Endowments at the University of New Mexico

Changing Worlds 2020

the CAMPAIGN for UNM
Your generosity will build a greater UNM and serve our students and faculty well into the future. Together we can make lasting connections to the cultures, communities and aspirations of New Mexico.
The Power of Endowment

Every gift to the UNM Foundation is a commitment of confidence in the mission of the University of New Mexico, and every endowed fund helps provide a substantial base for future development and student success.

When you establish or contribute to an endowed fund through the UNM Foundation your gift increases and is held in perpetuity, providing benefits beyond your lifetime.

Individuals, families, friends, alumni, colleagues, organizations and corporations may establish endowments. Each endowed fund has a set of guidelines to ensure that assets are spent according to the donor’s purpose and intent, in accordance with University policies. Funds may:

- Support any school, college or program;
- Provide for student scholarships, faculty, development, research, or patient support; and
- Serve the general needs of the University.

The principal of an endowment is carefully invested in the University’s Consolidated Investment Fund (CIF).

Annually, the UNM Foundation determines a spending distribution percentage based on a 5-year average of the market value of the CIF. The range for these distributions is 4 to 6 percent of the value of the fund.

Creating an Endowment

The minimum to establish an endowment is $25,000. Funding thresholds vary, and increase according to the purpose of a fund. For instance, a Faculty Fellowship requires a $100,000 gift while establishing a University Chair position begins at $1.5 million. Please contact UNM Foundation Endowment Relations for specific information.

You may fully fund an endowment:

- With a one-time gift for the full amount,
- With a pledge for up to five years,
- Through an estate bequest or other planned gift,
- Through gifts of securities or real property, or
- With pooled gifts or memorial contributions from family, friends or colleagues.

About the UNM Consolidated Investment Fund

The UNM Foundation Investment Committee oversees and manages the endowment assets of the University and the UNM Foundation. These assets are combined for investment purposes and operated as a unitized pool known as the Consolidated Investment Fund (CIF). The CIF is managed in accordance with the Consolidated Investment Fund Investment Policy, which is approved by both the UNM Foundation Board of Trustees and the UNM Board of Regents. Investments in the CIF are guided by the concept of complementary professional managers, responsible for specific asset categories and management styles in a diversified portfolio. The CIF has demonstrated an excellent history of performance compared to other endowments of its size.

For more information about creating an endowed fund through any type of gift, please contact UNM Foundation Endowment Relations at endowments@unmfund.org or 505-277-9600.
Changing Worlds 2020: The Campaign for UNM will provide unprecedented support for the students, faculty and programs of UNM by focusing on four themes: student success and opportunity, faculty support and research, campus programs, and capital projects and facilities. Through this campaign, it will be possible for both current philanthropists and new donors to link their passions with UNM’s many gift opportunities.

Funds are needed to:

✦ Provide tuition and support for talented and financially struggling students;

✦ Engage students in the full life of the university and increase student retention;

✦ Offer essential programs for students and faculty to conduct their research and provide professional service in communities around the state; and to

✦ Improve the physical common space in our buildings and throughout our unique campus grounds.

We are calling on all our alumni, friends, supporters and volunteers to join in.

Whose World Will You Change?