

College of Arts and Sciences Foundation Profile

Department of Economics

I. General Description

The Department of Economics offers the opportunity for concentrated study of economic principles and economic theory as well as specific social issues and fields of economics including: crime, health care, the environment, labor relations, government regulation, public finance, economic systems, economic development, and international trade & finance. The curriculum developed by the Department of Economics is based on the premise that economics students, regardless of their professional goals, should be well informed about the basic principles of all areas of economic inquiry.

II. Points of Pride

- Outstanding faculty with especially strong expertise in international economics and environmental economics. Faculty teaching and research experience in Argentina, Bolivia, China, Cuba, Iran, Paraguay, Morocco, and Russia.
- Most productive teaching departments in the College of Arts & Sciences as measured by student: faculty ratios.
- Five members of the economics faculty have been recognized with University wide awards in teaching, research and service.

III. Vision

The Department of Economics seeks to produce graduates who are equipped with the technical tools and knowledge of the institutional arrangements of society critical to economic analysis so as to participate in public policy debates and/or strategic decision making. The faculty strives to prepare students for careers as working economists in business or government, to teach economics at the primary and secondary levels, or to pursue graduate studies. Towards these ends the faculty works to engage students in their own on-going as well as student-centered research programs.

IV. Opportunities for Philanthropic Support

- *Opportunities for Naming:* classrooms, scholarships, endowed professorships, lecture series. \$25,000 on up.
- *Endowed Scholarships:* Provide support for economics students to participate at the Woodrow Wilson Institute in Washington, D.C. Amount is \$1,000 - \$1,500.
- *International Study Abroad:* Provide support for economics students to participate in study abroad opportunities such as at our partner institutions in China and Morocco. \$1,000 - \$3,000 per student.
- *Conference Support:* Provide support for economics students to participate at regional and/or national professional conferences such as Allied Social Sciences Association and Midwest Economics Association meetings to present research. Amount is \$250 - \$500 per student per conference.