Endowed Positions

Donors who create a chair or professorship can name and designate the use of the endowment. Many donors honor family members or others who have been influential in their lives. Endowments which are originally established as professorships can be upgraded to chairs.

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. The fund will be used for needs such as salary supplements, graduate student stipends, administrative assistance, travel expenses, and other college requirements. The minimum gift is $5,000,000.

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. The minimum gift is $2,500,000.

Distinguished Professorship: This professorship is intended to supplement salary and research expenses for distinguished scholars with significant research qualifications and research projects. The minimum gift is $1,000,000.

Professorship: A professorship recognizes and supports the teaching, research, and service activities of distinguished teaching scholars whose research is emerging. The minimum gift is $500,000.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar: The distinguished scholar endowment is intended to fund a visiting eminent scholar. The minimum gift is $300,000.

Gift amount requirement may vary depending on area/discipline.

Great Faculty Ensure the Future of Nevada

A talented and dedicated faculty is the University’s most precious—and most costly—resource. Recruiting and retaining a faculty of gifted and dedicated educators is paramount.

In today’s extremely competitive environment, we need to invest substantial new funds to provide more opportunities for our faculty to advance their creativity and research, to inspire and transform our students.

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Great universities have one thing in common—a great faculty. A great faculty attracts outstanding students; in turn, superb students challenge and inspire the best faculty.
Great faculty are leaders in their fields who teach inspired classes, write great books, create great works of art and conduct breakthrough research.

First-class faculty bring recognition to the University, serve as architects of the memorable and often transforming University of Nevada experience, and prepare the next generation of professionals and civic leaders.

Reserved for a scholar of national and international acclaim, an endowed chair or professorship is one of the highest honors the University can bestow on a member of its faculty. Chairs or professorships play a critical role in attracting and retaining proven leaders who can drive Nevada’s mission and standard for excellence. Among academia, endowed chairs and professorships are a coveted and widely recognized accolade, signaling a colleague at the top of his or her field.

Endowed chairs and professorships bring the very best scholars to the University of Nevada, Reno, and help us to keep them here to teach, write, research, create, and contribute to the community beyond the University.

The income from the permanently invested funds to establish a chair or professorship provides for the financial and research support, as well as a long-term commitment, often enabling outstanding educators to pursue projects at the cutting-edge of educational development and research.

With the help of private donors, the University will be able to attract and retain the finest professors and reward top faculty members. In addition, endowed chairs provide resources enabling faculty to build programs that make a real difference for the University of Nevada, Reno and the world.

Enriching Nevada’s Academic Experience

We attract stellar students by having a stellar faculty. That is why it is so important that we attract and retain people who create the intellectual excitement that defines the University of Nevada, Reno tradition. The best way to do that is by endowing a chair or professorship.

The University invites individuals, corporations and foundations to invest in the next century of education, research and technology transfer by providing resources to establish named, endowed chairs or professorships. These gifts contribute to the strength of the University by rewarding outstanding faculty members for their accomplishments and providing a flexible means of attracting leading talent to strengthen particular disciplines.

By having named chairs and professorships, the University of Nevada, Reno can honor outstanding faculty and reward scholarly achievement. Providing proper recognition and resources is essential for retaining the most qualified experts and exceptional teachers, as acclaimed faculty members are often sought after by peer institutions.

Donors who endow a faculty position recognize that their gift will make a lasting and living contribution to strengthen the core of the University. It will help recruit leading professors, widen the University’s breadth of talent and secure a solid education for its students, who ultimately reap the benefits of such gifts.

By establishing a chair or professorship, you make it possible to grow one of the University’s most important resources—its people. You are sponsoring a scholar of international stature and recognizing a highly distinguished record of teaching, research and publication. Moreover, you are helping Nevada attract new teaching and research talent, while allowing it to retain the exceptional faculty already on campus.

A named chair or professorship goes on for as long as the University endures. It becomes part of a tradition unto itself, developing its character and reputation, not just for the donors, but for the faculty holders of the position.

By any measure, the establishment of an endowed chair or professorship represents the commitment of its donor to support and sustain the vigor and advancement of the University of Nevada, Reno. The endowments that support these positions forever influence the quality education provided to Nevada students.