YOUR LEGACY, OUR FUTURE

Planned Giving at Memorial University
“I’ve designated a gift to Memorial in memory of my parents, to support a scholarship for a student of Innu or Inuit heritage. This award is about recovering tradition and giving consideration to a young person who wants to make a difference in their community. I’ve been very impressed with the helpful role the university has played in linking my interests as a donor with an area of need at Memorial.”

Dr. Margot Duley
Memorial graduate and legacy donor
Support what’s meaningful to you

There are many ways your gift can make an impact at Memorial University. Below are just a few areas that may help you with planning your legacy gift. There are numerous options to personalize a gift and make it specific to your interests.

Student support
You can help a student fulfill their dream through higher education. Scholarships, bursaries and awards can be named after the donor, or in honour or memory of a special person in your life. Student support can benefit undergraduate or graduate students, or both.

Equipment and facilities
High quality teaching and learning requires modern teaching and research spaces. Gifts designated to classroom technology, library resources, varsity sports, laboratory upgrades and building expansions are but a few examples of how your support can keep our university modern and world class.

Teaching and research
The foundation of exceptional learning is exceptional teaching and research. Gifts to establish chairs and professorships, lecturerships and assistant student and faculty research are ways to help attract and retain top faculty members and researchers.

Unrestricted
Some of the most valuable gifts to the university are unrestricted funds that enable us to direct funding to the areas of greatest need.

If you wish to direct your gift to a specific campus, academic unit or purpose, we encourage you to speak with us to ensure your wishes can be met and appropriate recognition is given. Depending on the amount, your gift can also be used to establish an endowment fund, the income of which is used to support a particular purpose in perpetuity. Please ask us for details.

Legacy Giving options

There are several ways you can make a legacy gift to Memorial University.

Bequest: A gift through your will (we can provide sample bequest language).

Life insurance: A gift through a life insurance policy.

RRSP-RRIF: Designate Memorial University as the beneficiary of your RRSP or RRIF.

Appreciated securities: A gift through publicly traded stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

Gifts in kind: A gift through privately traded stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

Wise estate planning can reduce taxes payable and maximize the impact of your estate, allowing you to help your heirs and fulfill your charitable wishes. Please consult your lawyer, accountant and/or financial advisor when planning a legacy gift.

U.S. & U.K. donors

There are several ways to receive tax benefits for estate gifts received by donors from the United States and the United Kingdom. Please contact us for information.

Legacy Society

Donors who inform Memorial University when they have arranged for an estate gift are invited to become members of our Legacy Society and are invited to special university events.

Whether you prefer to remain anonymous during your lifetime, or are comfortable receiving recognition from us, we will respect your wishes.

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“‘To know that someone is generous enough to leave this kind of legacy is overwhelming. This bursary has helped me finance my education substantially. When something like this comes your way, it’s inspiring.’

Joseph Otto
Undergraduate student at Memorial University’s Faculty of Medicine and recipient of the Evelyn Roach Memorial Bursary

“We wanted to leave our legacy at a university we had a connection with,” says Michael.

“We can help students pursue their education further, that’s a silver lining to making this gift,” adds Olivia.

Michael Lonardo and Olivia Lewis
With their legacy gift, Michael and Olivia will create the Olivia Lewis and Michael Lonardo Scholarship for graduate students studying issues of social justice.
We would love to hear from you

Memorial University is grateful for all that our legacy donors make possible. For more information on how you can leave a legacy to Memorial and for information on areas of need and academic units that are of interest to you, please contact:

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We’re here to help you achieve your goals. All discussions are treated with the strictest confidence and entail no obligation. You may also ask your lawyer or estate planner to make inquiries on your behalf.