

PURDUE FOR LIFE FOUNDATION GUIDE TO ENDOWMENTS

YOUR LEGACY // YOUR IMPACT

Alumni and friends have played a pivotal role in establishing Purdue as one of the world’s preeminent universities since its founding in 1869. Many Boilermakers have built a permanent financial foundation for Purdue by contributing to the university’s endowment. You, too, can have a lasting impact on this great university and help shape the future of Purdue, the nation, and the world.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

Endowments are gifts held in perpetuity and invested in a manner that helps protect the principal from inflation. The investment income provides a stable funding source for scholarships, professorships, lecture series, research centers, and other important initiatives. Purdue has received and managed thousands of endowment gifts over the years. Collectively, these gifts make up Purdue’s endowment, which has historically averaged a 7% return.

Because endowments are invested for the long term, these gifts provide one of the most secure sources of future revenue. Endowment gifts from alumni and friends enable Purdue to offer a scholarship to an exceptional student, attract an outstanding professor, or buy equipment for world-changing research—small steps in the big picture but indispensable to excellence.

For investment purposes, Purdue pools individual endowment gifts into a single fund. This allows us to achieve greater diversity in our investments, lower our investment costs, and attain the maximum return on donor gifts. The value of Purdue’s endowment is approximately \$4 billion.

PLANNING YOUR ENDOWMENT GIFT

Planning an endowment gift can be a creative, challenging, and rewarding process. Endowment agreements, signed by the donor and Purdue, delegate to the university the responsibility of administering the funds according to the donor’s wishes in perpetuity. You can have a meaningful impact on programs throughout the university by tailoring your gifts to a particular area of interest, such as a college or school, academic unit, campus organization, or project.

You can start an endowment through any outright giving method, including cash, securities, or personal and real property. An endowment can also be established with an estate gift.

Fund minimums vary by purpose:

ENDOWMENT PURPOSE	TYPE/CRITERIA	MINIMUM AMOUNT
Professorship	// Full	\$1.5M - \$3M*
Professorship	// Rising Star, Associate, Assistant	\$500K - \$1M*
Graduate Student Support		\$100K
Program Support	// Unrestricted	\$25K
	// Restricted to specific purpose	\$50K
Scholarships	// Unit Restriction only (Need/Merit OK)	\$50K
	// Unit Restriction w/some University Programs	\$50K
	// Other Restrictions	\$100K
Emerging Leaders Program	// Scholarships	\$25K
	// Support Programs	\$25K
	// Scholarship with Unit Restriction	\$50K

*Varies by program

OUR DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS may be able to help you choose an asset and method for transferring it to the university to achieve your philanthropic objectives. For more information or to plan your endowment gift, please call the Office of Planned Giving at **765-494-8657**

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