Creating New Named Funds

When you decide to establish a named fund with a gift to Mines at the minimum levels indicated here*, CSM Foundation staff work with you to determine fund guidelines and discuss tax-wise ways of making your gift. Once your named fund is established, you receive annual stewardship reports outlining the financial status and the impact of your fund.

Designating Your Gift

With contributions at the levels listed below, payable over up to five years, you can establish a named fund that will support Mines’ people and programs, and serve as a visible demonstration of your commitment to the Mines community.

Graduate Fellowships
$100,000 current-use | $400,000 endowed
Support for graduate students enables Mines to compete with its peers for the highest-caliber students and young researchers. Funding at this level strengthens Mines’ master’s and doctoral programs, and provides essential resources for innovative and collaborative research across disciplines.

Student Scholarships
$25,000 current-use | $25,000 endowed
By designating your support for students, you help the more than 80 percent of Mines’ student body who rely on financial assistance to bridge the gap between what they can afford and the full cost of a Mines education. Your support helps students make the most of their Mines experience.

College, Department & Program Excellence Funds
$25,000 current-use | $25,000 endowed
Contributions to colleges, departments and programs at Mines provide resources for advancing strategic initiatives and strengthening core offerings. Make a visible impact by designating your gift to areas such as academic departments, research initiatives, athletics, library collections or student life projects.

Faculty Positions

Support for faculty helps to further elevate the university’s reputation as a top-tier teaching and research institution, and provides the resources Mines needs to successfully compete for some of the world’s most renowned scholars and educators.

Endowed Deanships | $5 million endowed
Endowed deanships provide the university’s most prominent academic leaders with resources and prestige as they work to advance the university’s three colleges and elevate Mines’ competitive profile. Named deanships are an essential tool for recruiting and retaining high-caliber leaders to keep the university curriculum cutting-edge and our graduates highly sought-after.

University Chairs | $3.5 million endowed
A university chair attracts those elite scholars who lead Mines’ pioneering, cross-disciplinary academic initiatives. The potential for bold breakthroughs is greatest at the intersection of fields, and the university endowed chair inspires teams of the brightest minds to tackle the most complex challenges related to sustaining and advancing our global quality of life.

Distinguished Endowed Chairs | $2.5 million endowed
A distinguished endowed chair offers highly accomplished senior scholars recognition for their achievements and resources to build upon their successes. They attract some of the world’s foremost experts who serve as intellectual catalysts for faculty and students alike. The visibility of distinguished endowed chairs advances Mines’ mission and growing global stature as a top-tier university with unmatched expertise in earth, energy and environment.

Endowed Chairs | $1.5 million endowed
Faculty who hold endowed chairs benefit not only from the prestige of their positions, but also from the financial resources essential for pursuing research partnerships, forging industry relationships, or devoting time to curricular enhancement. Named endowed chairs represent Mines’ commitment to retaining exceptional educators who inspire excellence and who mentor future generations of leaders.

Developmental Assistant Professorships
$300,000 current-use | $750,000 endowed
Designed to provide support for the professional development of young faculty, developmental assistant professorships may be awarded to early-career professors at Mines or to visiting faculty members from peer institutions. An excellent recruitment tool, these professorships help Mines to compete for rising academic stars in established and emerging fields.

*Giving levels represent minimums and may vary based on a gift’s structure and/or designated purpose
CSM Foundation Gift Administration Policies

Spending Policy for Endowed Funds
New endowed funds are officially created once the CSM Foundation has received a gift or pledge totaling $25,000 or more. The level of spending from endowed funds seeks to strike a balance between providing current benefit to the university and preserving the principal and purchasing power of the Mines endowment for the future.

Spending Payout
Under the current policy, 4.5 percent of the fund balance is paid out annually for its designated purpose. The annual spending payout, applied only to funds with a cumulative historic gift value of $25,000 or more, is calculated as a percentage of market value, and is determined based on the three-year moving average as of December 31 of each year. The annual spending payout is made without regard to the endowed fund’s income, appreciation or historical dollar value. In certain years, under poor market conditions, the principal may be drawn upon or a payout may not be issued so as to preserve the health of the fund.

Endowment Administrative Fee
As is common practice among state universities, each endowed fund is assessed an annual administrative fee that assists foundation operations with the cost of fundraising and gift administration, and supports a number of special projects that benefit the university. The CSM Foundation assesses the administrative fee on a fund-by-fund basis in accordance with the following tiers:

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New Endowed Funds
In order to preserve principal, newly created endowed funds with a cumulative historic gift value of at least $25,000 are held for one year before they are considered for a spending payout. On the one-year anniversary of its establishment, and then every month thereafter, a new fund’s balance is reviewed to determine whether investment reserves support a full spending payout. A new fund is generally considered for a payout when the total value of the original contribution has increased by the sum of the annual payout and administrative fees assessed. This policy helps to ensure the long-term health of endowed funds and prohibits premature spending from newly established funds.

Investment Strategy
The foundation’s long-term goal is to provide annual support for the university while increasing the value of each endowed fund to maintain its purchasing power. As a result, the Executive Committee of the CSM Foundation Board has adopted an investment policy that seeks to earn a total return equal to the annual endowment payout plus inflation.

Long-Term Investment Pool (LTIP)
The aggregate pool of all foundation-managed endowed funds is referred to as the LTIP. Pooling funds for investment maximizes returns and cuts costs, benefiting all of the funds and the programs they support.

LTIP Management
The CSM Foundation appoints a volunteer Investment Committee to oversee the LTIP. The Investment Committee, which includes members of the CSM Foundation Board and experienced professionals, meets quarterly to monitor asset allocation and review investment manager performance. Monticello & Associates, a leading investment firm, provides consulting services to the foundation.

Asset Allocation at June 30, 2013
The CSM Foundation invests in a broadly diversified portfolio pursuing a philosophy of balancing the preservation of capital in real terms with the long-term needs of the university.

Spending Policy for Current-Use Funds
New funds are officially established at Colorado School of Mines once the CSM Foundation has processed related gifts and clearly established donor designations. Gifts to current-use funds are immediately available for expenditure by the university.

Current-Use Administrative Fee
As is common practice among state universities, gifts to current-use funds may be assessed a one-time administrative fee, currently set at 5.0 percent. Gifts designated for financial aid, student organizations or capital projects at the university are exempt from the fee. This fee provides support for the foundation by supplementing the cost of fundraising and administering gifts.

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Because of you, Mines was able to launch Transforming Lives: The Campaign for Colorado School of Mines, the most ambitious campaign for private support in the university’s 140-year history. Now, more than ever, the world needs our expertise, our research and our graduates. Through this campaign, we are securing Mines’ ability to heed the call.

Learn more about the campaign and the impact of your generosity at giving.mines.edu.