Note for those wishing to leave a bequest to Goldsmiths’ College, University of London in their will

Thank you for your interest in helping Goldsmiths. If you would like to leave a legacy gift to Goldsmiths, the following suggested wording may be used as a starting point for you to liaise with a solicitor.

Suggested wording for legacies

I give x% of my Residuary Estate OR the sum of £x to Goldsmiths’ College (also known as Goldsmiths’ College, University of London) of New Cross, London, SE14 6NW, United Kingdom (“the University”) for [delete as appropriate]:

OPTION 1 (for an unrestricted gift)

• its general purposes as an educational charity

OPTION 2 (for a gift towards student support)

• its general purposes as an educational charity and I request that that the funds be used for the financial support of students as deemed appropriate by the Registrar and Secretary or other proper officer at that time.

OPTION 3 (for a gift towards a particular department within the University)

• its general purposes as an educational charity and I request that the legacy be used within the [name of department], in such a way as the University Registrar and Secretary or other proper officer at that time should deem appropriate. In the event that the said [name of department] shall cease to exist or amalgamate with another department, school or college or change its name before my death then I request that the University apply the said [legacy/residue] to such other school within the University as the Registrar and Secretary or other proper officer shall in his or her absolute discretion think fit.

I direct that the receipt of the University’s Director of Finance or other proper officer for the time being of the University shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Trustees who shall not be required to see the application of the said [legacy/residue].

Adding to your existing will

If you have already made a will, you can add a beneficiary to it by means of a codicil. The example wording below is to be used as a starting point for you to liaise with a solicitor.

In addition to any legacies given in my Will I give to Goldsmiths’ College (also known as Goldsmiths’ College, University of London) of New Cross, London, SE14 6NW, United Kingdom (“the University”) x% share of my Residuary Estate OR the sum of £x for its general purposes as an educational charity [or any of the options above].

In all other respects I confirm my Will and any other codicils to it.
Goldsmiths’ charitable status

Goldsmiths is an exempt charity for which the Office for Students (OfS) is the principal regulator on behalf of the Charity Commission. For more information, see:


and for our charity information requirements see:

https://www.gold.ac.uk/publication-scheme/charity/