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2024 by the numbers*



Philanthropic funds raised

1,647 | Number of individual donors

\$12.3m | Funds received from trusts and foundations

\$23.2m | Total philanthropic funds received incl. trusts and foundations



\$5.5m | Graduate philanthropic funds received

\$7.2m | Endowed philanthropic funds received



Alumni

170,000+ | Alumni living across 148 countries

20 | Alumni networks



Volunteers

3,138 | Volunteers in total

70,206 | Hours of volunteering equalling \$3.32 million in value



19 | Youngest donor

100 | Oldest donor



World rankings

5

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Australian Financial Review Best Universities Ranking

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128

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*1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Thank you

Your generosity, and that of our entire donor community, ensures we continue to lead in education and research excellence, making a lasting impact on our students, our State, and society. Thank you.

Breaking new ground, developing knowledge, and shaping the future have always been central to our mission and in 2024 our dedication to excellence was recognised on a global scale, with the University rising to 82nd in the QS World University Rankings for 2025 – a testament to our world-class research and academic standing.

In 2024, as we celebrated our 150th year, we engaged with more than 1.4 million members of our community, including donors, students, staff, alumni, partners and supporters through events and partnerships that honoured our past and inspire our future. As a valued member of our community, we are grateful for the invaluable role you have played in our 150-year history.

In 2024, thanks to the extraordinary support of our donors and partners, the University received \$23.2 million in philanthropic funds from 1,647 donors, including \$12.3 million from trusts and foundations. This generosity enabled a significant investment into research and the awarding of 231 donor-funded scholarships, totalling \$1.5 million, providing invaluable financial support to students and opening doors to new opportunities. Your support drove groundbreaking research, with philanthropic investment helping to deliver world-class outcomes that benefit societies worldwide.

Our alumni community continues to be one of our greatest assets, with more than 170,000 alumni across 148 nations making a positive impact in diverse fields. Their contributions, alongside those of our academic and professional staff, inspire us to strive for excellence in everything we do.

As we look ahead, we are preparing for a bold new chapter. On 1 January 2026, we will open the doors to Adelaide University, marking the beginning of a transformative era in education and research. With a vision for signature research themes, innovative new courses, an enhanced student experience, and a reimagined campus masterplan, this change will be one of the most significant in the history of Australian Higher Education.

Your generosity has helped us build a legacy of impact, and as we continue this journey, we are deeply grateful for your belief in our mission. Philanthropy is an investment in education, in the future of our students, and in the strength of our society. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.



Professor Peter Høj AC
Vice-Chancellor and President

A breakthrough formulation

Thanks to the support of the James and Diana Ramsay Foundation, the SAiGENCI (South Australian immunoGENomics Cancer Institute) research team at the University of Adelaide will this year commence a new clinical trial – one that could transform how we protect patients' skin during radiation treatment.

Each year, nearly 100,000 Australians undergo radiation therapy – an essential treatment for cancer, yet one that can come with debilitating side effects. Among the more distressing is radiation-induced dermatitis (RID), which affects around 95% of patients, with some patients having severe pain, peeling, itching, and redness, impacting their overall quality of life. In some cases, long-term scarring and disfigurement may occur.

Leading the clinical trial is Associate Professor Hannah Wardill, head of the University of Adelaide's Supportive Oncology Research Group, who is working alongside Director of SAiGENCI, Professor Chris Sweeney, and radiation oncologist Associate Professor Hien Le. Their research team has identified the potential of parthenolide, a compound extracted from the feverfew daisy plant, in shielding normal cells from radiation damage.

"The team has developed a topical parthenolide formulation designed to protect patients' skin, reducing the severity of RID without compromising the effectiveness of radiation therapy. If successful, this innovation could provide much-needed relief for patients and improve their quality of life during and after treatment," Associate Professor Wardill said.

"Currently, there are no universally approved treatments to prevent or manage RID, and the only way to avoid worsening symptoms is to reduce the dose or frequency of radiation – potentially lowering survival outcomes. This research offers new hope."

"With continued support, we are one step closer to ensuring no patient has to suffer needlessly from radiation treatment," she said.

This project is in collaboration with the Royal Adelaide Hospital's Radiation Oncology team and has also been made possible through a collaboration with Plantworx who are developing the lotion. It is also deeply inspired by the late Peter Francis, founder of Plantworx, whose lived experience with head and neck cancer and whose belief in plant-based medicine united the team behind this work.



Associate Professor Hannah Wardill



Lachlan Matheson

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Hunter scholarship motivates aspiring doctor

Growing up in regional Victoria, Doctor of Medicine student, Lachlan Matheson, always had an interest in pursuing a career in health, but it wasn't until his younger brother was airlifted to hospital that his passion for medicine was sparked.

“I loved many aspects of living rurally including being part of a small close-knit community and being involved in a wide range of sporting and community groups. However, I could also see the health disparity that can exist between

metropolitan centres and their regional counterparts,” Lachlan said.

“When I was in year 12 my younger brother had a severe asthma attack requiring air retrieval to the Royal Children's Hospital. Witnessing the amazing work of the healthcare professionals, in addition to seeing the lack of both access and availability of services in my community (often when you need them most) was the motivation for studying medicine.

Determined to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor, Lachlan took a gap year to work and save before starting his studies. Now in the final years of his degree, he is grateful for the financial support of the Tom and Elizabeth Hunter Scholarship, which helps ease the pressures of study and placements.

Established in 2015, the endowed scholarship provides vital support to

Doctor of Medicine students in the final three years of their studies. The donor hopes that his gifts will create a lasting impact, inspiring scholarship recipients to make a difference in their own way in their lifetimes.

“I am incredibly grateful for the support the Tom and Elizabeth Hunter Scholarship has given. This scholarship has significantly reduced the financial burden associated with my studies and placements. I believe it is a great privilege to work in healthcare, and beyond the financial assistance this scholarship has also motivated me to continue to aspire for a career in serving others and giving back to those less fortunate,” Lachlan said.

Nyland joins the 150 Club



The Honourable Margaret Nyland AM at her graduation in 1964

The Honourable Margaret Nyland AM (LL B 1964) has been an inspiration to a generation of lawyers and it is through her generosity and commitment to give back that she will continue to support future generations of students studying law at the University of Adelaide.

A founding member of the Dean of Law's Fund, Margaret has a long history of giving back to the University and its students, but it is through her recent gift to the John Bray Law Scholarship that she will join fellow donors in the Adelaide Law School 150 Club.

"I feel in a way that I have a debt to pay because I was looked after so well by so many people who assisted me in completing my studies" Margaret said.

"I feel very strongly about supporting young people in their careers. Law is an expensive course to undertake and takes a lot of time. I certainly had moments of finding it too difficult and wanting to give up, but persisted, with the support of many.

"I encourage students to complete their Law courses as they will get much joy and satisfaction from helping other people solve their problems in the future. I hope this scholarship will ease the financial pressure in the final year of study, provide encouragement to students to keep going in the tough times, and provide a great connection between the John Bray Scholarship donors and alumni" she said.

A special relationship

John Bray AC QC taught Roman law to Margaret during her undergraduate studies. He also provided the pivotal introduction to lawyer Pam Cleland, who was a partner in his law firm which enabled Margaret to obtain a position as an Articled Clerk and complete her qualifications for admission at a time when she had been repeatedly rejected for employment by several law firms on the sole ground of being a female. During her articles she also clerked for John Bray on frequent occasions as Pam Cleland believed she would benefit from that experience. Bray subsequently appeared as her counsel and moved her admission to the Bar in 1965. "I became a lawyer when John Bray moved my admission, and as time passed we became close friends", Margaret said.

Join the 150 Club

With your support, we aspire to raise \$300,000, for an endowed fund to enable up to two John Bray Law scholarships to be awarded annually in perpetuity.

Successful recipients would be determined with a preference toward applicants who demonstrate financial need and academic merit.



Law scholarship opens doors

Adelaide Law School alum Lachlan Blake (LLB (Hons), 2020) received the John Bray Law Scholarship in 2020, and acknowledges it had a meaningful impact on his studies, mental health, and career path.

“The scholarship allowed me to focus on my studies and research work, entering my Honours year at Adelaide Law School. It took a lot of financial pressure off me as a part-time worker and helped me make the most of my studies. Being a recipient also helped me to find work after university,” Lachlan said.

“I enjoyed my time at Adelaide, and I was greatly supported by my friends and the helpful staff. A lot of what I appreciate most about Adelaide Law School came from extra-curricular

opportunities, including working in research units, going on study tours and exchange, publishing a few journal articles, and of course, editing *The Hilarian* (a career highlight). The connections I made at Adelaide Law School are still relevant to my professional life today!”

Lachlan is now an associate at Corrs Chambers Westgarth in Sydney and continues to pursue legal volunteering and publishing.

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I am grateful to this day for the donors who made this scholarship possible for me.”

Lachlan Blake



Lachlan Blake

One Bright Future

One Bright Future is the University of Adelaide's ambitious campaign to celebrate our 150-year anniversary by establishing 150 new scholarships across various disciplines and academic levels by December 2025.

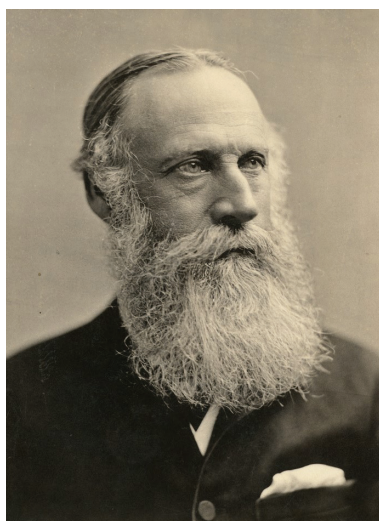
This initiative empowers donors to make a tangible difference in the lives of students in financial need, high achievers, rural and remote, and international students. The campaign's theme, symbolised by a jigsaw puzzle, beautifully illustrates how every donor's contribution is a crucial piece in creating a brighter future for our students. Our digital jigsaw puzzle not only recognises donors publicly but also provides them with a platform to share their inspiring stories.

In November 2024, the University hosted a vibrant cocktail function bringing together current and prospective donors to rally support for this transformative campaign. Since January 2023, we have proudly added 22 new scholarships and 4 perpetual scholarships, raising an impressive

\$1,775,280.20 to date. The enthusiasm and generosity of our community are driving us closer to our goal, and we are excited about the incredible impact we are creating together.



Top left: Peter Vandeleur, The Honourable Catherine Branson AC SC, Chancellor. Top right: Terry Farquharson, Barbara Hallion, John Semmler. Above: Jane Trotter, Jim Myhill, Paul Hoadley. Pina Noack Left: Daryl Regan, Emily Kelly, Peter Vandeleur



How it all began...

Since our founding 150 years ago, scholarships have been a cornerstone of opportunity, alleviating the financial burden and providing the support to transform lives through the gift of education. Throughout our history we have relied on the generous support of donors to fund scholarships. Our first scholarship was established in 1878 by The Hon. John Howard Angas (1823-1904). On October

25th, 1878 bestowed £4,000 upon the University. His generous gift aimed to nurture the aspirations of budding scientists, especially civil engineers, envisioning their pivotal role in shaping South Australia's future.

Today, the Angas Engineering Travel Scholarship continues to uphold its noble legacy, ensuring that dreams continue to flourish.

Invest in our future history makers. Pledge your commitment today.

We welcome you to be a part of something extraordinary. You can champion our next generation of trailblazers through the **One Bright Future** scholarship initiative.

For more information, please get in touch at +61 8 8313 5800 or email development@adelaide.edu.au. Additionally, you can visit our website at adelaide.edu.au/give/one-bright-future or scan the QR code.



Dylan Alcott Foundation

The Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship, established with the goal of removing barriers for young people living with disability, has given Daphne Dale the resources she needs to excel in her studies and explore all the possibilities the Bachelor of Science degree has to offer.

Daphne has lived her whole life with a physical disability called Osteogenesis Imperfecta, a condition which causes her bones to be fragile and break easily. This meant Daphne often missed school due to broken bones and dislocated joints.

Now undertaking the Bachelor of Science with a dream of pursuing marine biology, Daphne is extremely passionate about studying the natural world, but initially found university challenging as she was focused on finding paid work to cover travel and study expenses. However, the Scholarship has removed some financial stress and allowed Daphne to invest in accessibility aids to help her complete her assignments and seek volunteer opportunities.

“At the Dylan Alcott Foundation, we believe in equal opportunities for all individuals, and the transformative power of education. Our hope is to create lasting change, where the students we support feel as though they have the backing to succeed. We want to give students the best chance to enjoy their studies, be social and enjoy the full university experience,” said Dylan Alcott AO.

“The university experience has a lot to offer, not simply the study and qualification, but being part of a

community, meeting new people, having all that social engagement, sharing your experiences and testing your own ideas and thoughts in a broader context.

“This scholarship will go a long way to sustaining a student while they are at uni, and the Dylan Alcott Foundation is so delighted to be partnering with the University to make the scholarship happen,” Dylan said.

This year Daphne has enjoyed making new friends and attending field trips, and she’s excited about what the future holds, hoping to find employment where she can share her love for marine biology and palaeobiology with the world.

“I want to say thank you to the donors for this scholarship – I am so grateful for your belief in me and others like me.” Daphne



Daphne Dale

Walter and Dorothy's legacy



Walter Duncan,
circa 1930

For nearly 40 years, the endowed Walter & Dorothy Duncan Trust, which was established through a bequest to the University of Adelaide, has been transforming lives through education, providing more than \$1 million in grants to over 1,600 students in financial need.

Your legacy

Gifts in Wills provide vital support to our students through scholarships, enable our researchers to address the world's greatest problems and provide the finest facilities and equipment for learning and discovery.

A gift in your Will can honour your life's work, pay tribute to a loved one, invest in an area you are passionate about, or leave an enduring legacy to support future generations of students.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will, visit: adelaide.edu.au/give/a-gift-in-your-will

Among the many recipients is Sisanda, a PhD candidate in Medicine, whose journey has been profoundly shaped by this generous support.

Born in Zimbabwe, Sisanda's passion for science was inspired by her parents – a nurse and a science teacher – who made great sacrifices to create better opportunities for their family. "My dream growing up has always been to become a Medical Doctor," she shares.

Thanks to the Walter & Dorothy Duncan Trust Scholarship, Sisanda was able to attend the Nutrition 2024 Conference in Chicago, where she presented her research on colorectal cancer and Crohn's on an international stage. "The scholarship was instrumental in shaping my academic and professional trajectory, granting me opportunities that would have otherwise been out of reach."

Sisanda credits the scholarship with playing a key role in her transition from a Master of Philosophy in Medical Science to a PhD program, which she expects to complete by mid-2026.

"The scholarship was a turning point in my academic career, opening doors to international networking, publishing, and research opportunities that have profoundly shaped my development as a researcher."

"It has empowered me to pursue opportunities that have advanced my work and opened new doors. The impact goes far beyond financial assistance – it provides the chance for students like me to make a difference in the world which I dream of doing in my future medical career."

Growing a future in Agriculture

Caleb Schaefer's love for agriculture started as a kid, sitting in the tractor with his dad and helping wherever he could.

A third-year Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences student, Caleb's early years were filled with hands-on farming experiences in country SA, working alongside his family and learning the challenges of farming in marginal environments.

"It's a tough but rewarding way of life, and it's where I found my passion," Caleb shares.

"I am so grateful for the Show Society Foundation Scholarship. It doesn't just help financially - it sends a powerful message that the Foundation believes in students like me and the future of agriculture. It's inspiring, and I'm committed to using this support to make a difference."

"This scholarship has been a game-changer. It's relieved financial pressures and allowed me to fully immerse myself in university life and focus on my studies while taking part in activities that have really broadened my horizons," Caleb explains.

One standout opportunity was a study tour across southern Queensland, where Caleb explored innovative agricultural practices and gained a deeper understanding of the industry.

"My goal is to return to my family farm and drive positive change in the South Australian Mallee. I want to bring fresh ideas back to our region and show how we can adapt and grow, enhancing sustainability and efficiency. Agriculture is constantly evolving, and I'm eager to be part of that progress," Caleb said.



Caleb Schaefer

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The Show Society Foundation seeks to provide opportunity and support to students who otherwise may not have had the ability to further their education in the primary industry sector. Through the Show Society Foundation Scholarship in Agriculture, the Foundation wants to contribute towards the education of the future custodians and decision makers in South Australia's primary industries, providing a pathway to continued success and future growth within all fields of primary industry within Australia.”

Mark McKay, The Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA

Make a difference

Making a gift to the University will help transform the lives of our students and researchers and help them find answers to the big challenges of our time.

Your gift will have an impact for many years to come and play a vital role in helping others realise their potential.

If you are inspired to make a difference, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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