

Faculty-Staff-Retiree Campaign for Students

Establishing endowments in support of graduate, professional and undergraduate students

The University of Washington is a community of people who share a common commitment to students and to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge. To provide members of this community an opportunity to support our students with sustained and reliable funding now and into the future, the Faculty-Staff-Retiree Campaign for Students was launched in May 2005.

This Campaign was designed to empower faculty, staff, and retirees to make a tangible difference in supporting our students. As a contributor to this Campaign, you may create a named endowment and direct it to assist students in a way that is personally meaningful to you. Additionally, in recognition of faculty, staff, and retirees' generosity, the University has committed to match your gift, partnering with you to create lasting support for students.

Over three hundred faculty, staff, and retirees have helped launch this Campaign by establishing endowed fellowships and scholarships to support graduate, professional, and undergraduate students. Because they last forever, endowments create a legacy and establish a permanent bond between you and the University of Washington. To learn how you can participate, please read on.

How does the Faculty-Staff-Retiree Campaign for Students work?

As a member of the faculty, staff, or retiree community, you can establish an endowed fund for student support with a minimum gift or pledge of \$5,000, which the University will match, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 per donor. The minimum gift or pledge required to establish all other University endowments is \$25,000. The opportunity to fulfill gifts over a five-year period and the reduced minimum amount required to establish an endowment mean that faculty, staff, and retirees who wish to participate can do so for less than \$85 per month, or \$1,000 per year.

You may establish an endowment in your name, or name it for a person you wish to honor, such as an esteemed colleague, revered teacher, or beloved family member or friend—e.g., *the Gerda Haas Endowed Fellowship*. You also may use descriptive names, such as *the Atmospheric Sciences Graduate Student Endowed Fund*, to name your endowment.

You can establish your endowment with an outright gift of \$5,000 or more, or fulfill your pledge incrementally (via payroll deduction, if desired) over a period of no more than five years. You may participate in the Faculty-Staff-Retiree Campaign for Students by making your gift or pledge at any time until December 31, 2008, the close of the Campaign.

Gifts will be matched at \$5,000, and up to a total of \$10,000. The maximum pledge period is five years, regardless of the total pledge amount.

How will the Endowments be used?

You may specify the category of student support you wish to enable with your gift:

- Endowed fellowship for graduate students
- Endowed scholarship for professional students
- Endowed scholarship for undergraduate students
- Endowed fund for student program support

You also may designate the campus, school or college, department, and/or program of study the endowment will benefit. For all types of student support, the University will seek to advance the quality of its students and the openness of its educational programs to students of diverse backgrounds.

Endowed fellowship for graduate students

Graduate students are critical participants in the UW's missions of research and education. Their quality ensures the UW's ability to attract outstanding faculty and to produce high quality research. Graduate students also work with faculty to fulfill the University's teaching mission, and are an important part of ensuring an excellent undergraduate education.

Gifts to fellowship endowments may help recruit exceptional graduate students, provide ongoing support to existing students, supplement travel, or offset their other financial needs.

Endowed scholarship for professional students

Graduates of the UW's professional programs become important practitioners of medicine, law, pharmacy and dentistry in our communities. Yet top-quality professional education is expensive, and students often need financial help.

Gifts to scholarship endowments may be awarded to recruit or support students at any point in their studies. These funds may be used to pay for tuition, textbooks, travel to professional meetings, and other educational experiences. Students seeking a professional degree in dentistry, law, medicine, and pharmacy are eligible.

Endowed scholarship for undergraduate students

Undergraduate students make up the majority of the student body at the University of Washington. These students go on to take their place among the civic, business, educational, political, and professional leaders of our State and nation. Yet not all high-achieving students can afford to devote themselves full-time to their studies.

Gifts to scholarship endowments may be used to recruit exceptional students, offset tuition and other associated fees, pay for textbooks, supplement travel to conferences, or provide room and board assistance.

Endowed fund for student program support

Students often need support for specific activities that are beyond their coursework. For example, graduate and undergraduate students would benefit from presenting their research papers at professional conferences, but can afford neither the travel costs nor the meeting fees. These conferences are important to students' professional development and enhance the UW's national and international reputation. Other students could participate in study abroad programs or gain leadership experience through student clubs and organizations if funds were available.

Gifts to an endowed fund for student program support might be in the form of *The Professor JS Brown Fund for Student Travel* or *The Professor JS Brown Fund for the Drama Club*. These endowed funds can be used to support undergraduate, graduate and/or professional student activities.