

Pratt Funds Overview

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

April 25, 2017

In 1975, the university received a significant bequest from the estate of Mr. John Lee Pratt of Stafford County, following his death on December 20, 1975. The bequest was divided equally into two distinct parts, one to support Animal Nutrition and one to support the College of Engineering. According to the will, the bequest for Animal Nutrition was to be used to promote the study of animal nutrition by supplementing salaries, providing equipment and materials to be used for experiments in feeding and in the preparation of feeds for livestock and poultry, and publishing and disseminating the research results of the studies. The will provided that the bequest for the College of Engineering should be used to support research and scholarships.

Distributions of the Pratt Estate were received in several installments: \$9,561,819 in 1976, \$1,330,000 in 1977, \$47,000 in 1979, and \$30,164 in 1981, for a total of \$10,968,983. The Pratt endowment has grown to \$45.9 million as of March 31, 2017. The following paragraphs summarize some of the major accomplishments of the College of Engineering and the Animal Nutrition Programs that are directly tied to the funding provided by the Pratt estate.

When the Pratt Endowment was originally established, the College of Engineering was in the early stages of becoming a nationally recognized leader in engineering education and research. The Pratt Endowment has played a significant role in allowing the College to enrich its pool of students, to offer additional international study opportunities to students, and to provide increased support for its research.

Income from the Pratt Endowment provides an unusual opportunity to support an animal nutrition program of high quality. Use of these Endowment earnings have concentrated on enhancing research and educational opportunities beyond what departments could do with state and federal funding. The main funding strategy remains with strong support for Ph.D. training, direct research support, scientific equipment, and visiting professors that stimulate and inspire the faculty and students engaged in nutrition research.

2017-2018 PRATT FUND BUDGET PROPOSAL

Pursuant to the spending policy adopted for the Pratt Estate Fund, it is anticipated that additional income of \$1,928,494 will be available for expenditure in FY 2017-2018. Targets of \$978,692 and \$949,802 were given respectively to the College of Engineering and to the Animal Nutrition Programs.

College of Engineering

Source of Funds:

Endowment Income **\$978,692**

Proposed Expenditures:

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| Undergraduate Scholarships | \$486,942 |
| Undergraduate International Scholarships | 60,000 |
| Graduate International Scholarships | 30,000 |
| Graduate Tuition Scholarships | 96,750 |
| Graduate Research Fellowships | 182,000 |
| Graduate Recruitment for Research Programs | 123,000 |

Total Proposed Expenditures \$978,692

Animal Nutrition

Source of Funds:

Endowment Income **\$949,802**

Proposed Expenditures:

Animal Nutrition Research and Scholarship \$949,802

Total Proposed Expenditures \$949,802

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed 2017-2018 allocation and use of Pratt Funds be approved.

June 5, 2017