WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is a permanent fund that supports a purpose of your choice. Your gift is invested in perpetuity, while quarterly distributions from your endowment provide a steady, reliable source of financial support to the University. Endowments help the UW recruit the very best faculty and students and make advances that improve lives everywhere.

Your endowment can be designated to support:
- Scholarships or fellowships
- Professorships, faculty fellowships or chairs
- Research or programs
- Discretionary funds for a dean, chair or program director

We encourage you or your financial adviser to contact us about how to structure your gift to provide support that is meaningful to you. You can use almost any type of asset, including cash, securities and real estate. Bequests and other deferred gifts, including those that provide life income to you or another beneficiary, can also fund endowments.

To create a new endowment with a name you choose, the UW has several options starting at $25,000. Gifts of any size can support an existing endowment.

HOW ARE ENDOWED FUNDS MANAGED?

Endowment gifts are invested in the UW’s Consolidated Endowment Fund (CEF). Each named endowment retains its own purpose and budget numbers by which the UW tracks growth in principal and distributions.

The CEF holds a diversified mix of stocks, bonds and other assets, managed by professional investment firms employed by the UW. The UW’s Board of Regents oversees CEF investment and spending policies and regularly evaluates the fund’s management and performance. The annual UW Endowment Report (f2.uw.edu/treasury/cef) contains detailed information on the CEF, its investment policies and recent returns. Contributors of $5,000 or more to an endowment receive an annual report on the performance of the fund or funds they supported.
# Endowments at a Glance
## College of Engineering

## Endowment Levels*

### Program Support / Endowed Fund

- **Endowed fund for program support starting at $25,000**
  - Unrestricted support for a department, program, school or college
- **Endowed fund for undergraduate student support starting at $25,000**
  - Broad-based, direct support to undergraduate students (books, fees, tuition, etc.)
- **Endowed fund for graduate student support starting at $50,000**
  - Broad-based support to graduate students (research support, tuition, travel and conference fees, etc.)
- **Endowed fund for faculty support starting at $50,000**
  - Broad-based support to faculty (research support, travel and conference fees, etc.)
- **Endowed fund for research acceleration starting at $100,000**
  - Broad-based support for research in a particular area, discipline or topic (research support, travel, publication and other expenses of faculty and/or students)

### Scholarships and Fellowships

- **Endowed undergraduate scholarship starting at $100,000**
  - Tuition, books, fees and other educational expenses
- **Distinguished endowed undergraduate scholarship starting at $250,000**
  - Tuition, books, fees and other educational expenses
- **Endowed graduate fellowship starting at $250,000**
  - Tuition, books, other educational expenses, research and living expenses for graduate students
- **Distinguished endowed graduate fellowship starting at $500,000**
  - Tuition, books, other educational expenses, research and living expenses for graduate students

### Faculty Support

- **Endowed faculty fellowship starting at $250,000**
  - Portion of salary, research and other academic support for a faculty member
- **Endowed career development professorship starting at $500,000**
  - Portion of salary, research and other academic support for an outstanding early career faculty member
- **Endowed professorship starting at $1,000,000**
  - Portion of salary and related academic and/or research support for faculty holders
- **Endowed chair starting at $3,000,000**
  - Full or substantial portion of salary and related academic expenses and/or research support for faculty holders

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* Program needs vary by school, college, campus and department; University minimums and endowment types are subject to change.

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