­­­­Note: charitable grant funders may ask for some or most of the information contained below. If an application requests more detailed financial or personnel information than what is listed here or contained on the OCFR website, or if you need to access a grant submission website for which we have already created a login and password, [**please reach out to us**](mailto:matthew.j.williams@asu.edu) for assistance. Different applications will have different requirements and space limitations. In most cases, the “Organizational Description” statement below will be sufficient to answer an application question about the ASU Foundation. Remember that for ALL charitable grants, the applicant is the ASU Foundation.

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**Date of Incorporation:**June 23, 1955  
 **Employer Identification Number** (also called EIN, TIN or IRS number): 86-6051042

**ASUF DUNS Number:** 073462368

**Arizona Corporation Commission Number:** 00465988

**US Congressional District:** AZ-009  
**AZ Legislative District:** 26  
**County:** Maricopa

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**Type of Applicant:** 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Foundation.

**ASU Foundation Website (proposal resources):** <https://www.asufoundation.org/proposalresources.html>

Contains:

* ASUF Board Members w/affiliations
* Audited Financial Reports
* Annual Report
* 990 Form
* IRS Determination Letter
* IRS Certification Form
* W9 Form
* Annual Operating Budget
* ASUF Articles of Incorporation
* For other information contact: asufoundationgrants@asufoundation.org

**ASUF Organizational Description:**

A subsidiary of ASU Enterprise Partners, ASU Foundation for a New American University is one of Arizona's oldest 501(c)(3) organizations, governed by a volunteer board of directors, who provide oversight, leadership, and counsel.

**The ASU Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization that raises and invests private contributions to Arizona State University, a New American University, while advocating for and advancing this transformative university mission and brand. The foundation coordinates and directs all major fundraising campaigns on behalf of ASU and its colleges and schools. This includes raising funds for student scholarships, transformational education ventures, faculty research, programs and projects serving underserved and minority populations, and other ASU initiatives important to the university, its students, and higher education. ASU Foundation manages total private assets of over $1.5 billion (FY 23)[[1]](#footnote-2).**

The history of the ASU Foundation is the story of several generations of people who shared a vision for Arizona State University - a vision that successfully turned a small teachers' college into an educational institution at the front ranks of American research universities. Incorporated in 1955, the foundation took shape through a group of Valley residents who understood that a great city could not be built without building a great university to sustain and support it.

In 2022, the ASU Foundation earned its eleventh consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. A four-star rating, the agency’s highest, is reserved for the exceptional non-profit that, according to Charity Navigator, “exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its Cause.” The rating indicates a charity’s superior financial health, accountability and transparency and reflects the ASU Foundation’s rigor, responsibility, and commitment to openness. In 2022, ASU Foundation received a Platinum Transparency Seal, the highest level of recognition from Guidestar, the world’s largest source of nonprofit information.

**ASUF Mission Statement**  
The ASU Foundation builds partnerships and relationships, uniting ideas, people, philanthropic support and investments to advance ASU’s goals for inclusion, student success, discovery and local and global impact.  
  
**ASUF Vision**  
To become nationally recognized as themodel for A New American University Foundation.  
  
**ASUF Brief History**  
The Arizona State College Foundation was incorporated in 1955 to raise support for all educational areas. During the 1960s and 1970s, the ASU Foundation continued to raise funds to support a broad range of university initiatives. In the 1980s the growing needs of the university enlarged the role of the foundation to include identifying major gift prospects, maximizing returns, and protecting investments. In 1992, two new critical strategic goals were adopted: increasing the foundation's endowment funds to a minimum of $75 million by 2000 and launching the second major fundraising campaign: ASU Campaign for Leadership. In the late 1990s, campaign priorities were grouped into three broad categories: Great Teachers, Great Students and Great Communities. In 2002, Michael M. Crow became the 16th president of ASU. He set out to transform ASU into a national model for a New American University. This model stresses student success, the social relevance of university teaching and research, a focus on the university's local setting within a global context, interdisciplinary collaboration, and entrepreneurship.

As the largest public research university in the United States, ASU established in its charter, “we are a comprehensive research university that (1) measures success not by who we exclude, but rather by who we include and how they succeed; (2) pursues research and discovery that benefits the public good; and (3) assumes major responsibility for the economic, social and cultural vitality and health and well-being of the community.” President Michael M. Crow assumed leadership in 2002 and has advanced an unprecedented expansion of academic infrastructure, quadruped research expenditures, and attained record levels of diversity in the student and faculty bodies. ASU’s New American University initiative is a model to transform and redesign higher education for the 21st century.

For the past nine consecutive years, ASU has been named the No. 1 university in the country for innovation by *U.S. News & World Report*.[[2]](#footnote-3) ASU is now the largest university in the U.S., a $7.5 billion enterprise with more than 140,000 students (Fall 2022)[[3]](#footnote-4) across five campuses and online and more than 800 degree and certificate programs[[4]](#footnote-5).

**ASUF Goals**[[5]](#footnote-6)

* Philanthropy – Deliver new gifts and commitments at best-in-class public higher education levels
* People – Foster a culture that develops and sustains a high performing advancement team
* Be recognized as the most innovative Global Advancement Organization using out of the box, non-traditional, visionary, disruptive practices and approaches to support the growth and aspirations of ASU By 2027, reach and maintain a steady state of annual fundraising at $500 million annually
* By 2027, add approximately 40 new fundraising and professional positions
* By 2027, operate six regional advancement teams nationally and internationally
* By 2027, grow the endowment to more than $2 billion
* By 2027, double the alumni donor count annually from 20,930 to 41,860 by 2027 (degreed alumni giving to any ASUF designation)
* By 2027, secure at least two 9-figure gifts
* Retain at least 90% of ASUF staff
* Development of a constituent outreach portal for engagement at scale
* DEI fundraising as a priority (Tribal Nations, ASU LIFT, Dreamers, etc.)
* Add new resource raising metrics that align with ASU’s vision.
* Further evolve and diversify the ASUF Board of Directors regarding demographics and skills/expertise.

**ASUF FY23 Accomplishments/Highlights**

* Raised $379 million in new gifts and commitments, surpassing $350 million goal and marking 9th consecutive year of surpassing annual goal.
* Launched ASU Link, which has received an overwhelmingly positive response from our donors
* Launched the Philanthropic Assets Committee as part of the ASU Foundation Board of Directors
* Welcomed two new members to the ASU Foundation Board of Directors, including our first ever international member: Michael Aguirre (Phoenix, AZ) and Hiroshi Hamada (Tokyo, Japan)
* Expanded the Next Generation Council by recruiting six new members, include graduates from ASU Online and Thunderbird.
* Public announcement of the Mullett Arena naming gift
* Growth of global and regional advancement team in California and Texas
* Recruited lead fundraiser for Tribal Nations development
* Appointed second ASU Foundation Fellow, Kenja Hassan, who is working to increase diversity and inclusion opportunities in philanthropy
* Served the community during two service projects at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Mary’s Food Bank
* Raised more than $1MM during Sun Devil Giving Day 2023

**ASU Goals**

Instruction

1. To improve the quality of undergraduate education
2. To enhance the number and diversity of the most highly qualified students entering Arizona State University and the Barrett Honors College.
3. To provide support services and courses that assist students in achieving academic success and planning programs of study within their chosen degree curricula.
4. To provide enriched educational opportunities to students by expanding accessibility and delivery of courses.
5. To improve graduate education and promote growth by enhancing programs central to the University's mission and increasing the diversity of students.
6. To promote retention and graduation for undergraduate and graduate students.

Organized Research

1. To maintain and enhance the University's status as a major research institution.
2. To continue and improve University efforts to provide opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in research and creative activity.

Public Service

1. To provide quality educational and informative television programs and improve services provided to the community especially in rural areas.
2. To continue to stage excellent cultural and other nonathletic special events for various diverse constituents.

Academic Support

1. To manage the number of books and periodical subscriptions owned by the university libraries for increased accessibility.
2. To increase impact and attendance by positioning the Museum as a center for research and discovery around new art forms and ideas for students and the public, utilizing strategies of presenting high quality exhibitions at ASU and international venues, international artist residencies, educational events for broad audiences including classes taught in the Museum, and transdisciplinary collaborative projects on and off campus.
3. To provide students and faculty with the technological resources and services needed to support accomplishment of their academic goals.
4. To develop a cohesive integrated tiered reference/research support service.
5. To provide Library Services as an integral and essential component in the academic success of students and faculty.

Student Services

1. To promote the emotional and physical well-being of students by providing quality health care services.
2. To enhance the quality of students' educational experience by providing programs and services which promote involvement in university activities and enhance opportunities for future employment.
3. To provide services that enhance the likelihood of students' academic success.
4. To provide opportunities for men and women by developing and sustaining programs which help student athletes achieve success, both academically and athletically

Institutional Support

1. To provide efficient and comprehensive human resources programs and services to the university community in areas such as employment, training, employee relations, and other human resource activities.
2. To provide customer-focused, high-quality facilities and services to enhance a safe and secure environment in support of the University's mission.
3. To maintain support for all telecommunications systems throughout the University.

**ASU Accomplishments/Highlights**

* Fall Enrollment 2023:
* Nearly 80,000 students enrolled across ASU’s campuses and other locations
* More than 65,400 students enrolled through ASU Online
* Times Higher Education ranked ASU in top 8% of universities worldwide (9/1/2021)
* #1 for the most innovative national university in the U.S. by U.S. World and News Report for nine consecutive years (2015 – 2023)

• Top 1% of institutions of higher education worldwide – Center for World University Rankings, 2020

• 29 top 10 graduate programs in the nation, including law, education, business, public affairs, fine arts and others – U.S. World and News Report 2021

• Top-producing university for elite scholars 10 consecutive years – Frank Office for National Scholarships Advisement

• Top 15 in the world for U.S. patents – U.S. National Academy of Inventors and Intellectual Property Owners Association, 2020

• Top 10% Athletics Academic Progress Rate, in the Pac-12, highest in ASU history – NCAA 2020

• #1 in the U.S. and #5 for advancing global impact (poverty, hunger, clean water, energy, and gender equity) – Times Higher Education, 2020

• Top 10 “Best Buy” public school – Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2021

• Named a “best college” with “one of the best journalism schools in the nation” – The Princeton Review, 2020

* Top 20 producer of Fulbright U.S. Student and Fulbright U.S. Scholar awards – Chronicle of Higher Education, 2020
* Top 20 university for undergraduate education – U.S. World and News Report 2021
* Top 10 nationally for best online undergraduate programs – U.S. World and News Report 2021
* Top 10 university for technology company hires – SHL, 2020

**ASU’S COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

In response to George Floyd’s death and the ongoing call for systemic racial equity, Arizona State University President Michael Crow issued a call to action on September 2, 2020. Arizona State University’s list of 25 actions to support Black students, faculty, and staff outlines a commitment to “enhancing diversity, growth, and opportunity for Black undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff, while also expanding our academic offerings, community services, and collaborative relationships to the benefit of all underrepresented groups and individuals at ASU.” The action items include a historical study of race and discrimination at the university, establishing multicultural spaces on campus, and training of faculty and staff to address systemic bias in hiring. These steps are not comprehensive and will be updated as the University seeks effective and accountable measures in the fight for equality and social justice. More information on ASU’s commitment and ongoing efforts can be found at the LIFT (Listen, Invest, Facilitate, Teach) Initiative website: https://president.asu.edu/commitment.

ASU is deeply committed to positioning itself as one of the great new universities by seeking to build excellence, enhance access, and have an impact on our community, state, nation, and the world. In order for students learn from the broadest perspectives, ASU strives to ensure that faculty and staff reflect the intellectual, ethnic, and cultural diversity of our nation and world. The university engages in the advancement of knowledge with the most inclusive understanding possible of a range of issues facing the United States and the world.

ASU recognizes that race and gender historically have been markers of diversity in institutions of higher education. However, ASU believes that diversity includes additional categories such as socioeconomic background, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, veteran status, nationality, and intellectual perspective.

In response to Dr. Crow’s call to action, ASU Enterprise Partners (ASUF’s parent organization) announced several initiatives to create more equity and inclusion for our employees, as well as a forum for ongoing conversation to ensure all employees feel welcome. This includes resources and training to help all employees learn and be more aware of what constitutes racism and unconscious bias and a new working team focused on diversity, equity and inclusion.

**ASU Commitment to Sustainability**

Arizona State University is a model for sustainability operations and practices around the country and has made significant strides in several key areas. Through eight overarching sustainability goals – circular resources, climate positive, collaborative action, community success, food reconnection, optimized water, personal action, and resilience – ASU takes seriously its commitment in the fight against climate change. For more information on ASU’s sustainability commitment, go to <https://sustainability-innovation.asu.edu/campus>.

Since 2004, the University has been a global leader in sustainability efforts—creating the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability (GIOS), launching the first School of Sustainability in the U.S., and deploying the largest solar energy portfolio of any American university. ASU’s GIOS Board includes many of the world’s leading sustainability thought leaders, influencers, and investors. ASU also has the world’s largest faculty of sustainability scientists and scholars (550+) and annually achieves over $100 million in sustainability research expenditures.

**How ASU/ASUF Measures Impact**

ASU uses a variety of methods to measure its impact including student data and success (access, enrollment, retention, and graduation), faculty excellence, research expenditures, philanthropic funding raised, programming (from arts to zoology), and other efforts to benefit the university and the community.

ASUF supports ASU with private funds raised from individuals and organizations.  Impact is measured by dollars raised, number of new donors and total donors, gift value, size and performance of endowment, and the effectiveness and efficiency of operations.

**Target Population and Geographic Region Served**

ASU Foundation serves Arizona State University and its students, faculty, and staff. We also serve the larger Arizona community through outreach activities, such as children participating in ASU sponsored STEM education in K-12 school and after-school programs and disadvantaged people around the world through ASU global development projects such as Global Resolve and SolarSPELL.

ASU has greatly increased higher education access while more closely reflecting the demographics of Arizona in faculty, staff and student populations.

**Fall 2022**

ASU’s student population from all four Metropolitan campuses and online for totaled 142,616. 44.68% of undergraduate and graduate students were male and 55.32% were female. Below is a breakdown ASU’s student population by ethnicity:

American Indian/Alaska Native 1.1%

Asian 6.5%

Black/African American 5.7%

Hispanic/Latino 22.3%

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.3%

Two or more races 4.5%

White 48.6%

International 7.2%

Unspecified 3.7%

Undergraduate Student Types

First-Generation (percent of FAFSA applicants): 33.5%

Pell Recipient (Fall 2021): 34.2%

The number of administrators are 129; faculty 5,326; Postdocs 645, staff 8,389, and graduate assistants 4,899.

1-Year Retention Rate (Fall 2021 cohort)………………………………….. 85.4%

4-Year Graduation Rate (Fall 2018 cohort)………………………………… 56.4%

6-Year Graduation Rate (Fall 2016 cohort)………………………………… 68.6%

In addition to serving university students, faculty, and staff, several ASU centers, institutes, and schools serve the community through education, outreach, and volunteer services and programs. These reach people of all ages from different walks in life in Arizona and beyond. Because of the large number and dispersed nature of these activities, reliable data on persons served is unavailable; however, this number is estimated to be well over in the hundreds of thousands each year.

The University is located on four campuses in the Phoenix metropolitan area (Tempe, Downtown, Polytechnic, and West). ASU also has a campus located at Lake Havasu City, AZ and Los Angeles, CA. In addition to these campuses, ASU has a business and innovation center in Scottsdale, AZ; a policy institute in Washington, DC; and a center in Hawaii focused on conservation.

**Former names:** Arizona State University Foundation  
  
**When and why we changed our name:** The ASU Foundation formally changed its name in 2011 to the Arizona State University Foundation for a New American University. This name change reflects the foundation's commitment to advancing ASU not just as a world class university, but as a New American University that is dedicated to promoting excellence in its research and among its students, faculty and staff, increasing access to its educational resources and working with communities to positively impact social and economic development.

**Recent Leadership Changes:** On December 9, 2019, R.F. Rick Shangraw stepped down as CEO of ASU Enterprise Partners, ASU Foundation’s parent organization. He was replaced by Dan Dillon. Dillon’s previous position was Senior VP and Chief Marketing Officer for Arizona State University. His primary focus was to advance affinity for the University, which his team accomplished by enhancing the integrity of the ASU brand and implementing innovative and impactful marketing activities. Dillon is a seasoned executive with more than 25 years in domestic and global management roles in the highly competitive consumer packaged goods and restaurant industries.

**FREQUENTLY REQUESTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**FY24 Total Operating Budget**: $ 31,100,000

**FY23 Administrative Costs:**$ 10,200,000 [[6]](#endnote-2)

**FY23 Fundraising Costs:**$ 22,800,000 [[7]](#endnote-3)

**FY23 Assets Under Management:**$ 1,467,500,000 [[8]](#endnote-4)

**FY23 Size of Endowment:**$ 1,408 million

**FY23 Revenue:**$ 307,700,000

**FY23 Expenses:** $ 184,000,000

**FY23 Change in Net Assets:** $ 129,500,00

**FY23 Surplus/Deficit:**$0

**Top 5 organizational gifts (FY23)**:

$25,050,000 – The Kern Family Foundation

$14,584,205 – Walton Family Foundation, Inc.

$10,871,608 – Verizon Foundation

$6,512,368 – John Templeton Foundation

$4,621,669 – Salt River Project

**Top 5 all donor types gifts (FY23)**:

$43,750,000 – Robin Sommers

$25,050,000 – The Kern Family Foundation

$22,500,00 – Samba Bathily

$14,584,205 – Walton Family Foundation, Inc.

$12,002,016 – Bennett and Jacquelynn Dorrance

**Administrative Costs (Indirects) Language**Per the policies of ASU and ASU Foundation, budgets for charitable grants must include indirect costs at the maximum rate permitted by the granting organization. ASU Foundation will assess 5% and ASU will charge the remaining as recapture of facilities and administrative costs. The balance of indirects will be used by the university to defray the costs of administering the grant.

**EMPLOYEES/VOLUNTEERS/POPULATION SERVED (FY23)**

**Total number of employees**: 159

**Number of full-time employees**: 140

**Number of part-time employees**: 19

**Number of regular volunteers**: 224

**Total population/clients served**: 150,000+

**Top 5 highest paid employees (FY22 990)**:

Gretchen Buhlig

Kimberly Hopley

Jaqueline Smith

Patrick McDermott

Sybil Francis

**BOARD (as of 2/28/2023)**

**Number of board members:** 25

**Frequency of Board Meetings:** 3 annually

**Percentage of Board that Financially Supports Organization:** 100%

**Board Member Compensation:** No board members are compensated for service.

**What is the role of the board?**

The directors establish policy and annual goals, oversee fiduciary responsibilities and business affairs, and oversee management of the endowment and investments.

For additional information contact asufoundationgrants@asufoundation.org

1. Page 5 of the FY23 audited financials [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. <https://news.asu.edu/20230917-university-news-asu-no-1-innovation-nine-years-us-news-world-report> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. <https://news.asu.edu/20220815-university-news-asu-sets-record-fall-2022-enrollment#:~:text=61%2C572%20students%20will%20be%20enrolled,year%20%E2%80%94%20a%206.4%25%20increase>. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. <https://public.azregents.edu/Board/2022-06-08-through-09-Final-Board-Book.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. From ASU’s Five-Year Strategic Plan: <https://uoia.asu.edu/sites/default/files/asu_5-year_strategic_plan_2020-2022.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Sometimes referred to by grantmakers as overhead, operational overhead, or operational expenses, administrative costs represent the amount of money spent by the foundation that does not go towards our programs. Expenses in the program service category include gifts and grants transferred to university accounts. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
7. Fundraising expenses are the expenses incurred in soliciting cash and noncash contributions, gifts, and grants. Expenses in this category include all expenses, including allocable overhead costs, incurred in publicizing and conducting fundraising campaigns, and soliciting bequests and grants from individuals, foundations, other organizations. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
8. From ASUF’s FY23 audited financials [↑](#endnote-ref-4)