

Your legacy to the future of biology

Support us in contributing to improving
life for all



What we do

The Royal Society of Biology is a single unified voice for biology: advising Government and influencing policy; advancing education and professional development; supporting our members, and engaging and encouraging public interest in the life sciences. The Society represents a diverse membership of individuals, learned societies and other organisations.

Individual members include practising scientists, students at all levels, professionals in academia, industry and education, and non-professionals with an interest in biology.

Understanding the life sciences is central to so many aspects of our lives and the future of the planet. Biology can help provide answers to global problems: the environment, health, food production and sustainability, to name a few.

Our mission is to be the unifying voice for biology in the UK, to facilitate the promotion of new discoveries in biological science for national and international benefit, and to engage the wider public with our work.

School students

We aim to inspire people from an early age and get them interested in biology. With more funding we can create more free activity resources for teachers to run Biology Week events.

Early career members

We offer a range of financial support for those embarking on a career in science, from travel grants to discounted training courses. With your gift, we can offer more of this financial help.

Career-break returners

We have a range of resources available to ensure returners stay up to date while they are away and feel supported when they return to a job in the life sciences.

Local groups

Our regional grant scheme allows members to apply for funding to put on local biology events. In 2017, the RSB supported more than 35 events around the UK and has ambitious plans to grow the programme.

Where will my money go?

Your gift will help us to support future biologists, and continue to inspire new generations.

We are continually looking to increase our reach throughout the UK and overseas. By directly supporting our members and the wider public, we can ensure the future is bright for the biosciences and biologists. From grant schemes and annual competitions, to professional training and school resources, the RSB is inspiring and supporting biologists at all levels.

A gift in your Will which is unrestricted is always the most helpful, as it allows us to use your gift where there is greatest need at that time. However, if you are particularly passionate about a specific area of our work, you could restrict your legacy gift to it. Please do contact us if you are considering this option to ensure the wording of your Will matches our activities.

“*As someone taking a year out of formal education to get research experience, this grant will make a huge difference!*”

Fergus, a recent early career RSB travel grant winner

Leaving a gift in your Will

Making a Will is one of the most important decisions you make. It is more affordable and straightforward than many people realise.

To make a Will, or to update an existing Will, we recommend that you contact a solicitor or appropriately qualified Will-writing professional. Alternatively, contact one of our team members for further information. There are a number of ways to incorporate a gift into your Will, and we will be happy to try to help you find the right one for you.

Our website contains further information on the type of gift you can leave; suggested wording for your gift; and how to quote the RSB in your Will to ensure your donation reaches us. Please visit rsb.org.uk/donate for more information.

As a registered charity, a gift to the RSB in your Will is tax free. If you think your estate might be liable to Inheritance Tax, you can ask your solicitor for further information about making a tax-effective Will. Once you've remembered your loved ones, remember your passion for biology. No matter how big or small, your gift will make a difference.

Contact us

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will. If you would like to know more about any particular aspect of the Society's work, or if you have a query about anything in this booklet, please get in touch.

You can find further information and resources at rsb.org.uk/donate

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Already left a gift?

We'd love to hear from you. You can pledge your gift online on our website or get in touch with us personally by contacting Ana Ilic on the number above. We would like to thank you and keep you more closely involved with our work through occasional special communications and events.

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