



# TRUST NEWS

Summer 2019

## Trust provides help for 13 needy students in 2019

The Trust is giving support to 13 needy students in 2019, up from 12 last year, thanks to the generosity of donors and supporters.

The help is going to five honours students in the form of Trust bursaries and the Margaret Thomas Scholarship and to eight undergraduates in the form of top-up assistance for meals and textbooks.

The grants are in line with policy changes made last year following new state aid covering tuition fees for many needy undergraduates.



The Trust's support is going to students from a wide range of disciplines, including medicine, engineering, science, social science and the arts.

All the students are from families with gross household incomes below R122,000 (below about £7,200) per annum.

The need remains very great, evidenced by the many stories of the challenges faced by poor students trying to pursue their studies. You can make a vital difference by giving as generously as you can to the Trust.

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# Please tell us who you are!

An unfortunate consequence of new data protection laws is that Virgin Money Giving no longer provides the Trust with details of supporters who have made donations using their system. The records of donations made are anonymised.



This means that the reports accessed by the Trust now show the amount given and the date of the donation but not who made it. The Trustees would be grateful if donors would let the Trust know when they have made a donation, if they are happy for the Trust to have this information.

The best way to do this when making a donation via Virgin Money Giving is to use the optional message field, although there is also an optional name/nickname field. The donation form on the Virgin Money Giving site appears thus:

### My Donation

How would you like to donate?

Pay monthly  Single amount

Choose amount

Specify an amount

I would like to add 2% (£0.60) on top of my donation to cover the transaction fee for the charity. [Find out more.](#)

Leave a message (optional) [> Staying safe online](#)

255 characters left

Leave your name / nickname (optional)

You are donating £30

The records provided to the Trust do include any messages left.

Alternatively, you may wish to email the Trust at [info@ukznuktrust.org](mailto:info@ukznuktrust.org) to let us know of your donation.

# Remember the Trust in your will to provide a lasting legacy

In thinking about how to dispose of your estate in your will, loved ones come first – but many people also want to make sure they leave something to charitable causes they support.

The work of the Trust has benefited in the past from a few wonderful people who have remembered to make some provision for the charity before they passed on. We would encourage our supporters to follow their example when writing or updating their wills.



You can do so in the knowledge that even a small bequest or legacy could make an extraordinary difference to the life of a needy student, with possibly lasting benefit for their community and wider society.

The simplest way to provide a gift amount for the Trust is to write a new will. This voids any previous wills. It makes sense to use professional advice, e.g. from a solicitor.

Another way is to write a codicil, a document used to make simple changes to an existing will such as adding a gift amount for a charity. Be aware that, if you later make a new will, you would need to make sure it revokes not only all wills but also all codicils previously made, to avoid legal problems.

Remember that charitable legacies or bequests can be a fixed sum (pecuniary) or a share of your estate after your other wishes have been carried out (residuary).

Make sure that you give full details of the charity you want to benefit – name, address and charity number – and the desired amount.

The Trust's details are:

Name: University of KwaZulu-Natal UK Trust

Address: Flat G, 317 Leigham Court Road, London SW16 2RX

Registered charity in England & Wales number: 1004047

# ***You can help – please raise money for the Trust***

Virgin Money Giving allows you to create your own online sponsorship pages in aid of charities including the Trust.



We urge you to bring in donations through sponsored activities or events.



Marathon runs are a popular choice but appeals in relation to a significant birthday or other occasion can bring in much-needed funds.

Simply set up your page following the instructions at

[www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com)

and let friends, family and other potential sponsors know, as well as the Trust. We will be glad to assist.



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## Connect with the Trust on social media



Find us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/UKZNUKTrust](http://www.facebook.com/UKZNUKTrust)

Trust Chair Roger Smith welcomes contacts from UK alumni and supporters via **LinkedIn**. See: [www.linkedin.com/in/rogersmithuksa](http://www.linkedin.com/in/rogersmithuksa)

Note the UKZN Alumni Relations team also has a presence on Facebook.

For the latest news about the Trust, as well as information for donors, go to the charity's website at: [www.ukznuktrust.org](http://www.ukznuktrust.org)

### ***Keep in touch!***

Please make sure the UKZN Alumni Relations Office and the Trust have your up-to-date contact details, including for email.

Remember to email [alumni@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:alumni@ukzn.ac.za) and [info@ukznuktrust.org](mailto:info@ukznuktrust.org) with any changes.

Add these two email addresses to your online address book or contact list so our emails are not rejected as spam.