

How can you contribute?

With a bequest

We take over all of the associated rights and obligations and will ensure that your last wishes are respected. We will use your estate for research at our Institute in your name.

With a legacy

If you want to grant the Max Planck Foundation for Human Development part of your estate, a legacy is the format of choice. For example, you can leave assets, stocks and bonds, or real estate.

With an endowment

If you want to support our innovative research permanently, you can leave the Max Planck Foundation for Human Development an endowment in your will. The endowment capital is not spent, it is profitably invested and can thus be effective far into the future.

Passing on values

Our Foundation is exempt from inheritance tax. Your bequest will be used as you wish without tax deduction.

Donations without allocation to a certain purpose provide us with the opportunity to make flexible use of the funds as required at a given time. If you would like to support certain research topics or projects, talk to us. We can then work together to ensure that your concrete wish is fulfilled and your values are preserved.

“With your donation, you are contributing to research on better living conditions in an ever more rapidly changing world.”

Dr. Olaf von Maydell, Member of the Board

You have questions?

We are happy to advise you in your deliberations, put together information material, and help you contact the experienced experts of the foundation responsible for us, the Max Planck Foundation.



Donation Account

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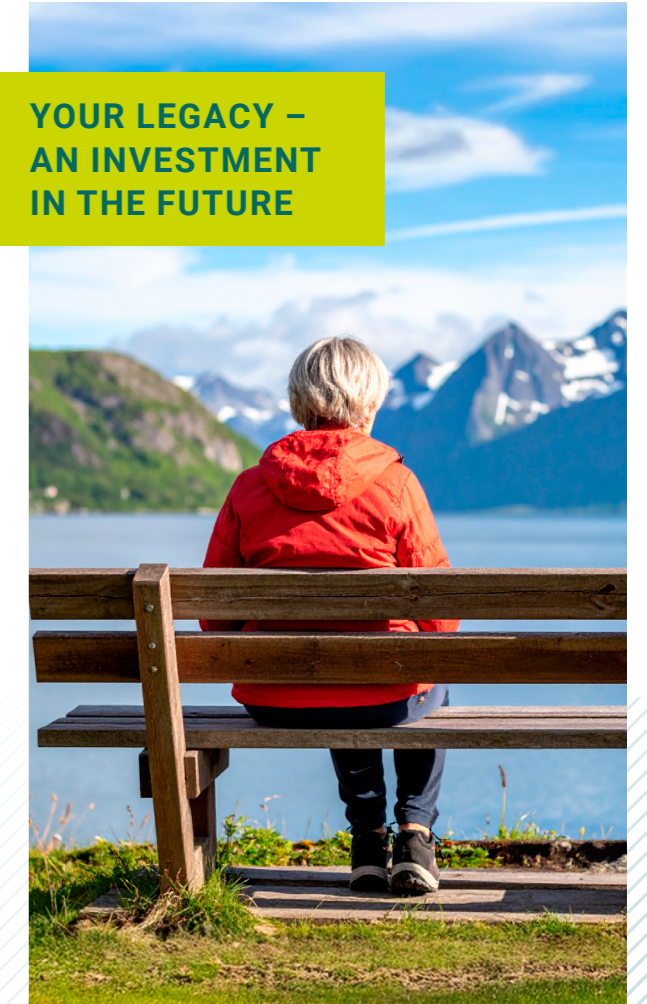
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**YOUR LEGACY –
AN INVESTMENT
IN THE FUTURE**



Your legacy in support of science

The world we know is changing. The rapid development of artificial intelligence, profound political transformation and global challenges such as climate change not only exist in parallel, they influence and strengthen each other.

In order to shape this time of change in the best possible way, we need science as an important tool. Basic research creates new ideas and competencies for humankind to rely on when dealing with the pressing challenges of today and shaping the future actively.

Driven by the idea that our living conditions should be shaped so as to allow everyone to fulfil their individual potential, we at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development want to understand how we develop in the context of our physical, societal and technological environment, which factors play a role and how they influence each other.

With your legacy in support of our research at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, you allow a world to be formed that will also be livable for future generations. By supporting our research with your legacy, you help to find sustainable responses to the urgent questions of our time and send a clear signal in favor of science.

Our topics

With our overarching topics, we focus on change and the challenges of our time and link our research within interdisciplinary projects to decode the complexity of our environments.



In which environment do we live healthily and happily?

Countryside or town: Our direct environment influences our mental health as well as the functioning and structure of our brain. Using state-of-the-art imaging methods, we can identify changes and investigate their concrete causes. In this way, we can find out which environmental factors are important for our well-being and health.



How do we age healthily and successfully?

We are growing older all the time. That is good news, but also confronts us with challenges. In our research we connect psychology, neuroscience, and AI research to recognize the potential of every phase of life and to make use of it. The insights gained contribute to shaping our society so that we can age more healthily and older generations' knowledge and experience can be actively integrated into our communities.



How do we strengthen Generation Alpha for the future?

Our children are growing up in a world that is changing rapidly. Digital spheres are increasingly interlocked with our everyday lives and sometimes even dominate them. This has consequences for our mental and physical health and requires high levels of adaptation. We want to find out how children cope and how we can best support them as they mature and learn.



How do we decide the future?

Although our actions are linked to manifold risks and uncertainties, people usually make good decisions. We investigate the cognitive tools and strategies that enable us to do this. If we know and understand the ways in which we adapt them to new situations such as digital spaces or complex environments, we can make decision-making easier both in the personal and the societal realm. This allows us to face the questions of the future competently.



How does the digital space influence democracy?

New dynamics and networks with direct effects on the real world are developing in digital space: Democracies can be strengthened but also destabilized, minorities can find a common voice but also be disproportionately amplified. We want to find out how the expression and formation of opinion work in digital spaces, how they are influenced by algorithms and under which circumstances AI can help us to not only maintain democratic principles but even to promote them.



How can we get better at acting together and for each other?

Artificial intelligence is a powerful tool. Used wisely, it can promote the international community and improve all our lives. Our social interactions will tread new paths with its help and enable communication across language and cultural barriers. We examine how people interact with AI in order to understand how these systems can best help us.



How will we do science in the future?

The real and the digital world are increasingly converging. In order to understand the complex effects of these new environments, we are cross-linking our research and supplementing our infrastructure by planning the sustainable building of the "Max Planck Dahlem Campus for Cognition." Combinable labs allow the realistic simulation of entire environments and a mobile MRI scanner makes it possible to do on-site research externally. In this way, we are creating a pathbreaking, interdisciplinarily conceptualized research infrastructure with international reach.

