



# THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE

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### **Q: What is the Education and Research Foundation**

A. The Foundation is the charitable organization established in 1970 to support nuclear medicine through grants and awards funded by private donations. Its full legal name is the Education and Research Foundation for the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.

### **Q: What is the stated mission of the ERF?**

A. The mission of the ERF is to advance health care through education and research in nuclear medicine by provision of grants and awards.

### **Q: Are gifts to the Foundation tax deductible?**

A. Yes! The IRS recognizes the ERF as a 501 C 3 charitable organization. Donations are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law. IRS Publication 526 explains how to claim deductions for charitable deductions. The ERF's Tax ID number is 23-7048300.

### **Q: How can I donate to the Foundation?**

A. Gifts to the Foundation can be made with a check (cash) or credit card. These are the most common methods donors use to make an annual gift. All gifts can be made in memory of or in honor of a special person or persons. The Foundation can also accept non-cash gifts. See below.

### **Q: Where should I send my donation?**

A. Checks should be made payable to the ERF and mailed to: Education and Research Foundation, 1850 Samuel Morse Drive, Reston, VA 20190.

### **Q: What credit cards does the ERF accept and how can I make a donation by credit card?**

The ERF accepts MasterCard, Visa and American Express. Call the Development office at 703-708-9000, ext. 1028 or 1255 or donate online at [www.snmerf.org](http://www.snmerf.org). You will be prompted to log into the SNM web site to donate online.

### **Q: What does my annual gift support?**

A. Each year the ERF provides funding to the SNM for support of SNM and SNMTS grants and awards. Your gift to the Annual

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Appeal helps the ERF fund student fellowships, pilot research grants, recognition awards, travel stipends and other kinds of grants and awards from the SNM and SNMTS. Your donation to the Paul Cole Scholarship Fund helps students pursue a nuclear medicine technology degree. Your gift to the Robert J. Lull MD Memorial Fund is used to support young professionals.

### **Q. How will my gift to the Molecular Imaging Campaign be used?**

A. Your gift to the ERF for support of the Molecular Imaging Campaign will be used to fund research and education programs that foster molecular imaging. For information on the Campaign and the molecular imaging initiatives, visit [www.snm.org/micampaign](http://www.snm.org/micampaign).

### **Q. Is the Foundation eligible for company matching gifts?**

A. Yes. Fill out the form from the personnel office of your company and mail it to the ERF in Reston Virginia, attention Development Director. All matched gifts are credited to your own gift record and are recognized as such on donor lists.

### **Q. How do I make a gift of securities?**

A. Gifts of securities can be transferred electronically from your stock brokerage to ERF's stock brokerage. It is best for you or your broker to call ERF Development Director Theresa Pinkham at 703-326-1194. An appropriate form can then be faxed to initiate the transfer.

### **Q. Can I donate other kinds of gifts?**

A. Yes, the ERF will consider accepting gifts of life insurance, real property, and other gifts that are often referred to as planned gifts. For more information on what's involved in this type of donation, please contact the Foundation Director of Development, Theresa Pinkham and/or visit [www.snmerf.org](http://www.snmerf.org).

### **Q. Can I create a fund with a major gift for a special purpose?**

A. Yes, although the purpose must be supportive of the ERF mission and your donation must be sufficient to fund your intentions. Please call the ERF Executive Director, Sue Weiss at 651-464-8026 to discuss your interests.

### **Q. Can I include the ERF in my will or estate plans?**

A. Yes, you can. A bequest or estate often allows donors to give a gift that has a major impact on the future of nuclear medicine. Visit [www.snmerf.org](http://www.snmerf.org) for suggestions on wording for a bequest.

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**Q. Will my name be published as a donor?**

A. Yes, the ERF lists all donors who have made a gift of \$10 or more to the ERF on panels at the SNM Annual Meeting, in the ERF Annual Report, in the *Contributor* newsletter for donors and on the ERF web site. Donors are not listed if they have requested to remain anonymous.

**Q. What kind of recognition do donors receive?**

A. There are six named donor clubs. Two are for lifetime giving levels (for gifts made since October 2003): Becquerel Donors (\$100,000 and above) and Curie Donors (\$25,000-\$99,999). Four recognize giving on a fiscal year basis (October 1-September 30): Rutherford Donors (\$5,000-\$24,999), Lawrence Donors (\$1,000-\$4,999), Seaborg Donors (\$500-\$999) and Segre Donors (\$100-\$499). Each club has specific benefits.

**Q. Does the ERF provide direct funding for other grants and awards?**

A. The ERF funds and administers the Benedict Cassen Prize in Nuclear Medicine and the Benedict Cassen Post Doctoral Fellowship. SNM or SNMTS member request for special funding should be directed to the organizational leadership for approval, who will then make a request to the ERF for support.

**Q. Who runs the ERF?**

A. A 12-member Board of Directors governs the ERF. Its operations are overseen by Executive Director Susan C. Weiss. The Development Office, housed at SNM headquarters in Reston, is responsible for staffing fundraising, gift management and donor relations.

**Q. How are Foundation assets invested?**

A. The Foundation invests its funds in the stock market, bonds and money market accounts. The Foundation Board of Directors oversees the investments, which are handled by BB&T Asset Management Services.

**Q. Where can I find more information on the ERF?**

A. Visit the ERF web site at [www.snmerf.org](http://www.snmerf.org). You will find a copy of the latest Annual Report, lists of donors, grantees and awardees, donor club descriptions and other information.