

DONATION FAQ

Q: What is the Africa Universities Fund, Inc. (AUF)?

A: Africa Universities Fund Incorporated, AUF, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization (recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service) which is a platform that raises financial and in-kind resources that benefit public universities in

Africa, that are subscribed member of the Fund. AUF, Inc. It was formed in 2016. We also connect member universities with their alumni and friends, businesses, universities and organizations around the world through-all-year-round events and programs. Our Joint Endowment Funds Program secures the future of the missions of our member universities as well as ours.

Q: Is the AUF a University Department or a part of any member university?

A: No, AUF is an independent, U.S based organization, with its own Board of Directors, but its primary goal is to support member public universities in Africa

Q: What methods of payment does AUF accept for donations?

A: The two methods are by pay pal online and by check payment. Please review our “Giving” page.

Important: All donations must have an indication of how the donor wishes the Board to designate the gift. Donors may designate their donation to support AUF or to support a project to benefit a particular university of donor's choice. Payments by pay pal can be made instantly online

If you are donating with a check, please make payable to:

Africa Universities Fund, Inc.
Americas Tower
1177 Avenue of the Americas
6th Avenue, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10036

We also accept wire transfers, stocks and other forms of giving. Please contact our office to discuss your preference.

Q: What is AUF's procedure for accepting donations?

A: AUF is a not for profit corporation chartered under the laws of New York State, and recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. In compliance with IRS regulations, the Board of Directors of AUF, Inc. must consider and approve the allocation of gifts to any member university. AUF will acknowledge in writing all donations received as well as the donor's request for their donation to be designated for a particular purpose. Donations to AUF are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by U.S. law. Donors must send in writing a “requested designation”, rather than “direction”, of their gift to be eligible for a tax deduction.

On a quarterly basis during the year, the AUF Board considers a group of proposals for allocations to be made to various university programs and accounts, taking into account donors' requests for their contributions to be used to support particular projects at their chosen university.

As a donor, you can have confidence that your request will be honored by the Board which, by law, must retain the discretion to accept donations and ensure that those donations are within the charitable purposes of AUF. Once these donations have been approved by the Board, distribution of the funds is made to beneficiary universities, with details of the donor's request.

AUF is a transparent, zero-corruption organization. This reflects in our fiduciary role in faithfully executing the gifts of the donor in full. Therefore, AUF requires 100% to monitor and evaluate the use of ALL funds distributed to member universities in a transparent manner. All members must sign-off on this full access to monitoring, accountability, and transparency.

Q: Do I get a tax receipt for my donation?

A: Yes, you receive two thank you letter receipts once you make a donation to AUF with your request to our Board on how you would like your gift to be designated. One thank you letter will come from AUF and the second from the beneficiary university.

Q: How do I know that my donation is making a change or a difference?

A: Every quarter, AUF will publish a report of ongoing programs supported by donations from AUF. The report will include the list of donors, current or intended beneficiaries and testimonies from beneficiaries. From time to time, we will publish pictures and voices of beneficiaries and the donors that support those projects. We will also facilitate the possibility for beneficiaries to thank donors directly.

Q: How does AUF support member universities in Africa?

A: On a regular basis, the Board of Directors of AUF makes financial and in-kind resources to a variety of Departments, research projects, and initiatives at member universities.

More importantly, AUF expands access to higher education for poor students and families by raising funds to support numerous scholarship, grants, and financial aid programs in member universities. AUF also supports member universities by connecting them to businesses, universities, and organizations in the United States and around the world for partnership and collaborative activities that can enhance teaching and learning in Africa. Above all, AUF has an Endowment fund program for all member universities to enable them to secure the future of their missions. The Board exercises discretion in its decisions about donations to universities, but it is attentive to the priority needs of the universities and the stated requests of donors to AUF.

Q: How do I find out about University Alumni & Friends events in the United States?

A: The best way to keep posted is through our social media platform which is the primary form of communications. We also send email broadcasts, so please let us know how to reach you.

E-mail: info@aufusa.org and we'll keep you posted on all events of interest.

Q: How do you select the cities for events?

A: We have events where we receive volunteer assistance. AUF relies on our network of volunteers across the United States to be the local representative, scout out events locations and organize alumni and friends at the events as an AUF regional ambassador. We welcome alumni volunteers to assist with networking events in their local areas across the United States.

Please feel free to send suggestions for activities of interest in your city.

Q: I have not received anything from my university.

How do I update my details?

A: Your contact information may not be updated in your university database. Many universities do not currently have any alumni database. Please keep in touch with our U.S. office

E-mail: info@aufusa.org

In addition, we encourage member universities to maintain alumni master databases. However, once you sign up with AUF your information will automatically be enrolled in AUF's database to receive emails and printed materials. Please indicate if you do not wish to unsubscribe to emails.

Q: How can I purchase my university memorabilia and branded merchandise?

A: AUF plans to have a U.S. store for member universities branded merchandise. However, check with your campus Alumni Relations Department who can assist you with merchandise and memorabilia purchase requests.