



YOUR GIFT. THEIR **FUTURE.**
BEQUESTS AND TRIBUTES AT QUT





In a world that faces increasing challenges, the opportunity to help create certainty for the next generation of bright young minds is, we believe, a wonderful prospect. Providing such certainty through a gift in your Will is one of the finest gestures one can make.

In whichever way you choose to make a lasting impact, you may be certain that at QUT we are committed to respecting and delivering on our promise to you.

Tim Fairfax AC
Chancellor

Professor Margaret Sheil AO
Vice-Chancellor and President

HOW MIGHT YOUR LIFE'S WORK LIVE ON?

Do you believe in the transformative power of education?

Do you have a deep desire to address a challenge; correct a shortfall; right an imbalance?

Or would you like to create a lasting tribute to a loved one?

There are few finer ways of achieving this than leaving a gift to QUT in your Will.

This is your opportunity to create an effective and influential legacy, whatever your dream.

For us, the responsibility to help facilitate the personal wishes of a generous benefactor is a privilege we treasure.

We understand that in a life filled with achievements, a bequest to further the lives of others is one of the most significant and selfless things you can do.

Our aim is to ensure it gives you the deepest possible satisfaction.



To know you can leave something that helps people on an ongoing basis is a good legacy. If I can make that happen—then I make something happen permanently—because I'm not going to be around forever. By making this contribution, **I can fundamentally change somebody else's life.**

Brett Hooker

QUT Learning Potential Fund
Bequestor

BEGIN SOMETHING GREAT

There are as many ways a bequest can create opportunity as there are benefactors.

Because, at QUT, we create a response to exactly reflect your wishes.

The first thing we do, is listen.

We'd be delighted to discover your interests, learn about what drives you, and better understand the kind of results you'd like to achieve through your gift.

Do you have a clear idea about what you'd like your gift to achieve? Or would you like to learn more about the possibilities?

Are you interested in perpetuating excellence in the arts or science? In business or technology?

Would you like to help seek a cure for cancer or another debilitating disease? Perhaps you would like to support the university as it strives for world-class research breakthroughs? Or provide more opportunities for those less fortunate?


Perhaps you were the beneficiary of financial support in your early years and you'd like to give more young people the chance to experience what you did?

There are many ways to bring your ambition to life:

- establish a scholarship or bursary
- contribute to research funding or the purchase of vital equipment
- make a pledge to support QUT's Learning Potential Fund—a perpetual endowment which delivers financial support to thousands of disadvantaged students every year.

The possibilities are many.

The only thing set in stone is our focus on achieving what you wish for.

A photograph of an elderly couple, Ray and Penny Weekes, smiling. Ray is on the left, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. Penny is on the right, wearing a purple top and a necklace. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with columns.

For us, it is seeing the individual students we support through the Learning Potential Fund succeed that has inspired us to leave a gift to QUT in our Will. Helping these students overcome tough circumstances to stay at QUT and build a new future for themselves is wonderful.

To know that our bequest will help achieve this in perpetuity is a source of great joy.

Ray and Penny Weekes

QUT Learning Potential Fund donors and bequestors

THINKING DIFFERENTLY ABOUT FINDING A CANCER CURE

By 2030, approximately 70 per cent of Australians will get cancer in their lifetime.

When a loved one suffers from cancer, there can be an extra burden: the treatment is sometimes almost as painful as the disease itself.

QUT's Cancer and Ageing Research Program (CARP), led by QUT's Professor Derek Richard, brings together Australia's brightest minds – scientists, clinicians and surgeons – into a unique multidisciplinary team to think differently about finding a cure for all cancer.

CARP's revolutionary research is also bringing us a step closer to finding cures for other ageing diseases like arthritis and Alzheimer's.

Researchers have discovered a 'super protein' which cancer depends on to survive and grow. The CARP team believe they can create a drug to kill this protein and, in doing so, treat the cancer at the same time.

**It's potentially life changing.
The early signs: hugely promising.**

Today, the CARP team is working towards fully understanding how this protein functions and are developing new drugs to target that function. The aim is to bring one of these drugs into the clinic to treat patients within the next few years.



Ground-breaking research like this is possible with the support of the donor community. The late William and Hilde Chenhall from Queensland's Sunshine Coast, left their estate to a range of cancer research institutions, part of which has funded the Chenhall Research Scientist at QUT.

Their generosity will continue as a legacy to tackle one of the gravest health issues of our time.

Professor Derek Richard
QUT's Cancer and Ageing Research Program (CARP)

GENEROSITY FOUNDED ON POSITIVITY

Des Donnachie always said that after he had the good fortune to study at QUT, 'there was no looking back.'

Indeed, 'forward-looking' defined much of what he did with his life.

Despite growing up destitute in rural Queensland, Des never focused on what he didn't have.

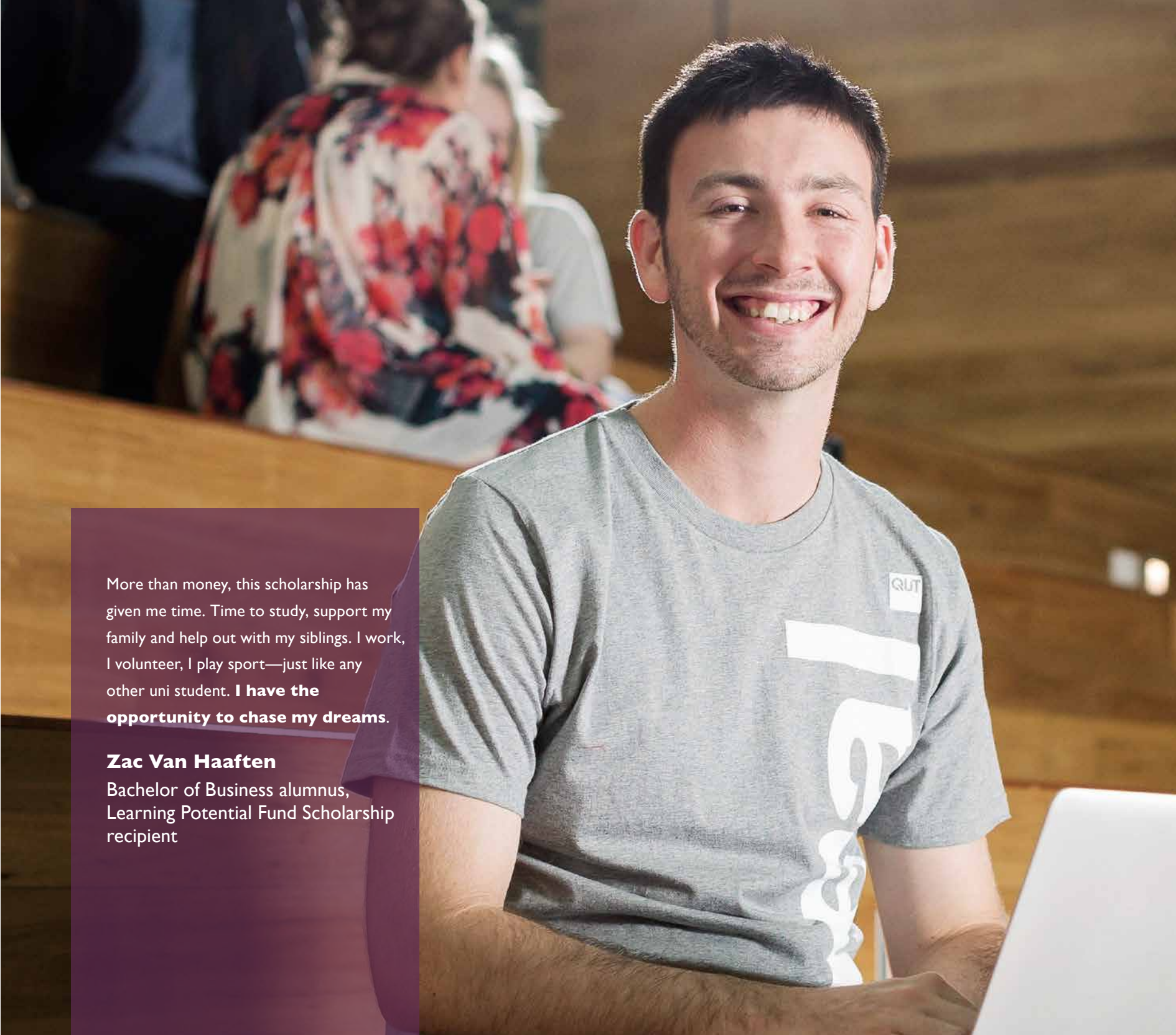
He put all his effort into a range of jobs, building on his childhood passion for numbers, and developing a keen mind for computers and statistical analysis.

His studies in Information Technology at QUT followed and, after graduating in 1990, he gained a position with the Australian Bureau of Statistics in Canberra.

He put much of his professional success down to 'getting the breaks' he sorely needed, his gratitude inspiring him to help others in a similar situation.

So Des made the decision to leave his estate to the Learning Potential Fund endowment as a way of providing scholarship funding to students from disadvantaged backgrounds in perpetuity.

He passed on the fruits of a lifetime of hard work to dedicated students who—like he did—experience financial difficulties but look forward to a brighter future.



More than money, this scholarship has given me time. Time to study, support my family and help out with my siblings. I work, I volunteer, I play sport—just like any other uni student. **I have the opportunity to chase my dreams.**

Zac Van Haften

Bachelor of Business alumnus,
Learning Potential Fund Scholarship
recipient

HELPING SCIENCE CREATE POSITIVE GLOBAL CHANGE

As one of Australia's leading entomologists and malaria experts, Dr Pat Marks' work in the 1940s and '50s led to major breakthroughs in malaria treatment and the discovery of at least 38 new mosquito species. As a passionate supporter of ecological research, Dr Marks made a gift in her Will of 50 hectares of land. The result: QUT's Samford Ecological Research Facility (SERF), a unique natural laboratory for research, education and a refuge for native plants and animals under increasing threat from urbanisation.

Dr Marks' work, and her gift, demonstrate the power of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in our ever-changing world.

At QUT, we are using STEM to address some of the most challenging problems facing our community and the environment.

Our Australian Centre for Robotic Vision has developed a medical robot that can perform a knee arthroscopy quicker and more precisely than a surgeon.

The Women in Engineering Scholarship program supports women embarking on an engineering degree, a field in which women are currently under-represented.

Our Institute for Future Environments is developing disease-resistant crops and taking practical action to help save the Great Barrier Reef, with a robot designed to control the devastating Crown-of-Thorns Starfish.

We're working hard to harness the power of science and technology to create positive change, but we need help from passionate supporters like you and Dr Marks—to tackle more of the most pressing problems of our age.



From left, the QUT Institute of Future Environment's Dr Feras Dayoub, Dr Matthew Dunbabin and Professor Peter Corke with their 'COTSbot'— a robot that can seek out and control the crown-of-thorns starfish (COTS), which is responsible for an estimated 40 per cent of the Great Barrier Reef's total decline in coral cover.

RECOGNITION OF A LOVED ONE'S LIFE PASSION

Laurie Cowled wanted to honour the memory of her late husband, Ron McNamara.

She sought to create a lasting tribute of real value: one which kept alive a few of the strongest held ideals of the man, and which reflected some of his best qualities.

Ron was a self-made businessman and university administrator who worked hard to achieve his success. He claimed the best lesson he learned at school was to take nothing for granted, to question everything. He achieved much in his career, but his passions went way beyond his vocation.

So after he passed away, Laurie honoured Ron through a memorial scholarship at QUT called The Ron Macnamara Rural Nursing Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to an advanced practice nurse or nurse practitioner candidate to support them as they complete a Master of Nursing or Nursing Science at QUT.

The recipients of the scholarship earn their degrees while working as nurses in some of the most challenging and remote areas of Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Their careers and the care they provide to their communities are a lasting memorial to Ron's ideals and passion for all Australians to receive a high standard of medical care regardless of where they live or come from.



Dr Laurie Cowled (pictured centred wearing a red jacket) with the 2018 Cowled Gift scholarship recipients

THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO FOLLOW A DREAM

Chenoa Deemal is flying high at the start of her theatrical career.

The talented QUT acting graduate has already landed professional roles with the Queensland Theatre Company.

The catalyst for her success: the financial support she received at QUT via one of the leading lights of Australian theatre.

Jennifer Blocksidge was an inspirational drama teacher and influential theatre director with a long association with QUT. She taught voice in the acting program here, while also playing a pivotal role in Brisbane theatre through tenure as Director of La Boite Theatre Company.

On her passing, and to mark a lifetime of work in inspiring young actors, Jennifer's family created the Jennifer Blocksidge Memorial Endowment Fund, which awards funds each year to a student who can demonstrate extraordinary talent in the field of acting.

Receiving the award enabled Chenoa to pursue her dream of an acting career with less of a financial struggle.

The Jennifer Blocksidge Memorial Scholarship allowed me to pursue my acting dreams. Through my studies I gained skills I'll use for the rest of my career and it was this generous gift that helped make it all a reality.

Chenoa Deemal

QUT acting alumnus, Jennifer Blocksidge Memorial Scholarship recipient





A LIFELONG LOVE OF LEARNING THAT LIVES ON

Glenda Page was a committed educator whose life was dedicated to teaching and enabling others—especially women—to succeed.

She lived and breathed QUT's philosophy of empowering women and advancing educational excellence.

A graduate of Kelvin Grove Teachers' College in 1953, Glenda started her career as a primary school teacher before returning to Kelvin Grove—now QUT—as a respected lecturer in Education.

Throughout her adult life, Glenda was a loyal donor to the QUT Learning Potential Fund. She also chose to leave a gift in her Will to support this cause, donating a residual percentage of her estate to the Fund.

In her memory, a member of the family said, 'She was a feminist, believing in fairness and justice for women. She saw education as the way forward for women.'



DEDICATION DESERVING OF SUPPORT

A law degree is a big commitment. For law students facing financial hardship, circumstances outside their control can prevent them reaching their educational goals.

The QUT Faculty of Law Founders' Scholarship eases the financial burden, giving students more time to focus on their studies, and connects them with professionals who provide invaluable counsel, shaping a successful career.

In times of extreme pressure, scholarship recipients are inspired to persevere by knowing they have the support of others: people who believe in them enough to contribute to the education of a stranger.

With your help, determined students feel that nothing can hold them back. The support you offer them has a positive impact far beyond the here and now.

Fred Silver

Faculty of Law Founders'
Scholarship recipient

FOSTERING THE SPIRIT OF GLOBAL UNITY

Peace and international understanding: huge issues; no easy solutions.

Many of us leave it to politicians and policy makers to take responsibility.

A rare few take practical steps at a local level—with the hope of kickstarting real change.

QUT benefactors Carl and Mary Leonard (pictured, at right) were two such people. They sought to create something of lasting value which could make positive progress for the next generation.

These inspirational 'citizens of the world' came to know the work and people of QUT after retiring from a life of global travel and work in dozens of developing nations.

The endowment fund they established was designed to assist QUT students or early career researchers with outstanding leadership qualities, dedicated to making a difference to international issues.

For almost 50 years, Carl and Mary observed, sometimes at close hand, the problems and violent conflicts arising from international misunderstanding. With their final magnanimous gesture, they took a decisive step towards bringing a divided world a little closer.



QUT benefactors,
Carl and Mary Leonard

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do you aspire to make a difference into the future? Would you like to make an impact far beyond your own lifetime? We'd be honoured to help make it happen.

If you'd like to learn more about how a gift in your Will can contribute to the future success of QUT students, research, or community, please contact:

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