University Foundation Relations and Corporate Philanthropy (UFRCP)
OSP Roundtable: Connecting Faculty and Philanthropy
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College & Unit Liaison Model

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College of Arts & Sciences
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Cornell Tech
Lab of Ornithology
S.C. Johnson College of Business

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Cornell Library
College of Veterinary Medicine
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Student & Campus Life
Our Work

- Alumni Affairs and Development
- Fundraise (charitable gifts under federal tax law)
- Provide strategic leadership for Cornell’s engagement with private/corp foundations & corporations
- Build and maintain relationships with foundations & corporations that have cross-university interests
- Support faculty and academic leadership
$5B Philanthropy Goal (7/2018 – 6/2026)
- $3B Ithaca, $1.5B WCM, $500M Cornell Tech
- $3.7B raised through 1/31/2023

Priority Areas:
1. An Educational Beacon (access, scholarships and fellowships, DEIB, strategic academic positions)
2. A Source of Solutions (global sustainability, human and animal health, human creativity, social and economic equity, technology and society)
3. A Bridge to the World (communities, NYC, international reach)
Gift vs. Sponsored

Gifts:
- Philanthropic in nature
- Donor receives little or nothing of value in return
- Little or no input into the performance of the supported activity
- No defined period of performance
- No formal financial accounting required beyond a general report of expenditures
- Unexpended funds do not revert to the donor
- No deliverables
- No requirements regarding disposition of tangible or intangible property (IP, copyright, data)
Gift vs. Sponsored (cont’d)

- **Sponsored (Grants/Contracts/Cooperative Agreements)**
  - Sponsor benefits by furthering its own purposes or programs
  - Specific statement of work and detailed budget for a specified research project
  - Terms and conditions on the use of funds and other requirements for the work to be performed
  - Deliverables defined by formal written agreement (e.g. financial reports, research results, IP rights etc.)
  - May require detailed financial and other reports
  - May require the return of unexpended funds

- Revenue Matrix: [https://www.dfa.cornell.edu/accounting/topics/revenueclass/matrix](https://www.dfa.cornell.edu/accounting/topics/revenueclass/matrix)

- When in doubt, ask OSP, SFS, UFRCP
University-Managed Organizations List

- ~75 org’s with university-wide strategic interest
- Examples: Gates, Mellon, G&B Moore, Robert Wood Johnson, Simons
- Coordinate with OSP on strategic foundation limited submissions and solicitation strategies
- What to do with this list?
  - Awareness of tracked prospects with university-wide strategic interests (incl. Cornell Tech and WCM)
  - Reach out to prospect manager first before engaging
  - Engage AAD early to follow solicitation protocols (Policy 3.1)
- Open RFP’s – UFRCP receives reports from OSP every 2 weeks on submission activity
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How We Partner With You on Gift Funding

- Our focus is on private foundations, corporate foundations and corporations
- Share funding opportunities in your field
- Connect you with org representatives and help you cultivate and manage relationships (pre and post funding)
- Provide briefings for corporate and foundation visits
- Produce org profiles
- Provide guidance and support navigating university and funder policies/procedures for gift solicitation
- Interpreting funder’s IDC policy
Policy 3.1

- University Policy Library
- Policy for all stages of philanthropic giving: solicitation, acceptance, processing, recording, acknowledgment
- Protects both the donor and the university
- Gift Acceptance Committee pre-approves large gifts:
  - $100K international
  - $1M+ - Provost and VP AAD
  - $10M+ - Must be pre-approved by Gift Acceptance Committee
  - $25M+ - Must be pre-approved by the President and Trustee Executive Committee
UFRCP in Partnership with OSP

- Strategic Limited Submissions (ex. Hartwell, Keck, Moore Inventor Fellows)
- Gift vs. Grant determination
- Faculty information sessions
- Directing you to appropriate team for budget support – OSP/DFA or college finance specialist
Corporate Relations Ecosystem

- Research and Innovation – Office of Corporate Engagement
- Center for Tech Licensing
- C&U External Relations
- Career Services
- Employer Relations
- Executive Education
- eCornell – Executive Education
Prospect Research and Analysis

- Daily CFR News Bulletin
- Research to inform cultivation and solicitation strategies
- Org profiles and visit briefings
- Team liaison for Limited Submissions (ex. Hartwell, Keck)
- Access to both AAD/OSP systems for accurate forecasting and giving histories
- Prospect discovery
Sample Org Profile Format:

- Assets, revenue, # of employees, # of Cornell alum
- Key relationships (leaders, board members, advisory boards, alum, parent)
- History of contact reports chronicling key points of engagement (on campus and off campus visits, proposal discussions, presentations, panels)
- Org’s funding priorities and alignment with Cornell’s
- Notable giving to both Cornell (by college/unit) and our peer institutions
- Analysis of opportunity for partnership
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Success Stories

- Mellon Foundation
- Keck Foundation
Opportunities and Initiatives

- More joint presentations to faculty and Academic Leadership
- RFP and Stewardship calendars
- Strategy meetings – collaborative proposals, bringing silos together, visit strategies
- Quarterly CFR luncheons
- Feedback and recommendations to re-deploy unsuccessful proposals
- What else would you like to learn from us? How else can we support you?
THANK YOU

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