Thanks to you
MESSAGE FROM THE

Vice-Chancellor and President

Your support makes a difference. Thank you.

In 2018, your donations made a meaningful improvement to students’ lives, to the progression of research and to the realisation of important initiatives at The University of Queensland.

Our University was founded on and has thrived through the generosity of people like you—people who had a vision for a better world and the foresight to carry out their ideas.

Your partnership with UQ continues this legacy.

Our fledgling Aspire Scholarship program is a key example of the power of donor support. In just two years, this program and its more than 800 generous donors have provided scholarships to almost 150 UQ students facing significant hardship and barriers to education. The program has re-opened opportunities for these students and helped them reach anew, for their potential, after they found themselves in difficulty due to homelessness, refugee status, or loss of a parent, among other issues.

Our mantra at UQ is “knowledge leadership for a better world”. We recognise that making the world better requires initiative, guidance and the involvement of many people.

Every gift to UQ supports our students, researchers and teachers. Regardless of size, every gift is put to good use and is appreciated.

As a donor, you have kindly led the way in creating a brighter future for others.

Thank you again, for everything you have done. I hope we continue to create opportunity together and continue collaborating and working together to build a better future for our world.

Professor Peter Høj AC

Vice-Chancellor and President

COVER IMAGE: Young Achiever Program graduate Adam Bonner (right) with his father Tim at their family farm in Australia’s Darling Downs region.
You are among a community of almost 12,000 donors who have supported Not If, When — the Campaign to Create Change since its inception in 2013. Your combined contributions have allowed us to achieve the three campaign objectives to empower student success, transform teaching and learning and drive discovery and impact.

Because of you and our community of donors, thousands of students have been supported by scholarships and bursaries that have enabled them to access higher education and opportunities outside their means. Because of you, researchers have taken potentially life-saving treatments, vaccines and research to clinical trials, and we are providing students with world-class learning facilities, here in Brisbane.

Thank you for everything you have done for our students, teachers and research.

Campaign achievements to date

- 56% of donors are alumni
- 23,402 gifts
- 192 bequests
- $13.5m largest gift
- 2.3% of alumni have donated

Your support has made a difference

BY HELPING STUDENTS, TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Investing in our shared future

2018 ENDOWMENT PERFORMANCE

What is an endowment?

Philanthropy has been integral to the University’s ability to create change in society for more than a century. Endowments ensure donors’ transformative impact will be felt for generations to come.

While some donors choose to direct their gift immediately to their chosen cause, others prefer an endowment approach. Endowments are gifts that continue to give to their designated purpose in perpetuity. This method involves steadily growing an investment fund that in turn delivers dividend payments, creating greater funding benefits over time.

Endowment performance

During 2018, the investment fund grew from $218 million to $224.3 million.

The investment strategy used by the University’s designated fund managers is to ensure long term growth and it is UQ’s intent to grow the principal to one that rivals our peer institutions around the world.

78% OF $500M CAMPAIGN GOAL ACHIEVED

$391.2m Raised

11,821 DONORS*

$224.3M IN THE UQ INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018

12.16% SEVEN YEAR AVERAGE RETURN

CONSISTENT WITH INDUSTRY AVERAGE

12.16% RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018
The impact of your giving

2018 IN NUMBERS

Your generosity has contributed to genuinely life-changing outcomes in 2018. While numbers cannot accurately convey how meaningful support and encouragement has been for the students and researchers who received it, the figures below demonstrate the growth you have helped achieve.

You are part of a thriving UQ community that welcomed 1,351 new donors in 2018 and 11,907 new alumni. In 2018, as a member of this valued community you contributed to raising $65.8 million to achieve the campaign objectives of empowering student success, transforming teaching and learning, and driving discovery and impact, for the benefit of Queensland, Australia, and the world.

$65.8 MILLION RAISED

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289,974 ALUMNI + 11,907 IN 2018

750+ STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

4,068 GIFTS

OUR TOP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIPS
- ALASTAIR RUSHWORTH PHD SCHOLARSHIP
- CLARE ATKINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND
- UQ GATTON PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

3,692 DONORS

2,341 RETURNING DONORS 1,351 NEW DONORS

MORE THAN A THIRD OF THEM WERE FIRST TIME DONORS

Calling for change

STUDENTS CHANGING LIVES

Beginning in October, a group of UQ students embarked on a 10-week telephone campaign, reaching out to our alumni and community members to provide news and updates about the University, and also to garner support for Not If. When — the Campaign to Create Change.

586 GIFTS
35 STUDENT CALLERS
3,534 CONVERSATIONS
95% OF THESE DONORS ARE ALUMNI

THE MEMORABLE CONVERSATIONS I HAD WITH UQ ALUMNI WERE A REAL HIGHLIGHT. WE TALKED ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY AS WELL AS ALL OF THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY CAME ACROSS AFTER THEIR GRADUATION.

Ada Demir, Telephone Campaign student caller (inset)

MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THESE GIFTS WERE FROM FIRST TIME DONORS

Giving to a cause

We invite you to tell us about your passion – whether it’s protecting environments, nurturing futures, supporting families, enriching lives and culture, or tackling injustice - so we can provide the tools to make your vision a reality.

We’ll bring our expertise and determination, and work side by side with you to accelerate toward success.

By working together, we can confidently say, ‘Not if, when’.

Begin your journey to create change at uq.edu.au/giving, or contact us below.

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100% OF A DONOR’S CONTRIBUTION 60% TO THE NOMINATED CAUSE

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Stories of success
HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE HELPED

Thanks to the broad range of initiatives that UQ is directly involved in, from cancer research to wildlife emergency care, we are often able to connect donors with a cause that aligns with their values.

The University’s Area of Greatest Need fund enables donors to provide a boost to research, teaching, or student initiatives that, due to emerging or urgent needs, would benefit immensely from extra assistance.

In 2018, the University’s Area of Greatest Need received the highest number of individual donations from our generous donor community. More than 500 donors gave to the Area of Greatest Need and you can read about how their donations were used to help disadvantaged students succeed at study, provide new learning opportunities and assist vital research in the following pages.

Young Achievers Program graduate Adam Bonner (right) with his father Tim at their family farm in Queensland’s Darling Downs region. The Young Achievers Program is one of the areas that benefitted from donor funding through the University’s Area of Greatest Need Fund in 2018.
Balancing the books

TEXT BOOK AND LAPTOP SCHEME HELPS NEW STUDENTS

The orientation week induction for the Young Achievers Program (YAP) is the moment a group of young adults come together to realise their dream of attending university — and the excitement in the room is palpable.

While the induction is always a time of hope and youthful enthusiasm, it was even greater this year thanks to the generosity of donors. In late 2018, $25,000 from the Area of Greatest Need fund was allocated to the YAP, and was used to provide textbooks for incoming students.

UQ Young Achievers and Outreach Programs Manager, Matt Hoskins, said the program is a lifeline for aspiring university students who have faced hardship, particularly those who live in rural areas, who have additional financial and geographical barriers in attending university.

“We do everything to offer support and encouragement for students, but the toughest period is always the first six-weeks,” he said.

The YAP is an academic scholarship, and can only be administered after the census date in week six, meaning program participants still bear the brunt of the upfront costs of study, including text books and equipment.

“We’ve been looking at ways to decrease this burden so they can focus on succeeding,” Mr Hoskins said.

“Thanks to generous donor and government support, we’ve been able to provide incoming 2019 UQ students, who take part in the Young Achievers Program, with a laptop and a text book voucher during orientation.

“This equipment allows students to start the semester off with the resources they need and helps prevent them falling behind.”

Young Achievers Scholarship recipient and first-year engineering student Anna Dallmann (pictured, right) said the equipment made a real difference for her.

“I have been really stressed about how I would perform before the full scholarship instalment kicked in,” she said.

“Text books are expensive and my laptop is so old I worried it wouldn’t be able to run the programs required for engineering courses.

“This generous gift has really made such a difference.

“It was such a wonderful surprise — I cannot thank the donors enough, this means so much to me and to the others.”

The Young Achievers Program provides holistic support for school leavers that includes mentoring, network and financial support for students.

The program aims to provide all students, regardless of background, with the opportunity to access higher education at a university of their choice.

LEFT Young Achievers Program participants from years 11-12 during a UQ-hosted camp.

Thanks to the generosity of donors to YAP and the Area of Greatest Need
Creating hope

GENEROSITY PROPELS CLINICAL TRIAL OF DEMENTIA TREATMENT

In 2019, Brisbane will become the base for the safety testing of a revolutionary ultrasound technique that could delay the effects of dementia.

The trial led by researchers from The University of Queensland’s Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) has been propelled forward to this vital step thanks to the generosity of government and philanthropic sources.

John Quinn (pictured, below) a former school principal who is living with younger-onset dementia, said the treatment provides new hope to more than half-a-million Australians and their families who are affected by the disease.

“When I was diagnosed with dementia I felt like my whole personhood had been violated… I felt alone,” Mr Quinn said.

“I cannot put into words what this treatment would mean to the hundreds of thousands of people living with dementia.

“It would offer so much hope for them, for the future.

“If the researchers at UQ can progress this ultrasound treatment forward to the stage that it can be rolled out into the community it would be life-changing.”

Donors and government partners have come together to support this important work, and the potential time-line towards trials has been accelerated thanks to their support.

The research received an additional boost when $25,000 from the Area of Greatest Need fund contributed to the purchase of an important piece of equipment to carry out the next stages of work.

The new piece of Beckman Coulter equipment (pictured, right), will help test the quality of the samples used in the ultrasounds research, and plays an important part in ensuring accuracy and integrity in the research process is maintained.

QBI Director Professor Pankaj Sah said government and philanthropic funding would help researchers accelerate the development of the technology, and progress research to build understanding of the underlying mechanisms of dementia.

“The ultrasound technology temporarily opens the blood-brain barrier to remove toxic plaques from the brain and has successfully reversed Alzheimer’s disease symptoms and restored memory function in animal models,” Professor Sah said.

“The human safety trial planned to commence late this year is the next step to progress our research toward the clinic.

“Funding is essential if we are to continue to move closer to producing a non-invasive treatment for dementia, which affects more than 400,000 people nationwide.

“It is only with the support of donors like you that this research is progressing with such speed, and while there is still some way to go, your help has made a real difference.

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John Quinn
Living with younger-onset dementia
Boundless opportunities
UQ IDEA HUB BUILDS LEADERS OF TOMORROW

The eclectic streets of Shanghai and the colourful market city of Tel Aviv are worlds apart, but what they both share is a flourishing startup culture. Now the generosity of donors is helping talented students immerse themselves in these hotbeds of entrepreneurial activity to refine their skills and bring their newfound expertise back home.

The UQ Idea Hub Startup Adventure is an international program that provides opportunities for capable entrepreneurial students.

Program Director, Nimrod Klayman said the initiative builds astute, proactive and conscientious global citizens who contribute to their communities and the wider innovation economy in Australia.

“Our students take part in this immersive experience by working in a startup in a foreign country and become embedded in the cultural system, attending industry events, and establishing new networks,” Klayman said.

“They leave for this program and return completely changed — more driven, more mature, more engaged in their education and driving growth in their own ventures.”

Despite being a powerhouse for the production of leading minds and ideas, Australia has remained relatively isolated from the vibrant startup culture that has blossomed in other parts of the world.

As a result, we continue to lose some of our best talent to overseas markets and companies.

The UQ Idea Hub program has wide-reaching benefits for the participants and the Australian startup community.

“Some students from regional Australia have never seen a city larger than Brisbane, so exposing them to global markets introduces them to clients and gives them an appreciation of scale,” Klayman said.

Recent trips have taken students to Israel and China, and alumni of these programs have returned to Australia to apply their knowledge, and in many cases, establish thriving local businesses.

In 2018, a quarter of the funds received towards the Area of Greatest Need fund at UQ went towards Idea Hub’s Startup Adventure to enable more students than ever to take part in this life-changing experience.
Language barriers are not the only hurdle facing music students who seek to gain experience within international orchestras. For many, the most prohibitive aspect of pursuing this valuable work experience is cost. In a highly competitive industry, Australian music students are often limited to smaller, local performing opportunities, cut off from experiences readily available to their international counterparts.

To address this disparity, and give Australian students the chance to excel in careers abroad, the UQ School of Music has endeavoured to provide its students with international opportunities. Acting Head of the School of Music, Associate Professor Liam Viney, said one such initiative has been established with the Xi’an Symphony Orchestra in China.

In partnership with the Xi’an Symphony Orchestra and its Principal Conductor, UQ alumnus Dane Lam, the School of Music has taken students to China for the past two years to take part in rehearsals and performances with the orchestra.

“The UQ School of Music’s collaboration with the Xi’an Symphony Orchestra provides students with a compelling experience that combines cultural exploration and exchange with professional music-making at an international level,” Associate Professor Viney said.

“Our students benefit not only from working with Dane closely for almost an entire week in preparation for a major performance of significant symphonic repertoire, but also gain insight into what it takes to get from where they are now, to the world stage.”

UQ student and violinist, Ann Carew (pictured, right), who took part in the 2017 trip, said the experience was life changing.

“The opportunity to be embedded in a large international ensemble like the Xi’an Symphony Orchestra was immensely valuable for students like me who want to specialise in performance,” she said.

“There is no other way to determine whether you’re on the right path than to practice and perform with an orchestra. Being part of the program allowed us to try out this field of work and build connections for the future.”

Funding this program has been difficult for the school to sustain and previously not all costs could be covered for students. “We have worked hard to piece together funding for this program over the past two years but ideally we would like to reach a point where students do not have to cover any of their own costs for travel, because this is not possible for all students,” Associate Professor Viney said.

In 2019, students will have the opportunity to travel to Xi’an without any added financial burden, thanks to generous donors who gave to the Area of Greatest Need fund at UQ in 2018.
The University of Queensland acknowledges the support of its donors.

With the support of donors, UQ is able to create change by empowering student success, transforming teaching and learning, and driving discovery and impact. These achievements are only made possible because of the generosity of our donors, alumni, friends, industry partners and foundations.

A full list of 2018 donors to The University of Queensland is available at giving.uq.edu.au/donor-honour-roll-2018.

The community members* listed at right have generously donated their time and expertise to volunteer as part of the governing board for the Campaign to Create Change.

*Only UQ academic credentials are listed.
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