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How to leave a gift in your Will

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Introduction

For more than 75 years, the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) has brought scientists together, supported research and education, and helped advance our understanding of the structure of matter.

Crystallography plays an essential role across science, from understanding biological molecules to developing new materials and medicines.

The IUCr works internationally to advance crystallography and structural science through its scientific publications, conferences, educational programmes, outreach initiatives and development of internationally recognised standards.

Leaving a gift to the IUCr in your Will is one way to help sustain this work for future generations. Your contribution could help expand access to scientific education, support researchers at the beginning of their careers and strengthen international collaboration.

Every gift, whatever its size, is appreciated. It is an opportunity to contribute to a scientific community that has advanced knowledge and supported researchers around the world for decades.

This guide explains the practical steps involved in leaving a gift to the IUCr, including the different types of gifts you may wish to consider and the importance of obtaining independent legal advice.

Leaving a gift

Leaving a gift in your Will offers an opportunity to support the scientific community that has contributed to your research, career or interest in crystallography.

The IUCr's work spans many areas of structural science, from maintaining international standards and publishing reliable research to supporting education, outreach and collaboration across borders.

Supporting what matters to you

You may wish your gift to contribute to the IUCr's general activities, allowing it to respond to future priorities and emerging needs.

Alternatively, you may have a particular interest in scientific education, early-career researchers, international outreach or another aspect of the IUCr's mission.

If you would like your gift to support a specific purpose, we encourage you to contact us before making arrangements. This will allow us to discuss whether your wishes can be accommodated and how your contribution could be used effectively.

A note on independent legal advice

Making or updating a Will is an important personal decision. We recommend seeking independent legal advice to ensure that your wishes are recorded correctly and can be carried out.

If you live outside the UK or have assets in more than one country, you should consult an appropriately qualified legal adviser about the arrangements that apply to your circumstances.

Making a Will and types of gifts

Leaving a gift in your Will can be a straightforward way to support the future of crystallography, while ensuring that your family, friends and other personal priorities are provided for. If you already have a Will, your adviser can explain how to amend it. Depending on the law applicable to your Will, this may involve preparing a new Will or adding a codicil, a legal document that modifies an existing Will.

Types of gifts you could leave

A fixed sum (pecuniary gift)

You can leave a specified amount of money in your chosen currency. Your adviser can explain how the value of the gift might be protected against inflation, where appropriate.

A share of your estate (residuary gift)

You can leave all or a percentage of what remains of your estate after debts, expenses and other specified gifts have been paid.

A specific gift

You may wish to leave a particular asset, such as property, shares, books, scientific collections or other items of value.

If you are considering leaving a specific asset, please **contact the IUCr** in advance to discuss whether it can be accepted and how it could support the Union's activities.

Suggested wording

Important introductory note

The following examples illustrate how different types of gifts might be described. They are not legally approved clauses and should not be copied directly into a Will.

A qualified legal adviser should prepare or approve the final wording using the IUCr's confirmed legal identity and any additional information required by the relevant jurisdiction.

The IUCr is incorporated in Switzerland and operates internationally. The legal and tax treatment of a gift may therefore vary according to your country of residence, the location of your assets and the law governing your Will.

Pecuniary legacy – a fixed sum

"I give to Union internationale de cristallographie (International Union of Crystallography), a Swiss association having its legal domicile in Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss UID CHE-106.361.448), the sum of [insert currency and amount], to be used for its general purposes. The receipt of a duly authorised representative of the Union shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

Residuary legacy – all or part of your estate

"I give [the whole or specified percentage] of the residue of my estate to Union internationale de cristallographie (International Union of Crystallography), a Swiss association having its legal domicile in Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss UID CHE-106.361.448), to be used for its general purposes. The receipt of a duly authorised representative of the Union shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

Specific legacy – an item or asset

"I give [description of item or asset] to Union internationale de cristallographie (International Union of Crystallography), a Swiss association having its legal domicile in Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss UID CHE-106.361.448), to be used for its general purposes. The receipt of a duly authorised representative of the Union shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

If you have already included the IUCr in your Will, or are considering doing so, we would welcome hearing from you.

Letting us know helps us understand the support being considered for the IUCr's future work and gives us an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

You do not need to disclose the amount or value of your intended gift.

Any information you choose to share will be handled confidentially. Informing us of your intentions is entirely optional and does not create a legal commitment. You remain free to change your plans at any time.

To discuss leaving a gift or to register your intentions, please contact the IUCr Secretariat.

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