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TRUSTEE EXCELLENCE FUND

IMPACT REPORT

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TRUSTEE EXCELLENCE FUND (TEF) REVIEW

WHAT IS THE TEF?

The TEF is the expendable fund that trustees contribute to. The pooled funds create a strong catalyst for innovation and impact at K-State.

WHO FUNDS THE TEF?

You do as a trustee. Half of a trustee's \$5,000 annual commitment to K-State (\$2,500) is directed to the Trustees Excellence Fund.

HOW IS THE TEF USED?

TEF dollars are deployed to projects or programs that are emerging growth opportunities or addressing a student or campus need. The KSU Foundation identifies areas to receive funding in collaboration with university leaders.

WHEN IS THE TEF USED?

The foundation is very strategic about how the TEF is utilized. Ultimately, we deploy these dollars to support programs that will generate the highest return on your philanthropic investment and directly impact students.

KEY INITIATIVES

Since its inception in 2016, numerous K-State initiatives have benefited from over \$2.3 million in support. Here are a few examples:



FLIP THIS CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS

If you walk into one of K-State's 275 classrooms today, there's a good chance the space might seem a little ... familiar. That's because many haven't been significantly updated in decades. Thanks to funding from the trustees, significant progress has been made to update 67 of K-State's most-used — and most outdated — classrooms. So far, 12 classrooms have been completed, with 16 more planned by the end of 2025.

Scan to learn more about how we're flipping classrooms.



APPLIED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

As a leading land-grant institution, we know that education beyond the classroom is essential to putting context to learning and sharing our knowledge with Kansas communities and beyond.

That's why providing applied learning experiences to every degree-seeking student is one of the strategic imperatives in K-State's Next-Gen Strategic Plan. From study abroad and research projects to internships and competition teams, these experiences apply classroom learning in real-world settings. They create opportunities for students to gain valuable insights, develop problem-solving abilities and better understand their career fields.

Scan to learn more about these transformative learning experiences.



GAME-CHANGING RESEARCH INITIATION PROGRAM

The GRIP brings together interdisciplinary teams for transformative research on grand challenges facing Kansas stakeholders, our nation and world. A broad team of senior researchers and K-State academic leaders reviewed pre-proposals from 36 teams and invited 10 to submit full proposals. After review by faculty and academic leaders, projects from three teams were selected for funding of up to \$300k annually for up to three years, plus \$50k in one-time ramp-up funds. Money from the Trustees Excellence Fund contributed to this funding.

The teams from the funded projects include faculty members from five colleges and K-State Olathe.

Scan for more information about the research teams.



TRUSTEE TIC-TAC-TOE SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES

For over 70 years, our trustees have generously supported Kansas State University. In keeping with this tradition, we launched a fun experience at select men's basketball games to lessen the financial burden on K-State students.

In Trustees Tic-Tac-Toe, contestants are invited onto the basketball court and must make a basket to place their piece on the board. Both participants win a share of \$5,000 in scholarship prize money. Look for this contest at five games this season and follow the KSU Foundation on social media to see the students you're helping.

Scan to see some of the grateful recipients.



COMPREHENSIVE TEF EXPENDITURES: (JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2024) TOTAL: \$2,330,837.50

Beginning in fiscal year 2017, the Board of Trustees commitment evolved to include an annual TEF contribution. Here's a comprehensive review of where the funds have been invested:

FY17 - \$75,000 ALLOCATED TO:

Textbooks 2.0	\$75,000
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FY18 - \$287,600 ALLOCATED TO:

Strategic Enrollment Management/Huron Consultants	\$100,000
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Kansas State University president's salary	\$100,000
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Textbooks 2.0	\$59,000
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K-State Proud campaign contribution	\$15,000
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Cats' Cupboard	\$10,000
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CASE internship stipend	\$3,600
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FY19 - \$160,000 ALLOCATED TO:

Kansas State University president's salary	\$100,000
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Textbooks 2.0	\$25,000
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Cats' Cupboard	\$10,000
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All In for K-State contribution (Cats' Cupboard)	\$10,000
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K-State Proud campaign contribution	\$15,000
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FY20 - \$50,000 ALLOCATED TO:

K-State Proud campaign contribution	\$50,000
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FY21 - \$65,000 ALLOCATED TO:

All In for K-State contribution (Textbooks 2.0)	\$50,000
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K-State PROUD campaign contribution	\$15,000
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FY22 - \$985,500 ALLOCATED TO:

Classroom renovation project	\$750,000
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Bright Ideas award winner — The Land-grant Promise	\$100,000
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All In for K-State contribution (mental health services)	\$100,000
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K-State Proud campaign contribution	\$15,000
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Student welcome back event sponsorship	\$10,500
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All In campus ambassador award	\$10,000
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FY23 - \$425,000 ALLOCATED TO:

Flip This Classroom renovations	\$250,000
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All In for K-State (financial futures)	\$100,000
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Game-changing research initiative	\$50,000
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K-State PROUD campaign contribution	\$15,000
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All In campus ambassador challenge	\$10,000
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FY24 - \$266,737.50 ALLOCATED TO:

Applied learning experiences	\$215,000
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Leap Day gift matching campaign	\$26,737.50
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Trustee Tic-Tac-Toe scholarship winners	\$25,000
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HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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