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Leaving a Legacy

# Why leave a legacy to the BSA?

The British School at Athens is unique. Since its Athens base opened in 1886, the School has inspired a rich community of academics, students and creative practitioners from across the world. We provide a space in the heart of Athens where people and ideas mix. Our staff, award holders, visiting fellows, and members share a passion for the history and culture of Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean. We support those who use the BSA by giving them the resources needed to undertake world-class research and practice-led creativity. Whether in the Library, Fitch Laboratory, Upper House seminar series, or across the dining table,

ideas get shared and developed at the BSA. Like the vibrant city in which it is situated, the BSA is a place where tradition sparks innovation.

Throughout its 130-year history, the BSA has benefited from legacies made by generous benefactors. The lasting impact of these legacies is testament to the deep commitment many individuals have felt for the BSA's mission. Today, the School's margin of excellence would not be possible without those who have already chosen to remember us in their will. You can become an enduring part of our community by considering leaving a legacy to support the BSA.



*“The BSA Visiting Fellowship proved highly productive for my research, enabling me to complete some large pieces of research and writing, and extremely fruitful in terms of new ideas and perspectives arising from engaging with the rich academic life within the British School and in Athens in general. There is no other institution I know that offers the same supportive and inspirational framework or fosters research and wide-ranging dialogue as much as the British School consistently does”*

Dr Alexandra Villing, Curator,  
The British Museum

# Enriching lives



Your generosity to the BSA will benefit all those who use the School, from our annual award-holders to students attending our highly valued courses.

*“I began my BSA journey as an intern and within a few years I was leading an internship program. I have gained experience within a library setting, an archive, in archaeological field work and I was fortunate to lead the Knossos Curation Project. Each department within the BSA is a treasure trove of possibilities. With every new challenge came new skills, new friends and an ever-increasing knowledge base. The BSA has been my home, my inspiration and provided opportunities I never dreamt possible. It has equipped me with unique experiences of significant benefit to my future ”*

Hannah Gwyther, Knossos Curatorial Assistant 2016–17

*“I have been incredibly lucky to have been affiliated with the British School at Athens over the last 6 years in different capacities. In my role as a student library assistant I was given the inspiration and opportunity to take up PhD research at the BSA Research Centre at Knossos. I now return to Athens on a BSA Studentship to complete my research project in this environment, that is unique, in my experience, to the academic community that is kindled at the British School at Athens ”*

Anna Moles, Richard Bradford McConnell Student 2017–18

# The 1886 Society

The BSA was founded in 1886 on the slopes of Lykavittos hill. The 1886 Society celebrates the commitment of those generous individuals who intend to leave a gift in their will. These legacies will ensure the BSA continues to flourish for years to come.

Members of the 1886 Society will be invited to a bi-annual event, either in the UK or Greece, and we shall ensure that their generosity is remembered and acknowledged. Each member will also receive a BSA legacy pin in recognition of their support.

*“ My career as a Greek scholar began at the BSA, almost half a century ago. The School has in various ways been part of my professional life ever since. In the last few years I’ve chaired one of its academic committees and continue to serve as a member of Council. I went to Athens in the 1970s to work on a doctorate on Greek folk songs – and ended up playing traditional Greek music in a band formed of fellow-students. That’s the wonderful thing about the BSA: it provides a hospitable and welcoming environment for all kinds of study of Greece and Greek culture, of all historical periods, including the present day ”*

Roderick Beaton FBA, Koraes Professor of Modern Greek & Byzantine History, Language & Literature, King’s College London

*“ For over a century the BSA has been a major feature on the landscape of British research. The School delivers outstanding research in its own right, and offers invaluable backing for scholarship on every aspect of Greek studies, and a warm welcome to students and scholars of all ages. For professional Hellenists and amateur Hellenophiles alike, the BSA is an indispensable resource. It deserves strong support ”*

Robin Jackson, Chief Executive, British Academy  
2006–15



# Making a difference

The coming decades offer an exciting opportunity to increase the BSA's support to academics and creative practitioners as we continue our mission of promoting UK-based research and creative arts in Greece. You can help us to achieve this goal by supporting an area of interest or through unrestricted giving that enables the Director and the BSA Council to direct funds to areas of need.

## Support an area of interest

Promoting research of international excellence is at the heart of what we do, which brings a commitment to training the next generation of researchers. Your gift could contribute towards, pay for or endow a new studentship or bursaries to enable students to participate in a course.

The cost of a full-year BSA Studentship is currently around £17,000, while a BSA Post-Doctoral Fellowship currently costs around £30,000 per year.

The BSA currently spends around £40,000 on acquisitions for its Library each year.

As has always been the case, the BSA will recognise transformative generosity through the naming of studentships and other aspects of life at the School.

## Unrestricted giving

You may prefer to make an unrestricted bequest that can be spent in the areas of greatest need at the time your gift is received. This will allow our Council, advised by relevant officers and Committees, to determine where those funds can be most effectively used. For example, unrestricted funds of around £200,000 per year would enable us to sustain our world-leading Library and the Fitch Laboratory even in the absence of British Academy funding.

Examples of what your unrestricted gift could fund include:

£5,000	Annual maintenance of our grounds as an 'oasis' in central Athens
£10,000	Annual running costs of the Stratigraphical Museum at Knossos
£20,000	Improvements to our landmark nineteenth-century buildings
£100,000	Investment to ensure the sustainable future of the BSA

## Contact us

If you have already remembered the BSA in your will, or intend to do so, please consider completing a confidential Legacy Pledge Form. By telling us about your gift, you give us valuable assurance for our long-term activity. It also allows us to thank you properly and keep you informed about what we are doing.

We strongly recommend that you take legal advice when making or updating your will. We would be delighted to discuss your gift with you in order that we can ensure that we are able to fulfil your wishes. You can contact our Development Officer at [bsadevelopment@britac.ac.uk](mailto:bsadevelopment@britac.ac.uk) or on +44 (0)207 969 5282. Our conversations will be treated in the strictest confidence.

*“The British School was my second home from my second year as a graduate student. A home from home. A succession of brilliant Directors and Assistant Directors, wildly stimulating fellow students, including artists, a superb, uniquely stocked library and genius librarians, and, not least, wonderfully helpful administrative and domestic staff – what was not to like! It was an honour to be part of the centenary celebrations in 1986 – here's to the next century of scholarship and philoxenia”*

Prof Paul Cartledge, A.G. Leventis Senior Research Fellow, Clare College, Cambridge



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