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USC Foundations – 1996

The University of the Sunshine Coast was founded in 1996 by an act of Parliament. From its first day, on 26 February 1996, when a couple of hundred inspired students opened their books, USC has held its head high, looking towards a future it was determined to improve.

Since 1996, USC has experienced a meteoric rise in growth and has been a primary engine of capacity building for the Sunshine Coast. USC's success has not been a solo mission: philanthropists have contributed greatly to the University's vision, and their legacy can be seen throughout USC's campuses and in the success of its graduates.





Society and Vision

The USC 1996 Society is a University giving club that inspires conversations and action – not just about what is needed today, but about how philanthropists can shape and secure the future of higher education.

This exclusive giving club allows the community to play an important role in the financial health of USC and to make a powerful statement about how much they value the University's contribution to the broader region.

Achieving great things at USC requires a healthy, sustainable financial foundation. Support given by the USC 1996 Society members and visionaries will be entrusted in a perpetual account as a form of social investment in unrestricted giving known as the USC Visionaries Fund.





USC Visionaries Fund

The USC Visionaries Fund operates to build the University's capital. The principal given by donors is held in perpetuity while the interest is distributed for critical projects and programs. This perpetual financial investment account then secures the future of the organisation by furthering urgent needs in the areas of:

- the quality of teaching and research,
- support of student bursaries, and
- seed money for vital program development.

When you make a gift to the USC Visionaries Fund, the University will invest the full amount in order to generate income each year. Up to four percent of the fund's principal is the anticipated amount available for use each year; any additional interest return is reinvested to continue to grow the endowment.





Inspiration

The USC Visionaries Fund will ensure that regardless of the political climate, USC will have a solid foundation to weather potential federal or state educational policy changes and to continue to invest in providing the best environment for our students in study, sport, and the pursuit of innovative research.

This visionary perpetual reserve is ideal for the extraordinary philanthropist as it provides a crucial vehicle to deliver unrestricted funds to support the mission and vision of the University for the future.

Membership in the USC 1996 Society is as exclusive and rare as the foresight of each member in seeing how today's education and research can create tomorrow's world.





Annual Recognition

Giving tiers are a means of recognising the USC 1996 Society contributions and expressing our heartfelt appreciation. The tiers and courtesies of giving are progressive, increasing in accordance with donors' pledges of charitable commitment.

Annual gift acknowledgement is granted in accordance with the following tiers:

Annual Society Member: \$1,996 (annually)

- Chancellor's Associates recognition level on the annual USC donor wall on campus and online,
- A 'USC 1996 Society Member philanthropist' lapel pin
- USC 1996 Society networking opportunities:
 - Invitation to an annual USC Philanthropist acknowledgement event,
 - Invitations to USC Art Gallery exhibitions,
 - Invitations to USC lectures / seminars,
- Recognition in the USC 1996 Society bi-annual social impact update report.

Annual Society Visionary: \$5,000 (annually)

Includes all Society Member courtesies above, plus:

- A 'USC 1996 Society Visionary philanthropist' lapel pin,
 - Two tickets to an annual prestigious lecture,
 - Invitation to the Vice-Chancellor and President's Philanthropist Dinner.
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Visionaries:

Loyalty Recognition

USC recognises loyalty and devotion in the USC 1996 Society. Society members and visionaries who have given for a minimum of five years will be acknowledged for their unfailing support.

Continual financial support provides USC with the stability, confidence and resources to set lofty goals in everything from student support to important research and global engagement.





Invitation

The USC Foundation Board would like to invite you to join the USC 1996 Society. With your generosity today, the dream conceived in 1996 can continue to shine brightly at USC.



For more information on becoming a USC 1996 Society donor, or if you would like to learn more about other USC giving opportunities and social investment, please contact us:

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