The Society of 1859 was established to recognize and honor benefactors who have made enduring gifts by including The Cooper Union in their financial or estate plans. These legacy gifts ensure that talented and deserving students will continue to receive an outstanding education for years to come.

Your planned gift can be for general use, or to establish a lasting endowment,* or to support a specific project of The Cooper Fund, such as:

- Tuition scholarships
- Academic grants and student fellowships
- Academic enhancements, such as exhibitions, laboratories, studios and related projects
- Faculty fellowships
- Venture funding for entrepreneurial projects

*If you wish to establish a lasting endowment, please discuss your plans with us in advance so that we can ensure that your wishes can be carried out.

"OVER THE YEARS, WE’VE MADE MANY DONATIONS TO OUR ALMA MATER. ESTABLISHING A LEGACY GIFT IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING CONTRIBUTIONS WE’VE MADE TO THE COOPER UNION."

BEN EISENBERG | CHEMICAL ENGINEERING 1961 AND SUE EISENBERG | CIVIL ENGINEERING 1962
WAYS TO GIVE

BEQUESTS
A bequest is a simple way to create your legacy at The Cooper Union. A bequest under your will or in a trust will also entitle your estate to a charitable tax deduction.

Bequests can be:
- **Specific** A sum of money, appreciated assets, or other property such as real estate, art, or artifacts bequeathed to The Cooper Union.
- **Residuary** All or a percentage of the assets remaining in your estate after specific bequests and other expenses are paid.
- **Contingent** A bequest that comes into effect if your primary beneficiary does not survive you.

Whichever form you choose, your bequest will create a legacy for you and will enable future generations of students to pursue their dreams.

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I WAS REPEATEDLY AWESTRUCK BY THE SCOPE OF WHAT THE SCHOOL WAS DOING FOR ALL WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH IT. MY PLANNED GIFT IS A WAY TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE.”

EDWARD DURBIN | ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING 1948
THE GIFT THAT GIVES BACK
CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A charitable gift annuity is a contract established with The Cooper Union. In exchange for your contribution, The Cooper Union pays you and/or a loved one fixed, guaranteed payments for life. The rate of the payment is based on the age of the annuitant.

Additional benefits include:
• A portion of annuity payments that will be tax free
• An immediate charitable income tax deduction
• Possible savings on estate, gift and capital gains taxes

TO THE COOPER UNION GIFT ANNUITY PROGRAM. GIVING ENSURES THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED ME.”

JAMES CRAIG | ART 1963

COOPER’S CURRENT ANNUITY RATES* ARE:

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*Special rates apply for two-life annuities and for deferred gift annuities. The minimum gift to establish an annuity is $10,000. Rates are as of July 1, 2013 and are subject to change.
ADDITIONAL PLANNED GIFTS

GIFTS OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY that is no longer needed, or a new policy that allows you to make a substantial future gift at a modest annual cost, are an effective way to establish a lasting gift at The Cooper Union.

IRAS, PENSIONS AND OTHER RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS can be subject to both income taxes and estate taxes, reducing the amounts that go to your heirs. By designating The Cooper Union as the charitable beneficiary of these assets, you remove them from your taxable estate and minimize income taxes, while accomplishing your charitable goals.

A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST allows you to provide fixed or variable payments to yourself or a loved one and a remaining amount to The Cooper Union in a tax-effective manner.

A CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST allows you to provide payments to The Cooper Union for a period of time and remaining amounts to loved ones, while accomplishing efficient tax planning.

A RETAINED LIFE ESTATE allows you to donate real estate or other property to The Cooper Union, while retaining its use for a lifetime or a term of years. You may take a charitable income tax deduction at the time you establish your gift.

“WITHOUT COOPER, I DON’T KNOW IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE MY DREAM OF BECOMING AN ARCHITECT.
MY EDUCATION FROM COOPER IS THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT I EVER RECEIVED—A GIFT THAT I FEEL OBLIGED TO PASS ON TO OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE PURSUING THEIR DREAMS.”

JOHN P. CLARKE | ARCHITECTURE 1966
THE COOPER UNION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART, established by Peter Cooper in 1859, is among the nation’s oldest and most distinguished institutions of higher learning. For over 150 years, The Cooper Union has provided generations of students unparalleled access to education. Over a century and a half later, the institution’s legacy speaks to the foresight of its first great benefactor.

Today, benefactors like you make it possible for talented men and women to receive a transformative education from the illustrious School of Art, the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture, and Albert Nerken School of Engineering.

To help carry Peter Cooper’s vision into the future, consider making a planned gift to The Cooper Union. You will have the satisfaction of knowing you have created a legacy that supports outstanding academic programs in architecture, art and engineering—preparing talented men and women to make enlightened contributions to society.

When you inform us in writing of your promised gift, you will become a member of THE SOCIETY OF 1859. To find out about ways to make a planned gift, or to join The Society of 1859, please contact the DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING, at 212.353.4172 or planned-giving@cooper.edu. You may also complete and return the enclosed card to request additional information.

“I BELIEVE THAT MY HUSBAND’S AMAZING SPIRIT CAME FROM HIS YEARS AT COOPER. WE FELT THAT A GIFT TO COOPER WOULD BE A WONDERFUL WAY TO KEEP HIS MEMORY ALIVE.”

—CYNTHIA HADZI, IN MEMORY OF DIMITRI HADZI, ART 1950
The information contained herein is not intended as legal or tax advice. We recommend that you consult with your attorney or financial advisor for questions concerning your individual situation. Unless otherwise restricted by the gift instrument, The Cooper Union may expend so much of an endowment fund as it deems prudent consistent with the requirements of the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.