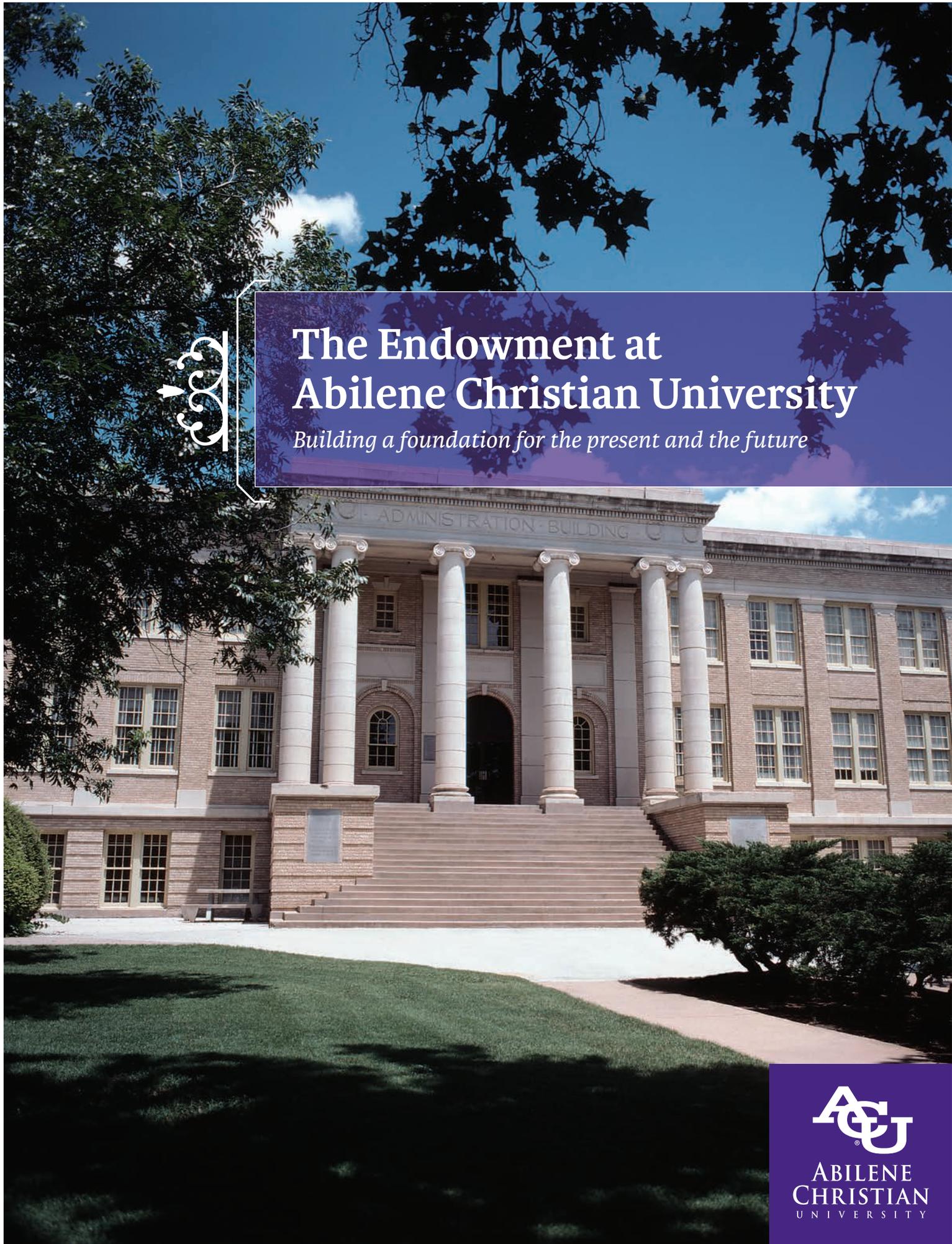




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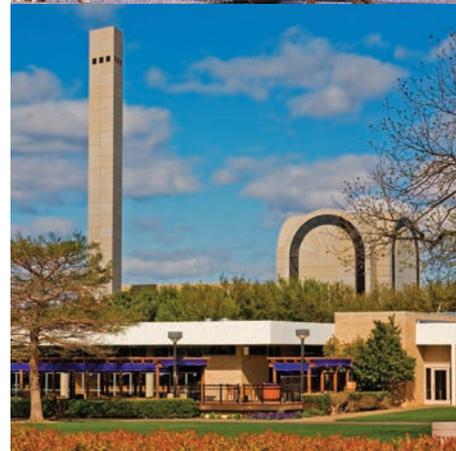
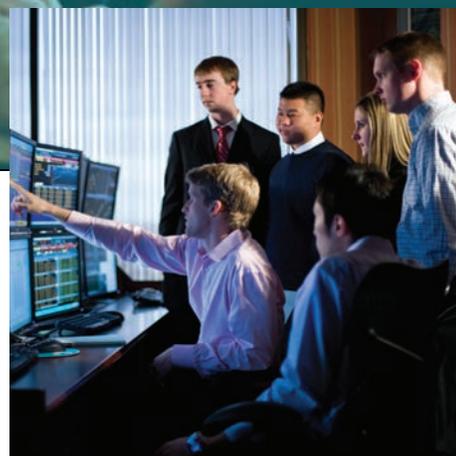
Endowment gifts change lives.

They change lives today. They change lives tomorrow. And they continue to change lives long after the giver is gone.

Every year, a portion of the interest generated from the endowment provides money for numerous scholarships and programs, many of them created by generous friends and alumni. In short, the endowment allows ACU to continue offering a world-class Christian education on an annual basis while providing ACU the security of an ongoing, independent revenue source.

An award-winning investment team manages ACU's endowment, and its members' sole mission is to wisely steward the gifts entrusted to ACU over the years. The endowment provides the financial bedrock for ACU's future; as gifts continue to grow the endowment, the university's financial foundation becomes even stronger – and even more students receive the benefits of your generosity.

Abilene Christian has been blessed with a deep and sustaining heritage in endowments. And once established, there is no minimum gift required to add to a specific endowment.



Ways to Give to the Endowment

You can give to the general endowment or establish a new endowment fund in numerous different ways. And it is important to keep in mind that all gifts may be pledged and paid over a period of five years.

Gifts of Cash

Your gift by check or credit card can be directed to any area of the university. We accept gifts by mail, phone or at acu.edu/giveonline. In most cases, you can benefit from a charitable income tax deduction for the full value of the gift.

Gifts of Other Assets

Gifts of non-cash assets also can be donated to support the endowment. Whether you are considering a gift of securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.) or a deferred gift that will happen in the distant future, we would be happy to work with you and your professional advisors to determine how you can make the biggest impact at ACU, while still being mindful of potential tax savings. Common non-cash gift assets include:

- Securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.)
- Life insurance policies
- Retirement accounts
- Real estate or personal property
- Mineral interests
- Gifts through your will or estate plan

If you are interested in finding out more about giving complex assets to the endowment, please do not hesitate to contact us.



How Does it Work?

Make an initial gift to the ACU endowment

Gifts to the general endowment help ACU secure student scholarships, world-class facilities, cutting-edge technology and exceptional faculty. If minimum funding requirements are met, donors also can establish and direct gifts to a specific and focused scholarship, or departmental or athletics endowment.

Invest for the present and the future

Under the direction of the Board of Trustees, the endowment has adopted a highly diversified portfolio with funds in private equity, hedge funds, energy and other alternative investments. This diverse portfolio is designed to minimize risks while still aiming to grow the endowment.

Distribute and grow

The ACU Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the spending policy for endowment funds. The goal is to provide annual earnings for specified endowment recipients while maximizing the ability of the endowment to grow over time.



Supporting ACU With an Endowment

Here are a few ways you might support ACU through endowment funds:

Scholarship endowments: Endowments dedicated to scholarships provide critical insurance in two important ways: They help ACU keep its commitment to accessibility and affordability for our students, and the ability to offer an aggressive schedule of scholarships ensures Abilene Christian will always be able to compete for the best and brightest students.

Funding minimums:

- Named unrestricted endowed scholarship fund: \$25,000
- Named restricted endowed scholarship fund: \$50,000

Academic endowments: Academic endowments allow ACU students to receive an education from some of the finest Christian faculty in the world. These funds support outstanding scholarship and instruction by helping the university attract, retain, recognize and reward premier Christian scholars.

Chairs: Endowed chairs honor exceptional achievement and contributions by faculty members. Appointment to an endowed chair is one of the highest honors a university can bestow on a faculty member. Such endowments attract eminent scholars, who in turn attract other distinguished scholars and the brightest students. Income available for an endowed chair funds the salary and benefits for the designated professor and the support needed to continue scholarship and research.

Professorships: An endowed professorship is designed to supplement the salary and research expenses for an outstanding Christian scholar.

Fellowships: Endowed fellowships may be used to supplement the designated professor's salary and/or the expenses associated with a professor's research.

Departmental: An endowment may be designed to benefit the operational budget of an academic department or program. Earnings may be used for authorized departmental expenditures; primary

consideration is given to existing programs.

Funding minimums:

- Endowed Chair: \$2 million
- Endowed Professorship: \$500,000
- Endowed Research Fellowship \$250,000
- Faculty Excellence Endowment \$50,000

Athletics endowments: The remarkable success of ACU Wildcat student-athletes over the years is a tribute to them, the coaches and the tradition of winning that permeates the program. Endowment for the athletics program in general, and for individual sports in particular, will help keep ACU's winning tradition alive.

Funding minimums:

- Named unrestricted endowed athletics scholarship fund: \$25,000
- Named restricted endowed athletics scholarship fund: \$50,000

Facilities and equipment endowments:

Maintenance of the university's facilities and state-of-the-art equipment is essential to our mission of educating students for worldwide Christian service and leadership. Because ACU is committed to academic excellence, the university must provide the tools necessary to prepare graduates for today's technology-driven workplace. Endowing facilities and equipment ensures ACU students will receive the highest-quality Christian education.

Funding minimums:

- Various

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