

**Build a brighter future**

**Leave a gift in your will to King's College London**

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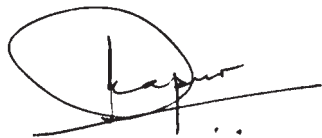


# Let's shape the future together

As Vice-Chancellor & President of King's College London, I warmly invite you to think about what King's means to you, the memories you have of this great institution and the opportunities that may have arisen in your lifetime because of your experiences at the College. Whether you studied here, taught here, found your life partner here, unearthed groundbreaking research here, or simply admired from afar the inspiring minds working to solve the world's most pressing challenges, we each have our unique stories of how King's has enriched our lives.

I for one, am so grateful for the years I spent at King's in the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience working with students to inspire their curiosity and forging lifelong friendships with colleagues. Today it is a great honour to serve as Vice-Chancellor & President and ensure that the work of the King's community continues to thrive.

As you reflect on your own experiences and look through this brochure, I want to thank you for considering a gift in your Will to King's. Every donation, small or large is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference to the research we can deliver and the lives of our students who, with the resources to succeed, will become the changemakers and global thought-leaders of the future.



With sincere thanks,  
Professor Shitij Kapur



Professor Shitij Kapur  
Vice-Chancellor & President,  
King's College London

# The difference your gift can make

Gifts made through the wills of our alumni and friends are enormously appreciated at King's. Each gift – no matter the size – supports our future.

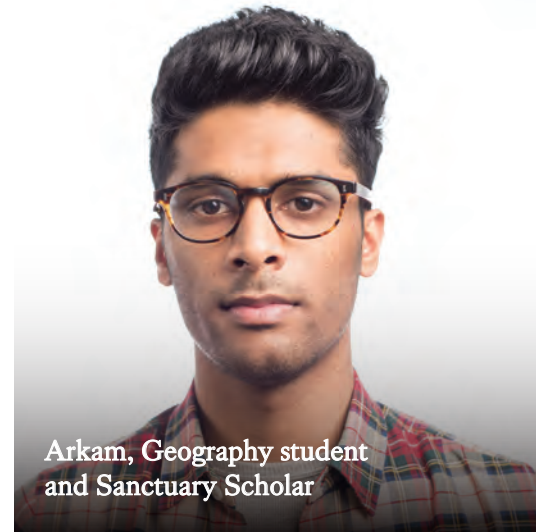
Sanctuary scholarships mean we can waive tuition fees and offer annual living cost grants to students who have sought sanctuary in the UK.

Geography student Arkam is one such recipient. Even though Arkam had lived in the UK for 11 years, he was denied a student loan because of his migration status. 'The Sanctuary Scholarship gave me hope and the realistic option that I would be able to go to university' he says.

You may remember from your time at King's how creating opportunities like this for students like Arkam is a big priority for us. We know once they're here, our students are inspired not to just dream big but to 'do' big, secure in the knowledge of King's support.

Dr Charles Laing is certainly evidence of this. His awe-inspiring vision of the world was formed while studying for his Space Physiology & Health MSc. As he says:

**'During my time at King's, I enjoyed a whirlwind of unforgettable experiences that have shaped my way ahead. My vision of the future brings together space and earth, science and society. I owe this vision and my personal future to King's.'**



Arkam, Geography student  
and Sanctuary Scholar



Dr Charles Laing, former student,  
PhD in Human & Physiological  
Sciences Research

While a gift in your will can help with shaping visions like Charles', there are other ways these legacies can move us forward. If you were with us between 1959 and 1982, you may remember the late Helen Hudson. To this day, Helen's legacies are having an impact.

Helen was the Dean of Students, a Tutor to Women Students and had a real passion for the King's music department. Helen's generous gift in her will funds two choral and organ scholarships, something we know would give her great satisfaction.

As Dr Joseph Fort, our college organist and Director of the chapel choir puts it:

**'The voice lessons that the choral scholarships provide are a vital part of each chorister's development. Many of our singers have gone on to professional careers in music, and the education they receive here with us provides the foundations for their later success.'**

We can think of no better way to honour Helen's memory than providing opportunities for future students.



Helen Hudson, former Dean of Students and legacy donor



Choir of King's College London

**Every year, 3,000 state school students don't go to the country's top universities even though they have the A-level grades to do so.**

**Thanks to our widening participation programmes, over 70,000 students have received support from King's to study at a top university over recent years.**

**77% of King's students attended state schools.**



# Your reasons for supporting King's

Including King's in your will is a deeply personal decision and one which we wouldn't expect anyone to take lightly. Some who've left a gift to King's have said they wanted to give back to the institution. Others like knowing their gift is going to make a difference to future generations. Whatever your reason, all gifts make a significant contribution to everyone at King's. We're grateful for each and every one.

Here, some of our alumni discuss their reasons for including King's in their will.

'It was an easy decision to leave a legacy gift because of the impact King's has had on me personally and on my career. I don't know where I'd be without those experiences.'

*Jeff Collins (Philosophy, 2005)*

'My bequest is the best way to give future generations of young people the same start in life that I had. King's gave me the opportunity to begin a fulfilling career that has lasted a lifetime.

My means are very modest, but King's has always been important to me and I would like to help in whatever way I can. There are thousands of us alumni, and our gifts add up.'

*Sheila Doak  
(Natural Sciences, 1950)*



**Sheila Doak**  
(Natural Sciences, 1950)



**'When we look back over our lives, our achievements have exceeded our wildest expectations. We owe this in no small part to King's, not just the excellent education we had, but also the other experiences at such a formative time of our lives. We are so grateful for the education and experiences and want to show this by supporting King's in our will.'**

*Valerie and Michael Calderbank (Physics, 1966 and 1964)*

**More and more alumni are leaving gifts in their wills to King's. Will you join them?**

**'Medicine is such a time intensive degree it was really difficult to juggle my studies and a job.**

**The hardship fund allowed me to continue my degree. I'm so grateful for your support.'**

*Aaron (MBBS) and Hardship Fund recipient*

**'I was in care until I was 18, then all of the funding stopped. I felt so lucky when I received the bursary. It has made my university experience a lot less worrying and a lot less daunting.'**

*Lauren (Religion, Philosophy & Ethics) and Care Leavers Bursary recipient*



# Leaving a gift in your will

## What you need to know

We know making a will is a very personal decision, so we will never rush you. We understand that your family and friends may come first, and we will always respect your support of other institutions and causes. We'll happily answer any questions you have honestly and quickly, but we respect that the ultimate decision lies with you. With that in mind, we've included some information below.

## What to do if...

### You don't have a solicitor:

You can find information on how to choose one at [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

### You already have a will:

You may not have to change your will to add a gift to King's: you might be able to add a codicil (an addition) to your existing document.

### You'd like to make a new will:

Before you do this, you'll need to assess your assets, consider the beneficiaries of your will and the types of gift you'd like to leave.



# How to give

There are a variety of ways you can choose to leave a gift to King's in your will. We understand this may be a lot to digest so please get in touch with any questions you have.

## Types of gift

*A share of your estate: A residuary gift*

This is a percentage – or all, if preferred – of your remaining estate, once all fees, outstanding costs and other gifts have been deducted.

*A fixed sum of money: A pecuniary gift*

If you'd rather leave a sum of money, it's worth considering linking your legacy to the Retail Price Index. This will ensure that the value of the gift you make doesn't depreciate over time.

*A postponed gift: A reversionary gift*

This allows you to leave your estate, or part of it, to a specified person during their lifetime.

They then benefit from using the asset or receiving an income from it during their lifetime. On their death, the asset is transferred to other beneficiaries – known as reversionary beneficiaries – such as King's.

## Getting in touch

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# Why I'm giving to King's

**by Dr Elizabeth Fagan (Physiology, 1972)**

Home is important, especially when you lose yours. Looking back, I realise how much King's became my home and foundation in times of need.

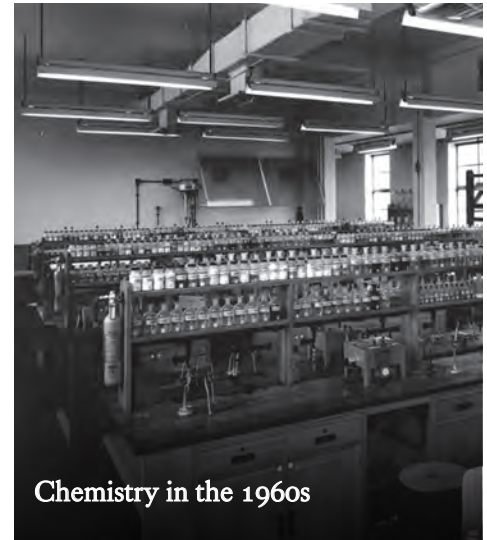
I come from a military family and moved many times within the UK and abroad until returning to the UK at age 11 to improve my education at a convent school. It was hoped that my schooling would also set me on the right path to become a doctor, a lifelong dream of mine.

Being accepted at King's to study medicine was a moment of certainty in a period of uncertainty. My parents were in the throes of a contentious divorce, leaving me and my mother homeless and penniless. My school found us dormitory accommodation in another convent while I awaited my A-level results.

King's became my lifeline. They extended my stays in halls of residence during holiday periods and until I completed an intercalated BSc. Despite the prejudice against women in science and medicine, King's helped me find my feet and ride the crest of the wave. When I learned of an American Summer Fellowship – for Jewish men – at the Albert Einstein College in New York, I applied and was accepted. King's agreed to have my project considered towards that BSc.



Dr Fagan as a child at school in Bath



Chemistry in the 1960s

Importantly, King's encouraged me not to be inhibited by personal circumstances. King's has been my rallying voice, raising the belief in the work I do – starting on the Liver Unit at King's College Hospital and pursuing such a career when there were few women in hepatology.

King's saw me through times of great personal and social change. Indeed, science and hepatology in the 1970s were very male-dominated. That is part of the reason I'm leaving a gift in my will – to give back and ensure that other women have these opportunities. Coming back to King's is coming home. I want my gift to mean that King's remains a home for generations to come.

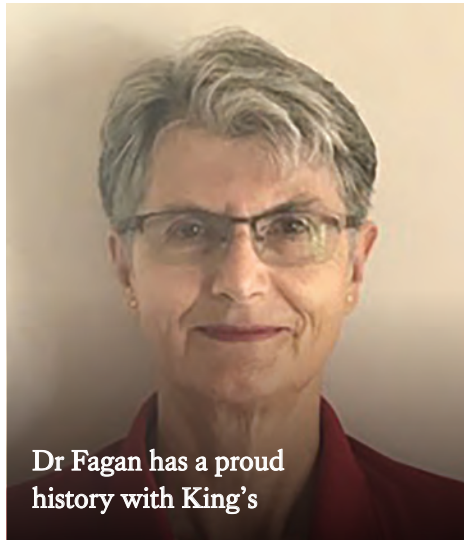
Please join me and consider pledging a gift to King's in your will.

Yours,

*Dr Elizabeth Fagan (AKC, 1972;  
MBBS, 1975; MSc, 1982; MD, 1989)*



The Institute of Hepatology  
where Dr Fagan worked



Dr Fagan has a proud  
history with King's





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