

Donor Charter

Donations given in favour of the University of Padua are a mutual enrichment resource used towards the investment of knowledge and a contribution to the cultural growth of Italy and of society as a whole. Therefore, the University of Padua proposes to outline a Donor Charter that is:

- consistent with the principles that inspire the institution
- in compliance with the activities it carries out
- in line with the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals
- able to provide the essential financial support for initiatives and activities
- able to ensure maximum transparency in the use of donated funds
- able to ensure the highest level of independence from political and economic powers as stated in the "Ethical Standards and Principles for Fundraising" established by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)

1 - Vision and Core Values of the University

The Donor Charter establishes and regulates the recommendations for fundraising that is in line with the vision and founding principles of the institution stating that: the University promotes and organizes higher education and scientific research that comply with the freedom of teaching and science. By the principles defined in the Constitution of the Italian Republic and its tradition, the University affirms itself as a pluralistic character that is independent of any conditioning and discrimination of an ideological, religious, political or economic nature. The University promotes the development of a culture based on universal values such as human rights, peace, environmental protection and international solidarity. An institution that undertakes that all its members respect these principles as well as the values of the dignity of each individual while upholding the good name of the University and the proper use of its resources.

2 - Fundraising

Fundraising activities conducted in favour of the University collaborate with individuals, companies, organizations, foundations, associations, and international and national public institutions. In pursuit of their mission, fundraising activities, in turn, are advantageous for the whole community and therefore deserve support. To this end, fundraising activities are conscientious in their effort to accomplish the goals of donors by managing funds prudently for clear objectives.

Communication to individual donors and the public is based on transparency, ensuring that donations are made in a fully conscious and, as far as possible, finalized manner. Donors that do not specifically direct donated funds to specific projects must be understood as support to the entire institutional body.

The University undertakes to operate, as far as possible, in check with donors by deepening their knowledge with the available means, web research and consultancy, and information obtained from competent local officials to ascertain their respectability and legitimacy and to exclude partners incompatible with their ethics and mission, all parties must be in full compliance with privacy and current laws.

Donations in favour of the University may consist of:

- sums of money, of a movable, immovable or universality of movable property
- sums of money, of a movable, immovable or universality of a movable property aimed at a specific purpose (conditional donation)
- the assumption of an obligation to be made by the donor which has as its object the delivery of a supply, a service, a job (promissory donations) without prejudice to the provisions of Art. 20 of Legislative Decree 50/2016 s.m.i.

3 – Donor Rights

Donors to allow the institution to continue its mission. Therefore, the Entity must ensure the use of the resources made available by them, effective concerning the purpose for which the donation is made, efficient in economic management and fair concerning the various claims, needs and requests related to that purpose.

In particular donors:

- may request information, in the manner established by the Law and by the University Regulations:
 - on the mission and purpose that the University pursues
 - on the nature and methods of implementation of the projects, initiatives and activities carried out by the University
 - on the results obtained through the donation
- they have the right to be respected in their own free will
- have the right to have their confidentiality guaranteed. In particular, their data will be processed, in compliance with EU Regulation 2016/679 and subsequent amendments, solely for the University, excluding any unauthorized transfer, even free of charge, to other structures or organizations. Donors may request cancellation at any time. The University must acknowledge if requested, respect for anonymity
- have the right to have the resources collected to be used by the University independently from any conditioning extraneous to the mission, be it ideological, political or commercial, and without discrimination based on gender, race, ideology and/or religious beliefs.

4 – Donor Relations

For the realization of its projects and its institutional activities, the University establishes relationships and engagements with various public or private donors, which must be based on fairness and transparency.

All those who intend to finance projects or actions promoted by the University are required to respect human rights, workers' rights and environmental protection, preferably certified by practices or codes of social responsibility or by recognized certifications. Particular attention will be paid to the principles of the 2030 Agenda, the protection of minors, equal opportunities and treatment, respect for personal integrity and what is indicated in the University Code of Ethics.

The University, therefore, refuses donations from individuals of international, national, or local private and/or public entities that:

- do not respect human rights
- do not respect the environment
- produce or trade pornographic materials and anything else deemed offensive
- produce or trade weapons or war components
- have been convicted of environmental crimes, corruption, terrorism, drug trafficking, an association of an organized crime type and/or other crimes incompatible with the values and founding principles of the University
- do not possess the general requirements necessary to facilitate agreements with public administrations under Art. 80 of Legislative Decree 50/2016 as amended
- receive donations come from illicit sources

Assuming that each case is different and, consequently, calls for specific analysis, the University may evaluate the acceptance of the donation at its discretion.

To this end, the University may set up a special Commission to evaluate the validity of proposals for donations that may appear to conflict with the principles of this Charter.

5 – Acknowledgments

The University may provide moral recognition to the authors of acts of donation that do not result in a return of image for commercial purposes.

6 – Management of Expenses

Unless the disbursement aims directly at supporting scholarships, grants, research collaborators, fixed-term contracts and/or other assumed specifications provided for and defined by University regulations or deeds, a 6% withholding tax applies to donations. The amount is distributed to the University's budget, to cover the general expenses of the University.