



NAMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW ENDOWED FUNDS

At James Madison University

Funding an endowment allows a donor to make an indelible mark on the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence and in turn on the University. A gift that meets certain criteria brings with it the opportunity for the benefactor to receive recognition or to pay tribute to a loved one, a friend, or a colleague.

The Gandhi Center has established minimum endowment levels to ensure lasting and sufficient support for its funding needs. Endowments created at these levels may be named by donors and designated to support such purposes as faculty chairs, scholarships, fellowships, lectureships, memorial funds, book funds, and awards.

Endowed Directorship

The Gandhi Center will use this endowment to enhance the scholarly strength of its programs. It is intended to secure the future of the Center at James Madison University. Income from the endowment provides a supplement to the director's base salary. The endowment may also produce discretionary funds the director may use to stimulate scholarship and research that enrich the teaching process. The directorship may be endowed and named by the donor with a gift of at least \$300,000.

Scholarships and Fellowships

In the face of rising tuition and fees, scholarships make it possible for the Gandhi Center to retain qualified students regardless of their financial means. A scholarship or fellowship may be endowed and named by the donor with a gift of at least \$50,000.

Other Endowed Gifts

Commemorative or memorial opportunities are also available for gifts at the following levels:

Endowed Lectureships (\$50,000)

Funds generated by an endowed lectureship provide honoraria for bringing distinguished speakers to the James Madison University campus. Scholars consider it a high honor to be invited to deliver a named lecture.

Research Scholars (\$250,000)

Funds generated from the endowment helps to bring foreign scholars to the campus for a period of one semester to one full year. It will provide support for research, curriculum development, and teaching.

Memorial or Commemorative Endowed Gift Funds (\$50,000)

These gifts may be named at the discretion of the donor and designated for any program at the Gandhi Center.

Prizes and Awards (\$50,000)

An endowed prize or award allows the Gandhi Center to recognize outstanding performance by students, faculty members, other members of the JMU community, or members of the wider community. Prizes or awards established with a gift of \$50,000 or more may be named by the donor.

Book Funds (\$25,000)

The Gandhi Center Library uses the income from these endowed funds to make important additions to its collections. If the donor wishes, commemorative or memorial bookplates will be placed in the new purchases.

Unrestricted Endowments

To fuel ongoing operations and to sustain excellence in academic programs, the Gandhi Center relies on private support that is unrestricted. With a gift of \$50,000 or more, a donor may create a named, unrestricted endowment that will provide a perpetual source of funds to meet urgent needs as they arise and to capitalize on emerging academic opportunities.

To Learn More

To learn more about establishing an endowed fund at the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence, please contact Dr. Sushil Mittal at 540-568-4060 or mittalsx@jmu.edu.