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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

## *A Planned Gift—Investing in the Future*

The University of Virginia has always looked to the future with bold aspirations. Today, it can do so with confidence, thanks to the generous and thoughtful support of alumni, parents and friends who have chosen to contribute to the University through planned gifts. This guide offers an introduction to your planned giving options.

### ***What is a “Planned” Gift?***

A “planned” gift is one of several types of gifts that permit you to provide a future benefit to the University while meeting your current financial, personal and philanthropic goals.

Unlike providing immediate support to the University through an outright contribution of cash, securities, artwork or other tangible items,

planned gifts provide a *future stream of support* that enables the University to plan for future programs and projects with confidence. As with all gifts to the University, the future benefit of your planned gift will be applied to the University school or program you select for purposes you define.

Additionally, a planned gift often offers you and your family significant tax benefits, greater financial flexibility, and even lifetime income.

Regardless of its form, your planned gift helps provide a secure foundation for the University’s future.

### ***Revocable “Bequests”— Providing Future Support***

If you would like to provide a future benefit to U.Va., but you are not yet comfortable giving away

assets you might need to meet your future financial needs, you might consider including the University as a beneficiary of your will, living trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy.

While providing a future benefit to the school or program of your choice, you will retain maximum lifetime flexibility and can adjust your beneficiary designation as your personal needs change.

The assets you designate for the University will be eliminated from your taxable estate at your death, and you will be assured that 100% of your designated amounts will be applied fully to the area(s) of your choosing.

### ***“Life Income” Gifts— Payments for Life; Remainder to the University***

If you are comfortable making a donation of assets now but would like to receive a *regular payment stream* for the rest of your life, one of several “life income” gift plans might be perfect for you.

A **Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)** is a simple contract with the University to pay you and/or your designated beneficiary a fixed annuity for life. At the end of the contract term, the remainder will be distributed to the University school or program of your choice for the purposes you designate.





Similar to a CGA, a **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)** can be funded with a wide range of assets, including securities, cash or real estate. A CRT provides regular payments to you and/or other beneficiaries you designate for life or for a selected term of years. The remainder is then put to use by the University as you direct.

With a “life income” gift, you will be eligible for a current income tax deduction, will receive a regular payment stream, will remove the assets you contribute from your taxable estate, and will provide much-needed future support to the University.

### ***The Charitable Lead Trust—Payments to University Now; Remainder to Your Family***

In contrast to “life income” gifts that provide you with a current payment stream and the University with a future remainder interest, a **Charitable Lead Trust (CLT)** provides a current payment stream to the University to meet current building or other needs. At the end of the trust term, the trust remainder will be returned to you or to other beneficiaries you designate.

You may significantly reduce gift or estate tax, be eligible for a current income tax deduction, and you will be able to witness, during your lifetime, the tangible impact your dollars are making on your designated area at the University.

### ***Planned Gifts—Flexibility to Meet Your Needs***

This introduction covers the basics of some of the most common types

of planned gifts. There are many variations on each gift type, and you will almost certainly find one that will provide you with the flexibility you desire and the confidence that you have provided welcome support to the University school or program that meets your passion.

The Office of Gift Planning looks forward to working with you and your advisors to help you structure a gift plan that meets all of your goals.

### ***The University of Virginia Cornerstone Society—Letting Us Say Thank You***

The Cornerstone Society recognizes alumni and friends who have made planned gifts to the University.

The Cornerstone Society takes its name from the cornerstone of Pavilion VII laid in 1817 at a ceremony attended by James Madison, James Monroe and Thomas Jefferson. Just as the cornerstone of Pavilion VII provided the foundation for the University’s first building, our Cornerstone Society members are laying the groundwork for the University’s future.

#### **Whom Do I Contact?**

For more information about how a planned gift might fit into your overall giving plan, please contact the Office of Gift Planning, P.O. Box 400807, Charlottesville, VA 22904-4807; send us an email at [giftplanning@virginia.edu](mailto:giftplanning@virginia.edu); or call (434) 924-7306 or (800) 688-9882. You can also find more information about planned gifts to benefit the University on the Gift Planning website at [www.virginia.edu/giftplanning](http://www.virginia.edu/giftplanning).



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