Benefits of Giving to Johns Hopkins via The Johns Hopkins University (USA) Foundation Ltd.

If you are a UK taxpayer—even if you also pay taxes in the US—you may be able to increase the value of your gift by supporting Johns Hopkins through The Johns Hopkins University (USA) Foundation Ltd., a UK-registered charity, and electing to have Gift Aid apply to your donation.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Gift Aid? Gift Aid is a UK government program to encourage giving to UK registered charities. Gifts made to Johns Hopkins could qualify for Gift Aid if they are made to The Johns Hopkins University (USA) Foundation Ltd. By using Gift Aid, you can increase the value of your gift. Currently, for every £1 you donate, the Foundation will receive an additional 25 pence from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC). For example, £1000 = £1250 to JHU.

What are the benefits for Johns Hopkins? Through Gift Aid, we are able to reclaim from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) the basic rate of tax that you have paid on those funds, thereby significantly increasing the value of your gift.

What is The Johns Hopkins University (USA) Foundation Ltd.? The Johns Hopkins University (USA) Foundation Ltd. (the “Foundation”) is a registered UK charity that was created to make giving to The Johns Hopkins University (the “University”) more tax efficient for UK taxpayers. It allows donors to take advantage of UK tax incentives (“Gift Aid”) for the benefit of the University. The Foundation is also recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 charity. This structure enables UK taxpayers to obtain UK tax relief and typically allows those liable for UK and US taxes to claim relief in both countries for the same contribution. The Foundation’s Board of Trustees periodically approves gifts received by the Foundation to be granted to the University. The Foundation will send acknowledgement letters for donor tax purposes.

Am I eligible for Gift Aid? You are eligible if you pay UK tax at the basic rate and what you pay in income and/or capital gains tax at least equals the amount the Foundation will reclaim in the tax year. For more information, refer to the HMRC website www.hmrc.gov.uk.

What types of gifts qualify for Gift Aid? Gifts of money, made by check, credit card, or wire transfer qualify for Gift Aid.

How does Gift Aid work? To qualify for Gift Aid, complete the Gift Aid Declaration form below and return it to our Foundation Administrator with your gift payable to The Johns Hopkins University (USA) Foundation Ltd. The Foundation will then apply to HMRC to claim a portion of the tax you have already paid. There is no limit to how often Gift Aid can be used to make gifts to The Johns Hopkins University (USA) Foundation Ltd.

If I make my gift online, would I still be eligible for Gift Aid? If you choose to make a gift online through the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)’s website, gift aid is eligible as long as you check the gift aid box confirming you pay tax.
What are the tax benefits for giving to the Foundation? You can receive a US tax deduction for the amount of your gift to the Foundation, as well as the benefits of UK Gift Aid subject to your specific circumstances. If you are a UK tax payer paying the higher rate of tax, you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment Form. Contact your tax advisor for more information.

Can I leave a bequest to the Foundation in my will? Yes. If you leave a gift to the Foundation in your will, its value will be deducted from your estate before Inheritance Tax is worked out. Please consult your tax advisor or solicitor.

Will my company match my gift through the Gift Aid Declaration? Yes, if your employer matches gifts to UK charities.

For questions about Gift Aid or assistance with your gift, please contact:

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Gift Aid Declaration

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I want the Foundation to treat as Gift Aid Donation (tick as appropriate):
__  The enclosed donation of  £ …………………………………………………..
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__  All donations I make from the date of this Declaration until I notify you otherwise
__  I request that this donation be directed to…………………………………………
at The Johns Hopkins University.

Notes:
1.  I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give from today onwards.

2.  Please notify the charity if you:
   -  Want to cancel this declaration
   -  Change your name or home address
   -  No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

3.  If you pay tax at the higher rate of 40/45% then you can claim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment tax return. This relief currently equates to 20/25% of the gross donation.

4.  If you have any questions regarding this Declaration, please contact Eileen Flood, Administrator, at 020 7502 2813 or eileen_flood@blueyonder.co.uk