# **Endowments at UF**

#### **Basics**

- Endowments are perpetual sources of funding at the University of Florida. The minimum endowment amount is \$30,000.
- Endowments have two components: the **principal amount** and the **spendable amount**. The principal generates the earnings that fund the spendable amount.
- Endowments are structured so that the principal gift amount is kept **intact**, while its annual earnings are used to support a program, scholarship, professorship, etc. Only money in the spendable account may be spent by the program.
- Earnings are transferred from the principal to the spendable **each quarter**. Approximately 1% of the principal's value per quarter is transferred. Earnings can be **spent or reinvested** for continued principal growth, at the discretion of the fund administrator.

### **Investment Schedule**

UF endowments are invested and transferred **quarterly.** As a result, new gifts may take up to four months to be invested, and up to seven months to begin generating spendable income for the program.

| Gift Received      | Gift Invested | First Transfer to Spendable |  |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| December-February  | April 1       | June 30                     |  |
| March-May          | July 1        | September 30                |  |
| June-August        | October 1     | December 31                 |  |
| September-November | January 1     | March 31                    |  |



## **Earnings & Fees**

- The goal is for endowments to earn 6% annually, in order to provide spendable income, cover the annual investment fee, and grow the principal.
- In addition to the annual investment fee (1.35%), UF has a **one-time gift fee of 5%,** which provides development support for the University of Florida.
- The 5% gift fee is accrued and paid off in quarterly transfers from the earnings. This can take **up to 3 years** (12 quarters) to be paid in full.





Approximate Use of Earnings After Gift Fee is Paid

## Summary

Below is a summary of the **estimated impacts** of endowments with principal gift amounts of \$30,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1 million. For all of these examples, the gift fee is estimated to be paid off in **2.5 years.** 

| Principal Gift Amount | First Year Impact<br>(3 Quarters of Performance) | Annual Impact<br>(After Gift Fee Paid)<br>Equivalent to 4% of principal | 10-Year<br>Total Program Impact | 10-Year Endowment Principal Value |
|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$30,000              | \$405  | \$1,200   | \$9,000                         | \$34,000                          |
| \$100,000             | \$1,350  | \$4,000   | \$29,000                        | \$112,000                         |
| \$250,000             | \$3,375  | \$10,000  | \$72,000                        | \$280,000                         |
| \$500,000             | \$6,750  | \$20,000  | \$144,000                       | \$561,000                         |
| \$1,000,000           | \$13,500   | \$40,000  | \$287,000                       | \$1,122,000                       |



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