Endowment Minimums



Academic and Non-Academic Positions

Gifts provide general support as determined by the party responsible for the fund. General support may include salary, benefits, research activities, programmatic support, seed funding, and faculty recruiting and retention.

University Leadership Positions	
URMC/UR Medicine CEO	\$10,000,000
University Provost	\$5,000,000
Deanships and Directorships	
Deanship (for the dean of a school)	\$5,000,000
Vice Dean for Research, Medical Center	\$5,000,000
Directorship (for the director of a unit)	\$3,000,000
Programmatic/Artistic Directorship	\$1,000,000
Chairships and Professorships	
Department Chair	\$3,000,000
Distinguished Professorship	\$3,000,000
Professorship	\$2,000,000
Visiting Professorship (for at least one full year)	\$1,000,000
Dean's Scholar Award (to recruit and maintain early - mid-career faculty)	\$1,000,000
Athletic Coachships	
Head Coach	\$1,000,000
Assistant Coach	\$500,000
In-Residence/Visiting Positions	
Professor of Practice/Executive-in-Residence (for an industry executive who is invited to teach a class or direct a program as an adjunct faculty member)	\$500,000
Educator-in-Residence (semester-long position)	\$500,000
Artist-in-Residence (semester-long position)	\$500,000
Visiting Artist/Educator (for less than one semester)	\$100,000
Other Faculty/Staff Support	
Museum Curatorship	\$1,000,000
Faculty Fellowship	\$500,000
Faculty Development Fund	\$100,000

Student Support

Undergraduate Scholarships	
Named Scholarship Cohort (for a multi-student tuition support program; at Simon, this gift level could name an MBA Cohort)	\$5,000,000
Named Endowed Scholarship (includes multiple donor preferences)	\$250,000
Named Endowed Scholarship (limited to one donor preference)	\$100,000
Unrestricted Endowed Scholarship (needs-based)	\$50,000

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Graduate Support	
Graduate Scholarship (with preferences)	\$250,000
Graduate Scholarship (needs-based)	\$100,000
Fellowships	
SMD Dean's Teaching Fellow	\$1,000,000
SMD Dean's Research Fellow	\$1,000,000
SMD Fellowship	\$250,000
Graduate Fellowship	\$250,000

Programmatic Support

Faculty	
Dean's Discretionary Fund	\$100,000
Faculty Recruitment Fund	\$100,000
Travel Stipend (for conferences, presentations, etc.)	\$100,000
Students	
Education Support Fund (for educational expenses that are not covered by financial aid, e.g., books, fees, incidentals, student life activities)	\$100,000
Student Emergency Fund	\$100,000
Study Abroad Scholarship	\$100,000
Travel Stipend (for conferences, presentations, etc.)	\$100,000
Internship Fund (can also be used to support faculty-led summer study)	\$100,000
Research	
URMC Pilot Project Fund (provides seed funding)	\$1,000,000
Pilot Project Fund (provides seed funding; this gift level is \$100,000, not available at URMC)	\$100,000
Research Fund (can be called an "Innovation Fund")	\$100,000
Laboratory Fund (for maintenance/upgrades and equipment)	\$100,000
Other	
Athletic Fund	\$100,000
Other Endowed Funds (minimum based on the ability of the endowed fund to support it's designated purpose)	\$50,000+

Substantial Entities

Appropriate gift levels must be determined on a case-by-case basis for each entity before any proposals are made to potential donors. These levels will be determined by the appropriate academic leaders, the Provost, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and Advancement staff through the Senior Vice President for Advancement.

Substantial Entities include:

- Institute
- School
- Center
- Department or Division
- Program

To establish gift levels for substantial entities, please contact the Office of the SVP Advancement or the Executive Director of Donor Engagement. *The minimum gift level for any endowed fund, if not detailed above is* \$50,000.

Named Entities of \$1M+ require advanced approval per the *Institutional Naming Policy*

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