



# Invest in the future

Provide enduring support to the **WA School of Mines** through an endowment

## What is an endowment?

**An endowment is created by a designated donation and is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding.**

The original capital (corpus) of the endowment is invested in perpetuity and can never be eroded. Only a portion of the annual investment earnings is used to support the purpose of the endowment, the remainder of the earnings are used to build the endowment's corpus over time to ensure it is future proofed against inflation.

We are working with the WA School of Mines Alumni to secure funding for endowments as a solution to cyclical challenges that have plagued the mining industry for generations. Endowments support the School through the commodity cycles, creating the strongest, most reliable foundation for attracting and retaining world class academic talent.

You can contribute to this lasting impact by creating a new named endowed fund or help us grow existing endowed funds.

## Champion new

### Endowed professorial chair (\$5 Million)

An endowed professorial chair supports WASM's mission to produce globally relevant, industry ready graduates. Disparities in funding impact a university's ability to attract and retain highly sought after professors globally. In the US, endowments are a key part of a university's funding mix. For example, The Colorado School of Mines has 11 endowed chairs in mining-related disciplines but WASM has none.

### PhD research grants (\$1 Million)

This can provide an annual \$40,000 top-up grant for PhD students to help attract top talent to WASM. Sector leading research in areas like critical minerals and dynamic testing can lead to tangible outcomes for industry.

### Undergraduate scholarship (\$500,000)

To establish a \$20,000/yr scholarship in perpetuity: opening doors for generations of students to come. The scholarship can be based on academic achievement, personal resilience or a commitment to community. Attitude, determination and drive are just as important as grades when it comes to creating tomorrow's industry leaders.

## Support existing funds

### The Christine Foster Endowment Fund

Born in Kalgoorlie, Christine became a mining engineer after graduating from WASM in 1996 and sadly passed away in Edinburgh in 2000.

Christine's fellow WASM alumni have established the Christine Foster Memorial Scholarship and the Endowment Fund to honour her memory by supporting female students pursuing science and engineering degrees at Curtin.

### WASM Excellence Scholarship Fund

The WASM Excellence Scholarship has been established to support undergraduate students enrolled in Mining or Metallurgy who have demonstrated academic excellence.



# Your impact, our stories



## Hear from the recipients

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the Curtin team and sponsors of the WASM Mining Excellence Scholarship. Undertaking a career switch later in life hasn't been without its challenges and this helps my young family immensely. Upon graduation, I hope to give back to the Curtin community by upholding WASM's leading reputation and mentoring others new to industry as I gain further experience.

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### Clay Dorotich

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) - Mining Engineering*



I am absolutely honoured to have won this scholarship and cannot thank you enough for your generosity. I knew from a young age I wanted to get into the mining industry, I wanted to be just like my dad. I have absolutely fallen in love with the geology community and have never looked back. This scholarship will allow me to continue to study in Kalgoorlie and pursue my dream of becoming a Mining Geologist. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Christine's fellow WASM alumni. Christine's story has inspired myself and so many other young women pursuing careers in STEM, especially in mining.

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### Vada Radford

*Bachelor of Science - Applied Geology*



## Hear from the donors

Throughout my own studies at WASM Kalgoorlie Campus, I saw firsthand the enabling benefit of scholarships. The time and cost to study a degree can discourage those unable to meet both. To enable growth and diversity in our industry, we need to remove barriers to studying resource disciplines. This will ensure the most suitable candidates commence and graduate to be future leaders of our sector. I know Christine Foster would have been such a leader, and her tragic story encouraged me to establish an endowment fund for her family and alumni to remember her legacy through a STEM scholarship.

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### Stuart Tonkin

*Managing Director, Northern Star Resources*



If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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