The Many Benefits Endowments Provide

- Endowments allow the University to deliver greater value and attain higher levels of quality in its teaching and research than would otherwise be possible. Designated gifts to the University have established chairs and professorships in history, gaming studies, journalism, internal medicine, engineering, nursing, geophysics, grazing and rangeland management and minerals engineering.
- The long-term support from an endowment allows the University to increase student aid, initiate pioneering research, develop stronger teaching programs, invest in new technologies, make commitments to attract or retain senior faculty, and maintain the library, laboratories, and other physical assets.
- Endowments sustain the University's teaching and research and allow it to provide essential support for faculty and students, even in difficult financial times.
- Endowments empower the University to meet the long term needs like capital improvements, build strength in emerging academic fields, and adapt to the changing needs and interests of our students and the broader society.

Target Your Endowment

Once you have decided to create an endowment, the University will work with you to develop an agreement that will become a permanent record of your gift intention. Your gift will then be added to the University’s consolidated endowment fund, a professionally managed and diversified fund. Every year you will receive an endowment report advising you of the performance of your fund.

Your Legacy

Endowments create a legacy and establish a permanent bond between you and the University of Nevada, Reno. The University’s mission of education, research, and service to the community remains the focal point of our energy, and together we are creating better futures for our community, our region, and the world.

We hope you will consider a named endowment as a lasting reflection of your belief in the University of Nevada, Reno. It will perpetuate the values you hold dear and will help the University change the world—one promising student at a time.

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Establishing an endowment at the University of Nevada, Reno creates a legacy with the power to change lives. When you create an endowment, you build a permanent resource that makes a difference now and for generations to come.
About Endowments

An endowment is a permanent fund established for a specific purpose, whether for faculty, student, or program support. You may designate the fund in your own name, as a tribute to a friend or loved one, or to honor a professor or mentor. You can establish an endowment with cash, securities, real estate, or through a bequest. Gifts to endowments are invested to create a lasting resource that grows in perpetuity.

Endowed funds provide the foundation for everything the University must do: recruit the best students and faculty, generate trailblazing research, and work for a better world. By generating a steady stream of income while leaving the principal untouched, endowments make it possible for the University of Nevada, Reno to respond to unforeseen opportunities and to ensure the financial security and continued success of the University.

Types of Endowments

General
Earnings from the general endowment of the University provide a solid foundation and assure an annual income that benefits scholarships, professorships, research funds, book funds, and other designations. Gifts of any size can be made to the University’s general endowment.

Student Scholarships
Endowed scholarships make a difference in the University’s ability to attract and retain the best and brightest students, many of whom without financial aid would be unable to pursue their educational goals. The minimum gift to establish an endowed scholarship is $10,000, however, existing endowed scholarships accept gifts from anyone who would like to support deserving students.

Freshmen engineering students learn basic engineering principles in the University’s Manzanita Bowl. The Ralph E. Hoeper Professorship in Engineering will play a key role in providing the opportunity for them to learn and work with nationally recognized faculty.

Graduate Fellowships
The strength of the University’s graduate programs is reflected by the number that are nationally ranked in their fields. Graduate students play a critical role in fulfilling the University of Nevada, Reno’s instructional and research missions. Endowed graduate fellowships can provide tuition, books, and research and living expenses, helping the University to attract outstanding students from across the United States and beyond. Fellowship support is often a deciding factor for students in determining where they will pursue their graduate studies.

Dean’s Chair
A dean’s chair will provide a holder of the deanship with the resources necessary to continue and further the college’s contributions to teaching, research, and public service. Funds will be used for such purposes as salary supplements, graduate assistant stipends, administrative assistance, travel expenses, and other college requirements.

Chair
A chair will provide a distinguished scholar the opportunity to advance his/her research, teaching, and public service through salary supplement and program support.

Distinguished Professorship
This professorship is intended to supplement salary and research expenses for distinguished scholars with significant research qualifications and research projects.

Professorship
A professorship recognizes and supports the teaching, research, and service activities of distinguished teaching scholars whose research is emerging.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar
The distinguished scholar endowment is intended to fund a visiting eminent scholar.