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**Minimum Endowment Thresholds**

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1. **Endowed Presidential Chair**
  - a. \$5 million minimum threshold required
  - b. To recognize the height of distinction for a scholar and researcher.
  - c. To recruit, retain and reward the very best of the best faculty and faculty serving as a college dean or university president.
  - d. In such cases, the endowment supports the position, not the specific person.
2. **Endowed Eminent Scholar Chair**
  - a. \$2 million minimum threshold required
  - b. To recognize faculty who epitomize academic excellence as a scholar and researcher.
  - c. To recruit, retain and reward exceptional faculty and faculty serving as department head or program director.
  - d. In such cases, the endowment supports the position, not the specific person.
3. **Endowed Faculty Chair**
  - a. \$1 million minimum threshold required.
  - b. To recruit, retain and reward superior faculty members.
  - c. To enhance the faculty member's scholarly efforts and/or research program.
  - d. In such cases, the endowment supports the position, not the specific person.
4. **Endowed Faculty Professorship**
  - a. \$500,000 minimum threshold required.
  - b. To recruit, retain and reward outstanding faculty members.
  - c. To enhance the faculty member's scholarly efforts and/or research program.
  - d. In such cases, the endowment supports the position, not the specific person.
5. **Endowed Graduate Fellowship**
  - a. Endowed Presidential Graduate Fellowships - \$250,000 minimum threshold required.
  - b. Endowed Dean's Graduate Fellowships- \$100,000 minimum threshold required.
  - c. Endowed Graduate Fellowships- \$25,000 minimum threshold required.
  - d. To support a student working toward an advanced degree in any of the graduate fields.
  - e. Academic merit and/or financial need may be a consideration.
  - f. A donor may suggest other preferential criteria.
6. **Endowed Lectureship**
  - a. \$125,000 minimum threshold required.
  - b. To support expenses associated with planning and implementing a lecture or lecture series in specific areas/or on specific topics.
7. **Endowed Scholarship**
  - a. \$25,000 minimum threshold required.
  - b. To support an undergraduate or graduate student.
  - c. Academic merit and/or financial need may be a consideration.
  - d. A donor may suggest other preferential criteria.
8. **Endowed Collections**
  - a. \$25,000 minimum threshold required.
  - b. To purchase material for the library or other Collection.
  - c. To support preservation of library and other Collections in all formats.
  - d. To support digitization or processing of Collections.
  - e. To support increasing access to Collections.