Michigan Matching Initiative for Student Support

The Michigan Matching Initiative for Student Support offers an extra incentive for donors to establish or support endowed scholarship funds. The Initiative provides a $25 million matching pool to encourage new gifts of $100,000 to $1 million that support scholarships for Michigan students. Terms of the matching program are as follows:

- Gifts eligible for matching funds must support new or existing endowments that are specifically designated to support undergraduate, graduate, or professional scholarships at the University of Michigan.

- Qualifying gifts will be matched at twenty-five percent (1:4). The minimum gift amount eligible for matching funds is $100,000. The maximum gift eligible for matching funds is $1 million. Maximum match, per household, is $250,000.

- Financial need is a preferred criterion for all scholarships matched through the program. Donors may define other selection criteria including academic merit, special talents and interests, study abroad, field study, or geographic origin.

- Gifts may be designated to support scholarships on a university-wide basis or a specific college, school, or program.

- Groups consisting of up to four donors may pool their gifts for matching funds.

- Only gifts from individuals and family foundations will be matched. Pledges are payable over a maximum of 5 years. Matching funds will be applied as pledge payments are received.

- The matching initiative will continue until all funds have been committed. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A fully signed gift agreement is required to reserve matching funds.

- All matching gifts provided by the University will be applied to the donor’s gift record as recognition credit.

The future success of the University of Michigan depends above all else upon the quality of our students. Endowed scholarships and fellowships provide motivated students the chance to pursue their education, and join with faculty in discovery and innovation.