

# Getting to the Root of Tomorrow's Major Challenges

Your legacy on behalf of the Department of Economics enables cutting-edge research for the world of tomorrow and allows us to answer the questions that matter to you. With your support, we find answers to the most pressing questions of our time so that future generations can benefit from the results of research and live in a better world.



## Your Legacy Enables Cutting- edge Research for the World of Tomorrow

The Excellence Foundation Zurich supports the Department of Economics at the University of Zurich in finding answers to the most pressing questions of our time with the world's best scientists. Under the credo "Pioneering Economics," our researchers are constantly pushing the boundaries of economic thinking to improve our social and economic lives and to meet the great challenges of today's world: from achieving a sustainable economy, managing the digital revolution, overcoming the globalization crisis,

or approaches to reducing poverty and inequality to developing effective public policies.

### **How you can support us beyond your lifetime**

All these issues cannot be solved overnight but need time and resources. With your philanthropic commitment in the form of a bequest, you support projects, professorships, and young talents and make an important contribution to ensuring that the most urgent challenges facing our world can be

tackled with scientifically sound knowledge. So that everyone, especially the next generation, can benefit from the results.

## Design a Part of the Future According to Your Ideas

What do you stand for? In which areas do you want to make a difference? Which research topics and values are close to your heart? Whether it is global challenges, such as inequalities, pandemics, wars, development economics, or even the impact of climate change on the global economy – only with profound research, interrelationships can be understood, and solutions found.

In its research and teaching, the Department sets great emphasis on practically relevant questions, the answers to which make a sustainable contribution to the well-being of society. Your contribution enables us to find new

knowledge and well-founded answers to these questions.

In a time characterized by disinformation and declining trust in politics, research institutions are

more than ever challenged to provide facts and strengthen the dialogue with society.



*“Through legacies and inheritances, you support our work as a foundation in the long term. I assure you that at the Excellence Foundation Zurich your legacy will be handled with great care, respect, and foresight. I vouch for this with my name: as a researcher, foundation board member, and family man.”* – Prof. Ernst Fehr, University of Zurich

Ernst Fehr is Professor of Microeconomics and Experimental Economic Research at the University of Zurich. He is President of the Board of

Trustees and founder of the Excellence Foundation Zurich. He is considered one of the most influential economists worldwide. His research

reaches far into psychology, sociology, biology, and neuroscience and is as innovative as original.

## Let Us Continue Answering the Questions That Are Important to You

With a testamentary disposition, you can be sure that your ideas for the future will be put into practice. Because with a bequest, you have the assurance that your legacy will one day be used as you see fit.

Specifically, you have the following options for structuring your will:

- Inheritance: you can assign the Excellence Foundation Zurich as co-heir in addition to your heirs who are protected by the com-

pulsory portion or, if there are no such heirs, as sole heir.

- Bequest or legacy: with a bequest or legacy, you can make a donation in cash or in kind to the Excellence Foundation Zurich in your will. The Foundation then does not become an heir but receives a direct share of the bequeathed assets from the heirs. Again of course within the limits of the available quota.

If you would like to do so, we can arrange the contact with an independent inheritance law specialist for you. Please let us know how we may contact you.

## Let Us Take the Next Step Together

Inheriting or bequeathing is a very personal and emotional topic. We are happy to discuss your wishes and intentions with you.

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