Leave a legacy to last generations
Every day QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute scientists, students and support staff work towards a common goal of targeting some of the world’s most debilitating diseases. As a medical Institute of global recognition, we have a duty to make sure our research improves the quality of life and addresses the major health needs of society.

Medical research doesn’t offer any quick-wins, it takes patience and an extraordinary level of commitment by everyone involved to achieve important breakthroughs. In fact, the medical treatment we receive today is possible thanks to the dedication of past research teams and, importantly, the people who supported them.

I would like to personally thank you for recognising the value of supporting the work we do in considering making a very special Gift in Will. This kind of support is particularly important as your act of generosity today will secure the work of the Institute well into the future.

We do, however, appreciate that this is very important decision to make and our Donor Liaison Officers can be contacted on freecall 1800 993 000 to answer any questions you may have.

Please accept my sincere thanks for considering QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute and we look forward to you joining us on our journey towards better health through medical research.

Professor Frank Gannon
Director and CEO
The QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute (QIMR Berghofer) has a vision of better health through medical research.

This means that future generations can live longer, healthier lives without being affected by diseases such as cancer.

But we can’t battle these diseases alone. We need your help to continue our research; to search for ways to prevent and combat and defeat diseases around the world.

QIMR Berghofer researchers share a vision to understand and prevent diseases that touch the lives of millions.

Maureen’s father passed away in 1986 after suffering for many years with lung cancer. The changes that have taken place since then are definitely amazing – and it is all thanks to medical research. Although we support many charities we are amazed at the feedback from the people working at QIMR Berghofer, their dedication is beyond belief and at least our money is being used for the benefit of everybody in Australia and overseas. We will continue to support their good work through our estate and hopefully our legacy will be that many more disease problems will eventually be solved or at least improved.

Barry and Maureen Stevenson
Who we are

QIMR Berghofer is a not-for-profit organisation and is one of the largest and most successful medical research institutes in Australia.

QIMR Berghofer provides support for researchers who perform world-class, ethical medical research. Our mission is to prevent and cure disease, and improve the health outcomes of people worldwide.

We have three research programs dedicated to cancer, infectious disease, mental health and complex disorders. We research a wide range of conditions from melanoma and asthma to dengue fever and HIV.

For a full list of the conditions we research, please visit our website: www.qimrberghofer.edu.au

What we do

QIMR Berghofer aims to determine the environmental and genetic factors that cause disease. Our research aims to develop diagnostics and treatments that are more efficient and effective than current methods.

Our vision is to improve health through medical research.

We need your help to continue our life-saving work.

With one in two Australian’s diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, half of QIMR Berghofer laboratories are dedicated to developing improved treatments, diagnostics and prevention.
What is a bequest?

A bequest is an instruction in your Will to leave a gift (property, money or other asset) to a specific person or charity. We rely on the generosity of people who make provision for QIMR Berghofer in their Wills to fund our future medical research needs.

You and your Will

Your Will is a legal document that gives instructions on your wishes and determines the legacy you leave behind. We recommend that you seek legal advice when writing your Will, and the instructions left in your Will should be discussed with your relatives or loved ones.

“ We see our bequest as our investment in the future. ”
How do I leave a bequest?

1. If you do not have a Will, you will need to obtain legal advice about creating one. Contact a solicitor or Public Trustee in your State.

2. If you already have a Will, you can easily add a codicil (a short amendment to your existing Will).

3. Decide on what type of bequest you would like to leave
You can leave a bequest of:

(a) a specific amount of money;

(b) the residual value after you have provided for your loved ones;

(c) a gift of property, shares, bonds, life insurance, jewellery, or other possessions; or

(d) a percentage of your total estate

Discuss your wishes with your family and Will executors to ensure that your reasons for your decision are understood.

In recognition of your generosity in making a bequest we will be delighted to honour you with your name inscribed on our Wall of Appreciation.
Recommended wording

General bequest:

“I give and bequeath (specify the type of gift) to The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, 300 Herston Road, Herston to be applied for general charitable purposes, and in respect of such legacy, I declare as follows:

(a) A general charitable intent shall apply;
(b) The receipt of the Secretary for the time being shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to executors and trustees;
(c) My executors and trustees shall not be obliged to see or to enquire into the application of money or assets, the subject of such legacy.”

Specific bequest:

“I give and bequeath (specify the type of gift) to the The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, 300 Herston Road, Herston to be applied for (specify the area of research e.g. cancer, children’s diseases) and in respect of such legacy, I declare as follows:

(a) A general charitable intent shall apply;
(b) The receipt of the Secretary for the time being shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to executors and trustees;
(c) My executors and trustees shall not be obliged to see or to enquire into the application of money or assets, the subject of such legacy.”
“By making a bequest I know that my contribution can be used to improve the health of everyone, young and old, here in Australia and abroad...”

Robyn Holdway, QIMR Berghofer Supporter