Bequests – generosity for future generations
Our purpose is to transform lives and enhance communities.

We do this by providing future-focused, lifelong learning opportunities; empowering students to participate in workplaces and become effective global citizens; and delivering research with measurable impact on the communities in which we are located, and further afield.

At FedUni, we teach students of all ages and backgrounds to learn to succeed by providing high-quality teaching, extensive learning support, smooth pathways between the sectors, and work-ready qualifications.

This pursuit is informed by the legacy and history of almost 150 years of regional education, and is enriched by our many domestic and international alliances, partnerships and relationships.

If you understand our pursuit and value higher education like we do, please join us in our commitment. By helping our students achieve their ambitions, you’ll be supporting the leaders of tomorrow and your generosity will be felt for generations to come.

Professor Helen Bartlett
Vice-Chancellor and President
Federation University Australia
Erin’s fierce determination recognised

Erin Mitchell belongs in the classroom.

The determined single mother of three has overcome illness, major life changes and financial distress to progress through her Bachelor of Education (P-6) degree and is determined to prove to herself, and her daughters, that your education is far too important to let hardships stop you from achieving your goals.

Her unrelenting efforts in overcoming her life’s challenges were recognised when she was awarded the Carol Lynette Grant Prowse Scholarship in 2016.

“I am still managing the detrimental and long-term effects of my relationship with my former husband and I wish to show the girls, and prove to myself, how to overcome adversity,” Erin said.

“Of course, I wish to provide security for my children and myself but also show them that no matter what the circumstances, through hard work anything is possible.

“At one point, I was at a crossroads of deciding whether to pay for power or finish my degree. But I realised I have learned so much, and am so proud to have come this far – especially being told my whole life I wasn’t clever enough – that I wasn’t going to falter at the last hurdle due to my financial constraints.

Carol Lynette Prowse studied at the Mt Helen Campus, graduating with a Diploma of Teaching in 1983. She went on to pursue a career in teaching and remained passionate about educating both herself and her children.

Sadly, Carol passed away in 2015. The Carol Lynette Grant (Prowse) Scholarship was established in her honour and in recognition of her passion for education, and provides $7000 to a student undertaking studies in Higher Education.

From left: Luke Grant, Emily Grant, Melissa Millar, Graeme Prowse, Shirley Prowse, Colin Prowse and Craig Grant.
Gift helps fast-track Scott’s dreams

Scott Adler has always enjoyed working with his hands.

During his six years at Kurnai College, Scott demonstrated his passion for the Arts and showed his creative flair in Visual Communications and Studio Art subjects, and was rewarded for his efforts with a College Engagement Award – a fine achievement for a student with ADHD.

After completing the VCE, Scott joined FAST—an alternative entry program offered by Federation University designed to provide students with the skills required for study.

Scott received one of two $2500 Gippsland Education Precinct Bursaries to help meet the costs of his studies and he is now enrolled in the Bachelor of Visual Arts.

“I love to create things with my hands, that’s why I fully committed to the FAST program because it gave me the skills I needed to go on to the Bachelor of Visual Arts.

“My goal is to have my own business and create one-off commissioned pieces for clients. The qualification I’ll get from FedUni will allow me to do this.”

Established in 2004, the Gippsland Education Precinct was a partnership of the major providers of education, training and employment for young people in the Gippsland region and local government.

When the Precinct partnership ended in 2014, residual funds were used to establish bursaries.

Gippsland Education Precinct Bursaries are open to graduates of Kurnai College, Federation Training or Apprenticeships Group Australia undertaking undergraduate studies at the Gippsland Campus. Two $2,500 bursaries are available annually.
“I love to create things with my hands, that’s why I fully committed to the FAST program because it gave me the skills I needed to go on to the Bachelor of Visual Arts.

Gippsland Education Precinct representatives Mike Answerth (left) and Nello Carbone with 2017 recipient Scott Alder.
Making a bequest

Leaving a gift in your Will is one way to ensure your legacy lives on into the future.

After you have provided for your family and friends, you may wish to leave a gift to the Federation University Australia Foundation.

A charitable bequest can take many forms, including:

**Pecuniary bequest:** A fixed amount of money.

**Gift in-kind:** A non-monetary donation, such as artworks, books or property.

**Residual bequest:** The remainder (or residue) of your estate after all debts, charges and gifts have been deducted.

**Percentage of residual bequest:** a percentage of the remainder of your estate after all debts, charges and gifts have been deducted.

**Percentage bequest:** a predetermined percentage of your total estate.

Whatever gift you’d like to make, we take your wishes seriously.

You can choose exactly how you wish to direct your gift. This may be designating it to a specific area or project – such as student scholarships, research efforts, or the provision of state-of-the-art facilities – or to the area with the most vital need.

In making a bequest for a specific area it is important to discuss your plans with a member of the Foundation team to ensure your wishes can be fulfilled. We can also discuss how your donation may be appropriately recognised.

The Foundation team would be pleased to meet with you to discuss your options for making a bequest.

Please contact the Foundation team on 03 5327 9929 or email: foundation@federation.edu.au.

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**Current areas of need**

At present, the Federation University Australia Foundation is focused on the following areas of need:

- Student scholarships to ensure those students who wish to study with us are not prevented by their financial circumstances
- Research projects that have a lasting impact on the communities in which we are located
- Improving our teaching, learning and research spaces to ensure we continue to deliver innovative educational experiences
- Student support programs
Would you like more information?

If you would like to create a special legacy, or require more information about leaving a bequest, please contact us. Rest assured that all bequest information is treated in absolute confidence and is not legally binding in any way.

Please tick the boxes that apply to you:

☐ I have included a gift to Federation University Australia in my Will

☐ I am considering including Federation University Australia in my Will and would like to be contacted for a confidential discussion

☐ I would like to direct my gift to a specific purpose: __________________________________________________________

Title: ........................................................................................................................................................................

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Preferred form of contact and time: ................................................................................................................................

Send your completed form to: Federation University Australia PO Box 663 Ballarat VIC 3353

Confidentiality: The information provided on this form is confidential and will only be used by the University to maintain contact and keep you up-to-date with information about the University.
Thom’s lasting legacy

Thom Nugent loved to learn. As a child, Thom would stop adults in their tracks with his intelligence and quick wit.

He loved nature and, as his Mum Diane Gibney recalls, would often return home after a long walk with a bagful of feathers, rocks and crystals. It came as no surprise that Thom wanted to study science.

“He was just automatically attracted to science. He adored things like chemistry, physics and biology – anything nature-based had great appeal to him.”

Deciding to study Chemical Engineering at Monash University, Thom was diagnosed with brain cancer in his gap year. Subsequent treatment saw him struggle with his studies, particularly as it affected his memory.

After three years at Monash, Thom moved home to Ballarat where he decided to gain a management qualification but found that this didn’t satisfy him. That’s when he decided to pursue Biosciences at Federation University Australia.

“He really loved the biosciences and I think he found his niche within FedUni. He really just enjoyed the whole university life. He was heavily involved in a lot of on-campus activities and joined all sorts of groups – trying almost every one on for size – and he loved helping the other students.”

Sadly, Thom passed away in November 2016 at the age of 26. His zest for life and love for helping others is remembered through the Thom Nugent Memorial Scholarship.

“I thought it was a really fitting tribute. The notion that there was a legacy that paid tribute to him and would continue to help and support other students in their learning would have appealed to him.

The Thom Nugent Memorial Scholarship remembers a dedicated and passionate young student who loved the sciences and had a passion for his community.

Established by his family and the Faculty of Science and Technology, this $2000 scholarship is available to a student undertaking the Bachelor of Science (Honours) at the Mt Helen Campus.

From left: Jim Nugent, Libby Nugent, Di Gibney, Lori Howlett (2017 recipient) and Tom Huberts.
Wording your will

Making a bequest to the university is as simple as including wording such as the following in your will:

1. **Wording for a residuary bequest:**

   I give and bequeath the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to the Federation University Australia (ABN 51 818 692 256) of PO Box 663 Ballarat, Victoria 3353, for its general purposes / research / facilities / education purposes / for the purposes of establishing a scholarship in the name of [NAME] and declare that the receipt at the time shall be sufficient.

2. **Wording to leave a percentage of the residue of an estate:**

   I give and bequeath __________ per cent of the residue of my estate to the Federation University Australia (ABN 51 818 692 256) of PO Box 663 Ballarat, Victoria 3353, for its general purposes / research / facilities / education purposes / for the purposes of establishing a scholarship in the name of [NAME] and declare that the receipt at the time shall be sufficient.

3. **Wording for leaving a percentage of the total estate:**

   I give and bequeath __________ per cent of my estate to the Federation University Australia (ABN 51 818 692 256) of PO Box 663 Ballarat, Victoria 3353, for its general purposes / research / facilities / education purposes / for the purposes of establishing a scholarship in the name of [NAME] and declare that the receipt at the time shall be sufficient.

4. **Wording for leaving a fixed amount:**

   I give and bequeath the sum of $_______________ to the Federation University Australia (ABN 51 818 692 256) of PO Box 663 Ballarat, Victoria 3353, for its general purposes / research / facilities / education purposes / for the purposes of establishing a scholarship in the name of [NAME] and declare that the receipt at the time shall be sufficient.
For a confidential discussion regarding a gift in your Will, please contact:

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