A CULTURE OF GIVING

RMIT University was established on a culture of individual and collective giving when philanthropist Francis Ormond donated £5000 to establish the Working Men's College in 1887. This sum was matched by the working people of Victoria via a Trades Hall Council levy and the partnership between industry, philanthropy and the University was born. This partnership continues to this day.

Previous donors have enabled scholarships and prizes for outstanding performance and travel, research for high-impact outcomes, bursaries to enable participation in higher education, high quality teaching and learning spaces and student community engagement.

REMEMBERING RMIT IN YOUR WILL

A bequest is a gift to the University through your will. The generosity of a bequest to RMIT is valuable both to the University and its students. When you decide to remember RMIT in your will you are making a decision to support the positive outcomes of education, research and community engagement occurring at RMIT. This is not just limited to monetary gifts but could be gifts of property, shares, works of art and book collections. By making a bequest to RMIT in your will, you leave an enduring legacy for future generations; perhaps you would like to join those that have made an impact beyond their own lives.

HOW DO I MAKE A BEQUEST TO RMIT?

A bequest to the University can be either ‘untied’ enabling the University to allocate the gift to a priority area of its choice or ‘tied’ whereby you nominate a specific purpose for the gift. Here at RMIT, we are always happy to discuss the areas you would like to support and the outcomes you want to achieve through your donation.

However, to ensure that your will fulfils your intentions, we recommend you consult your solicitor on the wording for the bequest to ensure it fully expresses your wishes. The following wording may be used as a guide:

An Untied Bequest:
“I give and bequeath unto The RMIT Foundation the (whole of my Estate, or the sum of $...................), free from all duties and deductions, to be used for the purposes of RMIT, and I direct that the receipt of The RMIT Foundation shall be to my Trustee a good and sufficient discharge.”

A ‘Tied’ or specific Bequest:
“I give and bequeath unto The RMIT Foundation the (whole of my Estate, or the sum of $...................), free from all duties and deductions, to be used for the purposes of...[specify your intentions here]...Should it become impractical in the future to apply my gift to that purpose for any reason, I give authority to the Trustees of The RMIT Foundation to apply my gift to a purpose that is as close as possible to my original stated purpose. I direct that the receipt of The RMIT Foundation shall be to my Trustee a good and sufficient discharge.”

WE INVITE YOU TO INCLUDE RMIT IN YOUR WILL

Thank you for considering making this very special gift to RMIT. We consider it an honour to be involved with visionary people who make a real commitment to the community’s future.

If you decide to make a bequest to RMIT or have already done so, please contact us on tel. +61 3 9925 5220 or email giving@rmit.edu.au or by completing the form over the page so we can properly acknowledge your gift or answer any questions you may have.

Cover image: Hon Francis Ormond MLC, whose philanthropic donation established the Working Men's College, which would become RMIT University.
RMIT: A SKILLED HAND, A CIVILISED MIND

Making a will is a simple way to ensure that your wishes are carried out when you are no longer here.

About RMIT

RMIT is one of Australia’s original and leading educational institutions, producing some of Australia’s most employable graduates. As an innovative, global university of technology, with its heart in the city of Melbourne, RMIT has an international reputation for excellence in work-relevant education and high quality research, and engagement with the needs of industry and community. With more than 70,000 students studying at RMIT campuses in Melbourne, in Vietnam, online, and at partner institutions throughout the world, the University is one of the largest in the country. It has built a worldwide reputation for excellence in professional and vocational education and research. A vibrant alumni community now stretches across more than 100 countries.

Making a bequest to RMIT

Please note that by completing this form, in strict confidence, you are under no legal commitment or obligation of any kind.

Please tick as applicable:

☐ I/we have included RMIT in my/our wills in support of: _______________________________________

☐ I/we have left a Bequest to RMIT but wish to remain anonymous.

☐ I/we intend to leave a Bequest to RMIT.

Name: ________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________
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Phone: ________________________________________
Mobile: ________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________
RMIT Alumnus: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I would like to receive information about RMIT

N.B. Your reply will be treated in the strictest confidence

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