

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH A BEQUEST TO QBI

Established in 2003, the Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) is the first institute in the world to have been set up specifically to focus on understanding the detailed mechanisms that regulate brain function, and to translate this understanding into developing new approaches to treat mental and neurological diseases.

WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A bequest is a gift detailed in an individual's will. Bequests may include:

- The residuary of an estate (i.e. what remains after all other gifts and costs have been deducted);
- A percentage of an estate;
- A gift of a specific sum of money;
- A particular asset such as property, works of art, shares or an insurance policy.

When a benefactor decides to leave a bequest to QBI, they may express their wishes for the gift's future use. It is often beneficial for a benefactor to discuss his or her intentions with QBI's Development Office before any arrangements are set in place. This helps to ensure that, in due course, QBI will be able to apply the bequest according to the benefactor's wishes.

By making a bequest to QBI you will be helping neuroscientists to understand the mechanisms that regulate brain function. An improved understanding of the brain assists in the development of new therapeutics to help people suffering from neurological conditions such as dementia, stroke and motor neuron disease, and neurotrauma such as spinal cord injury. You can help us to continue this important research, simply by leaving a bequest to QBI in your will. Your support has the

capacity to make a world of difference to future sufferers of these devastating diseases.

We can assist you in tailoring your bequest to your exact wishes, or we can provide you with the following suggested bequest clauses:

The **specific purpose clause** will direct the bequest to The University of Queensland for the gift to be applied for research or other purposes at the Queensland Brain Institute. This type of gift is especially valuable as it provides flexibility for QBI to respond to changing needs and priorities. It also provides the University with the flexibility – if for any reason the funds cannot be applied to QBI – to direct the funds to other worthwhile purposes. It should be noted that The University Senate has directed that the use of gifts of this kind must be kept as close as possible to the wishes expressed by the benefactor.

Alternatively, a benefactor may prefer the **directed purpose clause** which specifies that the University may only apply the funds to QBI, either for general purposes or for a specific purpose.

YOUR WILL

When making your will it is important to consult your legal adviser to ensure that your wishes are recorded in a legally binding form. A bequest within a will is a clause that reflects your wish to leave a particular gift or share of your estate to a person or organisation. If a will already exists, simple additions or changes can be made through a codicil. More complex changes may require a new will.

RECOGNITION

Several recognition mechanisms are available for bequests to QBI, depending on your personal preference and level of donation. With substantial bequests, the donor or a nominated person may be commemorated in perpetuity through a fellowship, a named chair (professorship), a named laboratory or other initiative that will significantly enhance research at the Queensland Brain Institute.

Please contact the QBI Development Office for more information.

SUGGESTED BEQUEST CLAUSES

SPECIFIC PURPOSE CLAUSE

"I give (my estate) or (a portion* / the residue of my estate) or (the sum of \$____) to The University of Queensland for its general purposes. I express the wish but without creating any binding trust that if practicable this gift be applied for fundamental research or other purposes at the Queensland Brain Institute. The receipt of the University Secretary and Registrar is to be sufficient discharge to my trustees."

DIRECTED PURPOSE CLAUSE

"I give (my estate) or (a portion* / the residue of my estate) or (the sum of \$____) to The University of Queensland to be applied directly towards the Queensland Brain Institute and to be used (nominate research area of choice OR state purposes as widely as possible). The receipt of the University Secretary and Registrar is to be sufficient discharge to my trustees."

* Specify the portion



A. REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION (in confidence)

I am interested in making provision for QBI in my will. Please contact me for a confidential discussion.

B. NOTIFICATION OF BEQUEST

Once you have actioned your bequest, it would be very helpful if you or your solicitor would let us know by completing the details below. We can then thank and acknowledge you as per your wishes. Your notification also assists us with forward planning.

Doing so does not imply a legal commitment of any kind. You will be under no obligation whatsoever to follow a particular course of action, nor will this limit your freedom to change your will in the future.

I have made a provision in my will for QBI.

My bequest is intended to support (please indicate below)

- Specific purpose (i.e. fundamental research at QBI)
- Directed purpose (i.e. nominate research area of choice)

Scholarships

Fellowships

Specific Research in:

Dementia

Motor Neuron Disease

Stroke

Multiple Sclerosis

Spinal Cord Injury

Other

C. CONTACT DETAILS

Mr Mrs Ms Dr Other.....

First Name

Surname

Address

.....Post Code

Telephone: (h) (b)

Mobile

Email

Preferred time of day for contact

Please complete and mail this form (no stamp required) to:

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