Faculty & Staff Giving Campaign FAQs

Why is faculty and staff giving so important to Ohio University? Gifts from faculty and staff provide funding for important initiatives at Ohio University. These gifts signify your endorsement of the University, announcing to alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations that OHIO is an institution worthy of support and that support starts at "home".

When will faculty and staff be asked to make a gift? While gifts from faculty and staff are welcome throughout the year, The Promise Within Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign's active solicitation period takes place from March 1, 2014 – May 1, 2014. During that time, faculty and staff will receive solicitation letters and emails asking for contributions to the University. Faculty and staff gifts processed throughout the year will be included in the participation totals recognized for faculty and staff giving.

May I designate my gifts to a particular area of the University? Faculty and Staff will have the opportunity to designate their gift to the area they are most passionate about at OHIO. The University's Undergraduate Scholarship Investment Program will be featured as a designation option for Faculty and Staff. By giving to match-eligible endowed scholarships, your gift will be matched 0.5:1.0 by the University and will increase the impact of private gifts to these funds.

Please note: Contributions are *not* tax-deductible if the donor retains control of or benefits from the donated funds. For example, a department chair contributing to the department discretionary account or an employee serving on the scholarship selection committee for a scholarship account to which he/she has donated will not be counted as charitable gifts according to IRS guidelines. In these situations, the Ohio University Foundation will not issue a charitable gift receipt. Conversely, when faculty members contribute to a department discretionary account over which they have no expenditure control (e.g., have no signing authority), their gifts <u>are</u> considered charitable gifts and the Ohio University Foundation can issue charitable gift receipts.

Is my gift confidential? Rest assured that all information about OHIO donors is handled with respect and confidentiality to the extent provided by the law.

Not everyone can afford to make a large contribution. What difference does a small gift make? Each and every gift makes a difference. Last year, gifts of $100 or less added up to $750,000 in support to OHIO.

Is my gift tax deductible? Yes. Your gift is 100% tax deductible. Please see the note above regarding charitable giving towards funds you control, as these are not considered tax deductible.
*Note: If you make a gift towards the Bobcat Club (Intercollegiate Athletics), your gift may only be tax deductible up to 80% due to benefits received for priority seating and parking.

Can I split my gift between designations? Yes. Your gift can be divided between multiple designations throughout the University.

How can I find out my giving history? Contact Carlyn Runnels in the Office of Annual Giving at runnels@ohio.edu or (740) 593-2098.

How do I get a pledge form? If you do not receive a pledge form via campus mail, please contact Carlyn Runnels in the Office of Annual Giving at runnels@ohio.edu or (740) 593-2098. You can also visit www.ohio.edu/annualgiving and download an Annual Giving brochure.

For other questions and information regarding The Promise Within Faculty & Staff Giving Campaign, please contact Carlyn Runnels in the Office of Annual Giving at runnels@ohio.edu or (740) 593-2098.