

**With your help we can build a foundation of support for future generations of Queen Mary students, widening opportunities and, ultimately, changing lives.**



# GEOFFREY FLAVELL BURSARY

Former student Dr Geoffrey Flavell (Medicine, 1956) left a gift in his Will which established an endowed fund to provide bursaries to students at the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

The Geoffrey Flavell bursaries, worth £2000, are awarded annually to first year students.



## **Isobel Browne, Flavell Bursary recipient 2015**

I decided to study at Queen Mary as I liked the unique location in the East End, along with the facilities of the medical school. As well as this, I was really impressed by the enthusiasm of the students at the open day. I remember they were all so passionate about their courses and were eager to share their experiences of student life with me. I thought, 'This is how I want to feel about going to university and studying medicine', which I now do!

Receiving the Geoffrey Flavell bursary was a huge surprise and came at a time when I was really worrying about my finances. I was so excited when I

found out I had received this bursary as I realised how it will begin to open up new opportunities for me that otherwise would not have been possible, such as attending conferences and purchasing text books.

I'm really interested in attending talks and hearing from doctors about the different careers they have had. This past year my eyes have been opened to the large variety of medicinal careers in addition to the opportunities in other areas such as research and teaching. It is difficult at this stage to know exactly what I would like to do as a doctor, nonetheless I am excited to discover more about my possible career options, and this bursary will help me to do that.

It is hard to express how much this bursary means to me and how grateful I am to Dr Flavell for helping students like me. Thanks to his generosity, my financial worries have now been relieved and my time at medical school will be so much more enjoyable.

# LIFE-CHANGING RESEARCH

The success of research at Queen Mary is due to the dedication of our researchers, and the excellent working environments within our research institutes.

For instance, the Institute of Bioengineering is a new cross-faculty initiative bringing together academics from the faculties of Science and Engineering and Medicine and Dentistry. The Institute provides a focus for ground-breaking research aimed at the development of new medical technologies to meet the key healthcare challenges of the 21st century.

As well as this, Queen Mary recently opened a new centre of excellence in brain tumour research, enabling scientists to push forward their work in this important field. Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet just 1% of the national spend on cancer research is allocated to this devastating disease.

We are proud of the difference we make to society through research and we want to continue our work far into the future. Your legacy gift will make further advances possible, with every penny of your gift going directly to the research area of your choice.



# SALLY SAINSBURY HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP

Sally Sainsbury (History, 1962) left a portion of her estate to Queen Mary to establish a scholarship fund for students from the local area reading History. Three scholarships will be awarded each year to students in the School of History, based on both academic merit and financial need.



**“This generous gift will help us to maintain our proud tradition of widening participation in higher education. Queen Mary was founded to educate the brightest and most talented students from all walks of life. With these new scholarships, we can continue to recruit the most able students to the School of History, whatever their financial circumstances. This gift by our alumna, Sally Sainsbury, will lead young people to brighter futures for many years to come. The School of History truly appreciates this gift.”**

Professor Miri Rubin, Head of the School of History



**Mandi Pal (above right) received a hardship bursary from an endowed legacy gift to assist her in her final year studying Dentistry**

“I am inspired by those who leave a gift in their Will to help future generations of students. Financial stress has always been a worry for me and as a result I have had to hold down a part time job ever since I turned 16. Final year dentistry, however, is too demanding so it just isn't possible to hold down a job and keep on top of everything.

At a time when I was worried about where my next meal was going to come from, this bursary helped me enormously. I can't explain the weight that has been lifted off my shoulders thanks to those who helped out. I am so grateful and I feel inspired to also give back one day.”

# PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE

Queen Mary is a constantly evolving environment, so making an unrestricted gift is extremely valuable.

By doing so, you are enabling Queen Mary to channel resources into the areas of greatest need and meet new challenges as and when they arise.



“Queen Mary University of London stood out owing to its excellent reputation and cultural diversity. It is well-known for its high teaching standards, innovative teaching methods and cutting-edge research. I was certain that I would broaden my knowledge in the biomedical field as well as my learning and critical thinking skills.



**Ashna Gopal received a scholarship to study Medical Engineering at QMUL from Mauritius. She tells us:**

It is an honour for me to be in receipt of a scholarship. It is an impetus to aim higher and achieve academic excellence. Undoubtedly, this scholarship will help me financially throughout the academic year. On a personal front, it has encouraged me to get more involved with my studies, thus I am more confident and inspired to exploit my potential.”



“Queen Mary gave me everything. I now want to give something back to help young people achieve their ambitions, as I did mine.”

For Beatrice Worthing (French 1936; PhD 1950), being accepted to study at Queen Mary was a life-changing adventure, far removed from her upbringing in a mining village in 1920's South Wales.

Although she had a burning ambition to become a journalist, the intervention of World War II meant teaching was her first career priority. She was invited back to Queen Mary as an assistant lecturer after undertaking research into the Belgian poet Emile Verhaeren. Living in Belgium and travelling through war-torn Europe in pursuit of her material gave Beatrice the insight and determination to succeed in a long career, which included writing for Reuters and France Press, as well as publishing.

Beatrice decided to leave a gift in her Will to Queen Mary to support students experiencing financial hardship. She said, “Queen Mary gave me everything, I now want to give something back to help young people achieve their ambitions, as I did mine.”

# LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

There are several types of gift that you can include in your Will. Your solicitor will be able to explain these in more detail and discuss the most appropriate option based on your wishes and circumstances.

**Residuary:** This is the remainder of your estate after expenses and other gifts have been paid. This type of gift is not affected by inflation.

**Pecuniary:** This is a bequest of money. You can either specify that the value of the gift remains constant, or you can leave instructions for the gift to take into account inflation.

**Specific:** This is a particular item left as a gift in your Will, for example jewellery, works of art or the proceeds of a life insurance policy.

**Reversionary:** This enables you to pass your estate, or specific assets of your

estate, to named individuals who will benefit throughout their lifetime. Following their deaths all, or some, of the estate is then passed to the beneficiaries as specified in the reversionary legacy. For example, property may be left to a spouse for his/her lifetime and then bequeathed to the University after his/her death.

## Suggested wording

If you are a resident of the UK, your solicitor may find the following wording helpful:

***"I give to Queen Mary University of London (HMRC tax registration No. XN80515), [the residue] / [% of the residue] of my estate [or] [the sum of £x] for the general purposes [or your preferred area] of the University. I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of the University shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."***

## Tax Benefits

Our charitable status means there are financial benefits to leaving a legacy to Queen Mary. By remembering us in your Will you can reduce the taxable value of your assets and so reduce the amount of inheritance tax on your estate.

## Letting us know

If you decide you would like to remember the University in your Will, please let us know by completing and returning the form at the back of this brochure, or by contacting our office directly. This will enable us to fully understand your wishes and keep you informed about new developments at the University. Any information you give us will be treated in complete confidence.

If you are a non UK resident please contact the Development Directorate as other arrangements apply.

# THANK YOU

When the time is right, we hope you consider making a gift in your Will to Queen Mary, either by making a new Will or by adding a codicil to your existing one. Your gift will enable us to provide more support to our students and enhance our research for generations to come.

**And remember:** you don't have to be extremely wealthy to make a difference! Legacies of all sizes play an invaluable role in our work and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

For more information or to discuss your gift further please contact the Development and Alumni Directorate on 020 7882 6429 or email [alumni@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@qmul.ac.uk)



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“Being awarded a scholarship has made me feel that my hard work is being valued. It has been an immense motivational boost that has inspired me to achieve more. The bulk of the scholarship will be spent on carefully selected books that I need for my dissertation, but wouldn’t normally be able to afford.”

**Milica Iličić**, Comparative Literature and Linguistics



## Let us know your intentions

Sharing your intentions with us is invaluable as it will enable us to clearly understand your wishes and make the most of your support.

If you plan on remembering Queen Mary in your Will, or have already done so, please complete and return this form.

- I have already included a gift to Queen Mary University of London in my Will.
- I intend to leave a gift to Queen Mary University of London in my Will.
- I would like to discuss leaving a gift to Queen Mary University of London – please contact me.

Title	Name
Address	
Email	Telephone
Signature	Date
Please tell us about your gift:	

**I would like my gift to remain anonymous**

Please be assured that returning this form does not place you under any obligation to QMUL. It will not limit your freedom to change your mind at an time. Any information you give to us regarding your Will or intentions is **strictly private and confidential**.