

# MAGNIFYING THE IMPACT OF ENDOWED CHAIRS

## THE EMINENT SCHOLARS MATCHING PROGRAM

Because we recognize the power endowed faculty positions have on our university community and beyond, UA leadership has allocated monetary resources to enhance contributions that establish endowed faculty positions.

Through the Eminent Scholars program, the University of Arizona partners with our most ardent supporters to strengthen and grow resources for our talented faculty. This program represents a significant investment by the University of Arizona and the State of Arizona. Offered through the Office of the Provost, the program is designed to help the UA recruit and retain top-scholars in all fields of study. While the funds available are limited, they are substantial. This investment represents a shared belief that growing support for our faculty is of paramount importance.

In short, the program will allow the established fund to grow for five years by providing the value of the endowment payout directly to the college that benefits from the gift, while the actual payout is reinvested in the endowment fund. Additionally, the college will receive a monetary award equal to 15% of the value of the gift to be used for faculty support. This is an unprecedented opportunity for the University of Arizona to magnify the impact of your commitment to an endowed faculty chair.

## THE POWER OF FACULTY

### DIRECT INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

**Faculty ideas become tomorrow's solutions to the grand challenges of our day. With your support they can reach their full potential. Chairs give faculty time and resources to pursue their most promising and daring projects. It also makes sure we maintain a strategic and relentless research agenda.**

### PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATION

**Students come to the UA with dreams and leave with the skills, confidence, and purpose they need to achieve future goals. Endowed chairs make this possible because we're able to recruit and retain top faculty. These faculty leaders create a dynamic learning community, and also make sure that our students learn from the very best in their fields.**



## **COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES THE CENTER FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES: MORE THAN AN EDUCATION**

The College of Humanities is working on a proposed Center for Buddhist Studies. Pending final approval, the Center for Buddhist Studies will be a non-profit academic institution housed within the College of Humanities at the University of Arizona. In collaboration with academic units and communities within and outside the university, the Center will endeavor to promote academic research on the Buddhist tradition and its related religious, intellectual, social, cultural, and economic aspects in geographical regions around the globe. The Center will also engage in the preservation of the Buddhist heritage in its textual and artistic forms. The Center's activities and programs will include but are not limited to Buddhist studies lecture series, financial assistance to scholars and students, academic conferences and workshops, publication of academic articles, journals, and books, training and education in related fields, visiting scholar program, and community outreach.

The Department of East Asian studies offers a variety of Buddhism related courses at all different levels, including advanced language courses related to Buddhist studies. The department has offered MA and PhD degrees in Buddhist studies for numerous years and many graduates have gone on to find work within Buddhist studies in the US and beyond. Recently, a Buddhist minor program was set up in the College of Humanities, demonstrating a robust demand among undergraduates. The Department of East Asian Studies alone has at least four full-time tenured and tenure tracked faculty of Buddhist studies in China, Japan, and Tibet.

## **THE POWER OF ENDOWED CHAIRS: MORE THAN A TITLE**

The University of Arizona and the College of Humanities currently have the dynamic faculty with the expertise to become a leading national and regional center. Philanthropic investment is key in our ability, as a university, to attract and retain outstanding faculty. An endowed chair represents one of the highest academic honors that the UA can bestow. Faculty who are honored by being named to a chair hold distinction on campus. It is part of their title and their identity on campus. But an endowed chair represents more than that. It is a permanent investment in the UA and ensures that faculty receive support year after year. Donors who support endowed chairs invest in not only the faculty member, but also in the students, programs, and research that the faculty member touches and in which they are an integral part. Rather than simply enhancing the salary of the faculty member designated, the funds from the endowments most often support the programmatic goals of the selected faculty member—goals that are in harmony with the mission of the program in which that faculty member serves.

Gifts to establish an endowed chair begin at \$1M. Gifts of this magnitude solidify the present and the future of the UA, turn our biggest challenges into the greatest opportunities, enable breakthroughs, and enrich the world-class stature of our programs. When the UA can recruit and retain the best faculty, our entire community benefits.

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