

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY DIVISION OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

NAMED ENDOWMENT GUIDELINES

For the purposes of these guidelines, “endowment fund” shall refer to any fund, or any part thereof, not wholly expendable by the University under the terms of the applicable gift instrument. The Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement should be consulted prior to making the gift to ensure that the stipulations detailed in the agreement are appropriate. Negotiation of any named endowment agreement on behalf of the university shall be done over the signature and with the full knowledge of the Chancellor of the university.

In designating an endowment gift for a specific purpose, the donor is encouraged to describe that purpose as broadly as possible and avoid detailed limitations and restrictions. There should be a clause granting the university maximum flexibility to make use of designated funds in a manner consistent with the intent of the donor and the interests of the university should programmatic or other developments make it impossible to apply the endowment proceeds to the purpose for which it was originally designated. Gifts to establish named endowment funds for specific purposes must meet the minimum dollar requirements set by the Board of Trustees. The principal amount of the original gift need not meet the minimum dollar requirement if the donor agrees to fully fund the endowment within a specified and reasonable period of time. Minimum dollar requirements may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of the Board.

An endowed gift is one in which the original principal is never invaded; the gift exists in perpetuity. Endowments are generally funded within five years of the initial contribution and invested according to policies established by the Board of Trustees. Income paid out of the fund is distributed annually according to approved policies. There is no minimum limit for gifts to existing endowments, but the following chart lists the minimum requirements for establishing new endowments.

CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

The following chart offers typical values for student-centered endowments.

Student Support	Minimum Contribution
Endowed Scholarships/Fellowships	\$ 25,000
Unrestricted Scholarships/Fellowships	\$ 15,000
Annual Academic Scholarships	\$ 5,000 for five years
Research Awards	\$ 20,000

The following chart offers typical values for faculty-centered endowments.

Faculty Support	Minimum Contribution
Distinguished / Full Professorship	\$1,000,000
Associate Professorship	\$500,000
Assistant Professorship	\$250,000
Visiting Professorship	\$200,000
Faculty Development Funds	\$200,000
Research Awards	\$100,000
Teaching Excellence Awards	\$100,000

NCCU reserves the right to review the minimum amounts required for named endowments periodically and to amend the minimum amounts required so as to ensure that endowment proceeds are sufficient to fund the intended purpose(s) of the endowment. If and when the university acts to increase the minimum amount required to establish a particular named endowment fund, such action shall not be retroactive to funds already established and named.

For more information concerning gift types, please see the Fundraising Policy document.