



Information on Scholarships

The Women's College is a community which prides itself on fostering leadership, scholarship and philanthropy. As a secular institution founded at a time in colonial history when women were newly admitted to university study, The Women's College was a visionary project, the first of its kind in the Commonwealth. The majority of funds for its foundation were raised by public subscription, in small amounts, from many private individuals who saw the benefit of supporting an institution which promoted the intellectual and social advancement of women. Their vision and their philanthropy set a course for the College which remains just as relevant today.

The Women's College is still entirely self-sufficient and receives no funding from the university, state or federal governments, or religious entities. Thanks to the generosity of alumnae, parents and friends of the College, the benefits of a College-enhanced education for many, many students have been made possible from their donations and bequests.

Thank you very much indeed for considering a philanthropic gift to The Women's College.

If you have specific requirements you would like to discuss in relation to your gift, it is useful to have a discussion with the College in advance. For example, "I would like to endow a gift to provide a scholarship for":

- Indigenous women of merit in any year of their degree
- Women studying post graduate medicine or nursing
- Women from a rural town studying architecture

If you are contemplating donating an amount for a scholarship, please consider whether you want a scholarship that lasts in perpetuity i.e. the capital is preserved in real terms over time, or one that exhausts the capital. A one-off donation is where the total donated capital is fully utilised over a short time frame, such as \$10,000 gift to provide a \$2,000 scholarship for 5 years. Alternatively, a one-off donation can be added to the College's own general scholarship fund.

A substantial perpetual scholarship, for example, requires a base level of funding of at least \$500,000, which generates \$15,000 per year assuming a 3% return. A gift of \$100,000 would ensure a perpetual scholarship of \$3,000 per year assuming 3% return. The College currently endeavours to reinvest a portion of any interest earnings back into the capital fund to protect the real value of perpetual scholarship over time. Current residential fees at the College are \$24,130pa all inclusive.

To ensure the College maintains its capacity to provide the very best residential and educational environment, open scholarships are greatly appreciated as they give the College flexibility to enhance its own scholarship fund and provide support to students on an "as needed" basis at the College's discretion.

The College is delighted to receive notifications of bequests and we are available to work with you and your legal advisors to ensure that your wishes are respected.

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