



WSU Foundation Endowed Giving

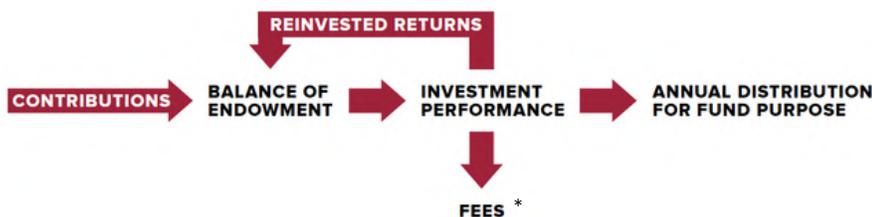
AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

WHY CHOOSE TO MAKE AN ENDOWED GIFT?

An endowed gift makes a difference in the lives of Cougs and the community by enhancing education, research, programs, service, and academic excellence. Endowed gifts are held in perpetuity and invested strategically. As the principal grows, annual distributions deliver a dependable, perpetual source of funding. In contrast, current use gifts are often finite and can be used in their entirety at the time the funds are received.

HOW DOES AN ENDOWMENT WORK AT THE WSU FOUNDATION?

The WSU Foundation pools endowment gifts into a single fund—the WSU Foundation Endowment Fund. This allows the Foundation to diversify investments, lower costs, and attain maximum return on donor gifts. Each year, a percentage of the endowment’s 36-month rolling average is distributed as specified in a Gift Use Agreement. The rest remains in the endowment pool to maintain the fund’s spending power far into the future. The WSU Foundation Endowment Fund is managed by the Investment Committee, a subcommittee of the WSU Foundation Board of Directors. Pavilion, a Mercer Practice, serves as the Foundation’s investment consultant.



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Minimum Endowment Levels

As of July 1, 2024

UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS

College	Minimum \$15 million (amount varies by college)
School	Minimum \$10 million (amount varies by school)
Department/Program	Minimum \$5 million (amount varies by department)
Laboratory	Minimum \$500,000 (amount varies by laboratory)

FACULTY/STAFF EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS

Chancellorship/Deanship/Athletic Director	Minimum \$5 million (amount varies by position)
Director or Department Chair	Minimum \$1 million (amount varies by position)
Distinguished Faculty Chair	\$3,000,000
Faculty Chair	\$2,000,000
Professorship	\$1,000,000
Faculty/Staff Fellowship	\$100,000

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS

Graduate Fellowship	\$100,000
Scholarship/Student Award	Minimum \$50,000

*There are two fees associated with endowments: A one-time 5% advancement fee capped at \$250,000 applied to all gifts and a 1.5% advancement assessment applied annually to the combined WSUF Endowment Fund. These fees help support WSU Advancement operations.