



Bequest Language

Here is sample bequest language for you to discuss with your advisors and consider including in your estate plan.

UNRESTRICTED vs. RESTRICTED GIFTS

Unrestricted gifts are especially valuable to Columbia because they allow the University to fulfill its highest priorities and greatest needs.

I give and bequeath \$ / percent of my residual estate to THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK for its general purposes.

Restricted gifts allow you to support a particular program or purpose you might have in mind. You may choose to help fund undergraduate financial aid, graduate fellowships, pioneering research, faculty salaries, libraries, or a particular area or department of interest.

I give and bequeath \$ / percent of my residual estate to THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK to ...

... provide scholarships for undergraduate students attending Columbia College/The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science/the School of General Studies.

... provide fellowships to graduate students studying in the School of or Department of _____.

If there is a particular area of study or program you would like to support, please call the Office of Gift Planning to discuss your wishes. We can provide you with the appropriate language to ensure your gift can be used as you intend.

CURRENT USE vs. ENDOWMENT

Establishing a current use fund for a specific program or department allows Columbia the flexibility of using the full amount of your gift as needed.

I give and bequeath \$ / percent of my residual estate to THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK to establish the [NAME OF FUND] Fund, a current use fund that will be used to support _____.

Establishing an **endowed fund** creates a permanent endowment that provides income every year in perpetuity to carry out its purposes. Endowed funds often take the form of scholarships, professorships, or other naming opportunities across the University's schools and programs. As minimum amounts for creating endowed funds vary over time, please consult with the Office of Gift Planning when considering this option. We can also help you craft bequest language that will fulfill both your wishes and the needs of the University.