

**University of Florida Foundation, Inc.  
Endowed Funds and Related Naming Opportunities**

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Responsible Department: Administration

1. **PURPOSE**

To establish minimum guidelines for establishing endowed funds and for naming opportunities.

2. **APPLICABILITY**

All endowment gifts for the benefit of the University.

3. **POLICY**

The President of the University sets minimum gift level amounts and establishes approved guidelines for gift naming opportunities. The gift levels described below are intended as minimum amounts needed to name the respective opportunity. **If state matching funds are received, they will be added to the donor's gift fund and will enhance the value of the fund.**

**The amounts listed below are intended to be guidelines for UF's many and varied units and programs. Exceptions may be granted to the endowment minimums stated below by the Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs, after consultation with the University President.**

State matching funds do **not** count towards the minimum levels outlined below

Endowment Minimum

A minimum gift of \$30,000 is required to create an endowed fund at UFF. UFF shall have the latitude to approve the establishment of an endowed fund in an amount less than that, provided it is understood that, within a reasonable period of time (generally, five years) from the establishment of the fund, gifts to the fund shall equal the stated minimum. If the stated minimum is not achieved, then the endowed fund may be closed and the funds expended for the college or unit originally designated by the donor.

Endowed Funds

**University Chair:** A minimum of \$4 million is required to establish an endowed University Chair. These chairs may only be occupied by individuals with the senior rank of associate or full professor.

**Chair:** A minimum of \$1.5 million is required to establish an endowed chair (sometimes called an eminent scholar chair). These chairs may only be occupied by individuals with the senior rank of associate or full professor.

**Professorship:** A minimum of \$600,000 is required to establish an endowed professorship to be occupied by a UF faculty member.

**Term Professorship/Faculty Fellowship:** A minimum of \$300,000 is required to establish an endowed term professorship/faculty fellowship to be occupied by a UF faculty member.

**Deanship/Directorship:** A minimum gift of \$5,000,000 is required to endow a College Dean or Unit Director position. The spendable income from this endowment may be used for any academic purpose in the College or Unit.

**Center:** A substantial endowment gift is required, in an amount to be approved by the President, to endow an academic center.

**Lectureship:** A minimum of \$250,000 is suggested to establish an endowed lectureship. The spendable income from this endowment may be used to pay for honoraria, publicity, and the expenses of a member of the faculty, or a visiting professor or lecturer from another institution or organization, to present a lecture or a series of lectures on campus.

**Research Fund:** A minimum of \$100,000 is suggested to establish an endowed research fund. The spendable income from the endowment may be used to support programs, technology enhancements, and research.

**Fellowship:** A minimum of \$350,000 is suggested to establish an endowed fellowship for a student who is working towards an advanced degree in any graduate program. This award may include a research or teaching assignment if deemed appropriate for the advanced education of the student.

**Assistantship:** A minimum gift of \$350,000 is suggested to establish an endowed assistantship for a student who is working towards an advanced degree in any graduate program and who is required to work in exchange for this support. An assistantship may be governed by a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University and the Graduate Assistants United, if any.

**Scholarship:** A minimum of \$100,000 is suggested to establish an endowed scholarship, which may be awarded to an undergraduate, graduate, or professional school student on the basis of need, academic merit, or a combination of factors.

**Libraries or Art Acquisition Fund:** A minimum of \$30,000 is required to establish an acquisition fund. The spendable income from an endowed acquisition fund may be used for the purchase of books, art, or other materials in a specified field. It may also be used, to the extent not needed for purchases, for preservation of books or art and for repair, cataloging, and other expenses related thereto.

**Other Named Funds:** The endowed funds described above are listed because of their broad appeal to the donors of most colleges, schools, departments, and other units of the University. A variety of other purposes, endowed and non-endowed, offer numerous other gift opportunities. Each college, school, or department may establish named fund opportunities to support the particular activities of its programs so long as the minimum standards stated above are observed.

#### 4. CLARIFICATION

Requests for clarification of this policy should be sent to the Associate Vice President/COO ([lbram@uff.ufl.edu](mailto:lbram@uff.ufl.edu)).

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Susan G. Goffman, Secretary

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