

The *UNT Foundation*—Putting Your Passion into Action

At the University of North Texas, ingenuity and inspiration drive the educational experience. A hub of innovation and creativity, the beneficial impact of UNT upon the community and the DFW metroplex is immense. The University of North Texas Foundation is an invaluable resource, providing financial support to the University of North Texas.

Inspiring Students to Achieve

Jorge Roman had a difficult start in life. Raised by a single mom who often worked two to three jobs just to make ends meet, Jorge had few friends and was often bullied at school. Even so, his mom encouraged him to study and he excelled at school. Jorge had always wanted to attend college, but knew his mother couldn't afford tuition. UNT however, provided Jorge with an invaluable option—an Emerald Eagle Scholarship.

Emerald Eagle Scholarships are awarded to qualifying students who are academically talented and have high financial need. Jorge was awarded an Emerald Eagle Scholarship, and as an Emerald Eagle Scholar, Jorge has grown in ways he never dreamed of. Social events have given him an opportunity to meet people and make new friends. A study abroad trip to Chile and Argentina has afforded him once-in-a-lifetime sights and experiences. Jorge's lifelong dream has been to become an M.D., and UNT's Emerald Eagle Scholars Program is helping to make his dream a reality.

The Emerald Eagle Scholars Endowment is one example of the many successful endowments available through the UNT Foundation. The foundation offers a variety of options to make a meaningful contribution to the UNT community and to make a difference in the lives of talented, ambitious students like Jorge Roman.

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Our Mission

The *University of North Texas Foundation, Inc.* supports and enhances the educational mission of the University of North Texas by accepting, investing and/or managing private gifts, endowed funds and other assets for the benefit of the university and its students; and by supporting and encouraging philanthropic gifts to the University.



UNT Foundation assets under management total over \$81 million in approximately 650 individual accounts. Over the past 25 years the UNT Foundation has distributed over \$35 million directly to the University of North Texas in support of students, faculty, programs and projects.

What is the *University of North Texas Foundation*?

Institutionally related foundations play a vital role in raising and managing private resources in support of public institutions of higher education. Such is certainly the case with the UNT Foundation. Chartered in 1972 as a public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, the UNT Foundation is able to facilitate gift transactions, enable the acquisition and development of real property, and pursue investment opportunities that might prove difficult or impractical for the state institution it serves. The UNT Foundation also functions as steward of privately contributed resources, ensuring that they are used in compliance with donor intent and maintained separately from public funds.

Another great advantage for the UNT Foundation is the ability to involve talented and dedicated volunteer leaders. While public institution boards are typically politically appointed, the UNT Foundation can recruit individuals with the specific capacities essential to effective fundraising and investment leadership. The ability to engage committed, affluent, influential, and independent volunteer leadership is perhaps the most important rationale for institutionally related foundations.



The Unique Advantages of the *University of North Texas Foundation*

Provides a private/public partnership for raising and managing money yet operates independently of the university unencumbered by certain state regulations;

Allocates unrestricted moneys to urgent needs that the university is unable to support with state-appropriated funds;

Provides greater confidentiality and/or anonymity of gift records;

Manages donated funds and distributes the earnings, as well as the principal, depending upon donor stipulations;

Maintains separate fund accounts from one fiscal year to the next;

Permits flexibility in the options for short-term investment of money needed for operating purposes, and in choosing long-term investment opportunities for endowments;

Accepts and sells tangible personal property and real estate with fewer state restrictions;

Maintains an independent board, which more effectively attracts volunteers who develop a sense of ownership and pride in the university, critical to fundraising success.

Offers a *Memorandum of Understanding* the formal agreement that guides an account established by a donor's gifts.

The *University of North Texas Foundation*—A Strong Endowment

A strong endowment is a hallmark of a great university. A primary function of the UNT Foundation is endowment fund management. Endowments are created by donated gifts that are invested to produce a permanent flow of income. The income is used year after year to support the university activity of the donor's choosing, such as student scholarships, faculty support,

research funding, graduate fellowships and lectureships. The UNT Foundation processes gifts to create endowments, sets up appropriate accounts, invests the fund according to Board policies, tracks income and expenses, and produces as well as distributes reports.

The first decade of the new century has been a challenging one for investors. The S&P 500 lost 1.6% annualized over

the period, however the UNT Foundation investment portfolio weathered the storm returning 18.4% on a cumulative basis for the decade ... approximately 1.7% annualized.

The UNT Foundation portfolio is structured to provide a consistent level of inflation-adjusted returns within acceptable long-term risk levels. It consists of an allocation of assets among well-diversified

equity, fixed income and alternative investment with a ratio of 52% Growth Assets, 35% Risk Reduction Assets, and 13% Inflation Protection Assets. Managers in each of these classes are benchmarked against the appropriate style median for each, resulting in a portfolio that is worthy of your commitment.



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