

## DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

- To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities. <https://www.utsystem.edu/offices/board-regents/current-regents>
- To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements. <https://financials.utexas.edu/financial-reports/reports-to-state>
- To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
- To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing the organization of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- To have the opportunity for their names to be removed from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

## WHAT IS AN ENDOWED FUND?

An endowed fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding and a permanent legacy of support for the College of Natural Sciences. Endowed assets are invested, and each year, a percentage of the accrued interest is paid out to support the fund's purpose. Any earnings in excess of this distribution are reinvested to build the fund's market value. In this way, an endowed fund will grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity.

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## ENDOWED FUNDS SUPPORT:

### STUDENTS

Undergraduate Scholarships

Graduate Fellowships

### FACULTY

Chairs

Professorships

Faculty Fellowships

### PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH

Excellence Funds

Program Support

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## CNS MISSION

To provide research-enhanced education and to promote educationally connected research

## CNS PRIORITIES

1. Optimally train scientists and mathematicians for the future
2. Produce world-class, high-impact research discoveries
3. Make sure that our impact is known across the campus, the state and the nation

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