

Provost's Guidelines on Donations

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- In order to achieve and maintain its place among the world's leading public research universities, the University of Toronto is fortunate to have the support and commitment of private benefactors.

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- The University welcomes gifts from individuals, foundations, associations and corporations as a vital addition to strong public support from the Provincial and Federal Governments.

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- The Guidelines reflect the fundamental academic principles that shape our relationships with donors.

<http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/donations.htm>

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Academic Freedom

At the heart of the University lies the commitment to academic freedom, which may not be abridged.

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Academic Freedom

- The University values and will protect its integrity, autonomy and academic freedom, and does not accept gifts when a condition of such acceptance would compromise these fundamental principles.

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Established Processes

- The University's solicitation of gifts is informed by and consistent with academic priorities established by appropriate University processes.

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Use of University Funds

- University funds that are made available from time to time as incentives to donors will be allocated in accordance with established budgetary procedures.

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Policies

- Gifts for Chairs, Professorships, and other academic appointments and programs must be in full accord with all relevant University policies, practices and procedures.

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Accountability

- The University is committed to the highest standards of donor stewardship and accountability. This includes appropriate acknowledgement and recognition for gifts.
- Where formal reports are supplied to donors, these reports will conform to University policies, and be forwarded to donors by the appropriate academic office or senior University officer.

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Transparency

- The terms and conditions governing the use of donations are matters of public record, except for information which is personal or proprietary, in accordance with FIPPA.

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Advisory Bodies

- Where agreements contain provision for advisory boards and committees, the University will create such advisory bodies with the agreement of the relevant academic unit or units.
- These bodies will conduct themselves under the understandings expressed in the Provost's Statement on the Role of Advisory Bodies.

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Conflict of Interest

- The University does *not* accept gifts that require it to provide any valuable consideration to the donor or anyone designated by the donor, such as:
 - employment in the University,
 - enrolment in a University program, or
 - a University procurement contract.

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Human Rights

- The University does not accept gifts that involve unlawful discrimination on prohibited grounds, as defined in its Statement on Human Rights.

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Donor Agreements

- The Policies and Guidelines referred to herein will be referenced in agreements as appropriate.