Ken and Blaire Mossman’s interests were wide-ranging. One was a researcher and a scientist and the other a lover of languages whose career took her into editing scientific journals. It is fitting then, that their enduring legacy supports the College of Arts and Sciences, a college whose mission is as broad as the Mossmans’ love of learning.

They met one fall day in 1968 at UT’s chapter of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life. Blaire Volman was a sophomore French major. Ken was starting his master’s in radiation biology. A native of Windsor, Ontario, he had been drawn to UT’s Institute of Radiation Biology in part because of its relationship with Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Ken and Blaire were married in 1970. Ken earned his master’s degree that year and a doctorate in health physics and radiation biology in 1973. His dissertation examined statistical modeling of transplantation of bone marrow stem cells into lethally irradiated mice. Blaire graduated with her French degree in 1971 and maintained a love of foreign languages throughout her life.

An accomplished author and international expert on the effects of radiation exposure, Ken served on the faculty of Georgetown University and Arizona State University, where he was an assistant vice president for research, a professor of health physics, and director of ASU’s Office of Research.

A Legacy Still Transforming a College

“The support from the Mossman family has added to the value of my education at UT by allowing me to experience and learn about other cultures in the world. This support has made an immense impact on my time here at UT and will further impact my career as I plan to attend medical school after graduation.”

—Mossman Scholar Sheev Zaver, who studied in Rome and Florence, Italy

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of Radiation Safety. In 2007, he was appointed administrative judge for the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, within the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In 2014, he was appointed by President Barack Obama to the US Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

Blaire served as managing editor of several scientific journals, including Pattern Recognition, Computers in Biology and Medicine, Computer Languages, and Computerized Medical Imaging and Graphics. She was founding managing editor of the latter two. Blaire also was part of the professional staff at the National Biomedical Research Foundation in Washington, D.C., which developed the first whole-body CT scanners.

Through planned gifts, the Mossmans—who passed away in 2011 and 2014, respectively—created four endowments to support areas that were both nearest to their hearts and in which they could create meaningful opportunities for UT students. Today, their multiple legacies live on through their impact on students, faculty, and the surrounding community.

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—Mossman Scholar Kasey Sumeriski, who studied abroad in Cuzco, Peru
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