Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Faculty and Staff Campaign?
The Faculty and Staff Campaign thanks the dedicated faculty and staff who are currently contributing to UIS, and extends this tradition to the remaining employees who have yet to make a gift to UIS in the current fiscal year. A special campaign is carried out in March to raise awareness and have fun while promoting employee giving. This year, the kickoff event is on February 27th.

What is the goal of the Faculty and Staff Campaign?
Our goal is to support the mission of the university and to increase employee giving participation to UIS. Through the campaign, we:

- Build loyalty to UIS
- Send a message to those outside UIS that we believe in and support our own product
- Fund programs within UIS
- Provide well-deserved recognition to all Faculty & Staff

When does the Faculty and Staff Campaign start? When does it conclude?
You can contribute any time of the year. The Campaign will be in high visibility beginning at the official Kick-Off Celebration on Thursday, February 27 and will continue through the month of March. Volunteers will conduct personal contacts during this period. However—any gift made 7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014 is counted as part of the campaign.

How much will I have to give to be a part of the Campaign?
There is no specific dollar amount required. Your gift of any amount will help us move closer to our goal. Every dollar makes a difference and participation is very important.

Do gifts I’ve already made count? Do I need to make an additional gift to be included in the campaign?
If your gift was made on or after July 1, 2013, you do not have to give an additional gift to “count” as having participated in this year’s campaign. All gifts given this fiscal year (since July 1, 2013), including payroll deduction gifts and in-kind gifts, will be included in the campaign totals.

Can I make a gift jointly with my spouse/partner?
Yes. When you make your gift, indicate that it is a joint gift and list both of your names. And please remember to check if your spouse/partner’s company has a matching gift program. You can obtain this form from the employer’s Human Resources Department.
Can I make an anonymous gift?
Yes. Please note your preference when making your gift.

If I give to the Faculty and Staff Campaign, where will my gift go?
You can direct your gift to any area of UIS that is important to you! There are hundreds of gift funds at UIS. If you would like to make a gift to an area of campus that does not yet have a gift account, we can create an account so your gift gets used the way you want it to. Just contact Teresa Szabo at 206-6058.

What types of gifts “count?”
All types of gifts count for the campaign. Common gift types include:
- Outright gifts: cash, checks, payroll deduction, and credit card gifts.
- Shares of stock: in publicly traded companies.
- Gifts of personal property: such as books, art, equipment, auction items, etc.

How will my gift be used?
You decide where you want to direct your support. Your gift goes to the fund you designate.

I already work here. Why should I give?
- Set an example: Your support sends a strong message to our community and our students by showing your commitment to the UIS mission. With a gift, you communicate the importance of giving and become part of our valued team of supporters. Your gift is a vote of confidence in UIS and its future.
- Bigger picture: Your participation in giving influences gifts from corporations and foundations that consider faculty and staff giving rates when determining their support. If our own employees are unwilling to support UIS, what messages are we sending to corporations, foundations and alumni whose support we are seeking?

Is this the same as the SECA campaign?
No, they are separate. While both are worthwhile causes, the SECA campaign raises money for thousands of nonprofit organizations worldwide, whereas gifts to the Faculty and Staff Campaign specifically help fund programs at UIS.

Will my gift really make a difference?
- Fundraising has a direct and immediate impact on the University’s ability to achieve its mission and on the quality of the education that we can provide to current and future students.
- Your participation will contribute to a sense of partnership and pride across campus.

How do I make a donation to UIS?
Ask your area’s Faculty and Staff Campaign Ambassador, or call the Development Office at 6-6058. They will provide you with the materials you need. Or, if you prefer, you may use the online gift form at: www.uis.edu/development. All gifts are confidential.

What are the tax benefits of giving to UIS?
All gifts to UIS are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. The University of Illinois Foundation issues gift receipts for each gift.

How will I be recognized?
In late summer, we will print posters listing all employee donors in the fiscal year. Those posters are displayed across campus as well as on the UIS Office of Development web page. Gift amounts are never publicized and if you prefer, you can be listed as an anonymous donor.