TODAY, THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I FOUNDATION embraces a model in which the benefits of philanthropic partnership flow in both directions. Universities and their home communities are interdependent; only with mutual investment can they grow strong. Our exclusive dedication to the University of Hawai‘i System is, in effect, a commitment to advancing the ambitions of the entire state.

The connection between UH and the constituency it serves takes many forms: the ongoing exchange between alumni and their alma mater; the investments of a corporate community that sees the value of the University every business day; the scholarships provided by community members committed to making a difference in the lives of UH’s students. Each connection brings Hawai‘i and its University closer together. As they draw closer, they grow stronger.

We provide a variety of services to University and community alike.

The UH Foundation:

- Raises gifts of all sizes for University programs
- Provides specialists in major gifts, corporate and foundation fundraising, annual giving, and planned giving
- Advances specialized donor relations and events to bring donors and not-yet donors closer to the University
- Maintains gift clubs for UH’s most financially committed supporters
- Coordinates the activities of the UH Alumni Association and maintains a central records service for all UH alumni
- Offers services to donors and their advisers on planned gifts, trusts, and wills
- Manages an endowment whose earnings go to fund scholarships, faculty support and program activities
- Provides accounting services for more than 1,000 student aid accounts for the benefit of UH students

Thanks to our partners in the business community, Hawai‘i’s students are given new opportunities in the classroom—and the boardroom.
OUR FOUNDATION IS TRUST. Without trust, there can be no partnerships.

As a repository for the goodwill and hope of the University community, the Foundation recognizes the importance of maintaining open relationships with the individuals who advance the work of UH’s students and faculty. The Foundation openly discloses information about its policies, activities, financial statements, and other information to further understanding of its mission and operations. In turn, the Foundation honors its obligation to maintain donor confidentiality and to pursue accepted business practice with regard to human resources, legal, real estate, financial, and other matters.

Over the years, we have learned that for most donors, the greatest concern is that their gift be used in exactly the manner they intend. For the Foundation, this is an absolute.

On average, nearly 99 percent of gifts are designated by donors for a specific campus, school, department, or program. The Foundation deposits those gifts directly into the respective program account established at the Foundation by Chancellors, Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Heads. Your gift is restricted and secured through contractual agreement as designated through your memorandum of understanding, check or reply card. Your gift is used as you intend it to be used. There are no exceptions to this rule.
THE WORK OF ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT is increasingly complex and requires development officers and staff who are resourceful, creative and dedicated to the mission of the University. At each level of the organization, the UH Foundation has assembled a staff that embodies the excellence that the Foundation seeks to support.

The Foundation’s Development Officers are spread throughout the University System and are responsible, in close cooperation with their respective Chancellor, Dean or Director, for the fundraising efforts of specific units. The Foundation also employs regional advancement officers who coordinate alumni activities and cultivate major gifts. The Development Officers report to the Associate VP for Major Gifts, who works with the Foundation President and Vice President for Administration/CFO to ensure maximum management and financial efficiency.

This staff is supported by central services which include the offices of Foundation and Corporate Relations, Fiscal Services, Communications and Marketing, Gift Planning and Annual Giving, which also manages the student-run UH calling center. Because the Foundation is the link between the University and the private community, the President of the Foundation also works in close contact with the University President on special projects, including broad-based public/private initiatives.

The athletes who train on UH Manoa’s new track know that a victory may be measured in a split-second, but it earned through hours of hard work.
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION and the Foundation staff are accountable to the Foundation Board of Trustees which provides external oversight of the Foundation’s operations. The Trustees recognize a responsibility to reflect in their membership the geographical, ethnic, and gender diversity of the University of Hawai‘i’s alumni and friends. They are leaders in business and civic affairs who have a demonstrable commitment to the University of Hawai‘i.

The Board’s Investment Committee is charged with oversight of the UH Foundation’s endowment, whose earnings are used for the benefit of University programs as designated by the donor. The Investment Committee is supported by nationally recognized fund managers and ensures the endowment provides maximum support to the University in perpetuity.

ACCOUNTABILITY

In addition to the external oversight provided by our Board, the Foundation meets regulatory requirements at the federal, state, and local levels, and has taken the initiative in many areas to exceed the requirements of regulatory agencies in order to provide better information and service to the University of Hawai‘i and to donors.

As part of our reporting responsibility, we make available the following items:

- Financial audit, conducted by our external auditor;
- Annual report of giving and activities, and an online honor roll of donors;
- Policies on disbursement of gift funds;
- Investment policies, expenditure guidelines, and quarterly performance reports

These items are available directly from the University of Hawai‘i Foundation; 2444 Dole Street Honolulu, HI 96822, (808) 956-8849.