

Society for Women's Health Research Gift Acceptance Policy

Policy Statement:

The Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR) is committed to promoting and advancing the health and well-being of women through research, education, and advocacy. SWHR appreciates and welcomes contributions and support from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other entities that share our mission and goals. This Gift Acceptance Policy outlines the criteria and guidelines for accepting gifts and donations to ensure that they align with SWHR's mission, values, and strategic objectives.

General Guidelines:

1. **Acceptance of Gifts:** SWHR reserves the right to accept or decline any gift or donation based on our assessment of its compatibility with our mission and strategic goals.
2. **Gift Review:** Gifts will be reviewed by staff of the Finance, Development and/or CEO to ensure compliance with this policy.
3. **Confidentiality:** SWHR respects the privacy of its donors and will not disclose any donor information unless required by law or with the donor's consent.
4. **Legal and Financial Advice:** SWHR encourages prospective donors to seek professional advice from legal and financial advisors before making a significant gift to SWHR.
5. **Recognition and Stewardship:** SWHR will acknowledge and recognize all gifts promptly, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
6. **In-Kind Gifts:** SWHR may accept non-cash gifts such as equipment, supplies, or other tangible items if they support our mission and can be utilized effectively.
7. **Naming Opportunities:** SWHR may consider naming opportunities for significant gifts; however, the final decision will be made based on the organization's best interests.

Restrictions on Acceptance:

1. **Tobacco and Tobacco Products:** SWHR does not accept donations or funding from tobacco companies, tobacco product manufacturers, or related industries.
2. **Derivative Instruments:** SWHR does not accept gifts of derivative instruments due to their complex nature and potential risks.
3. **Currency Products:** SWHR does not accept gifts of currency products, including foreign currency, due to challenges associated with valuation and conversion.
4. **Mission Alignment:** SWHR retains the right to refuse any gift or donation that conflicts with its mission, values, or strategic goals.

5. **Illegality or Unethical Nature:** SWHR will not accept gifts that are illegal, unethical, or contrary to its policies and principles.

6. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** SWHR may decline gifts if accepting them would create a conflict of interest or compromise the organization's independence, reputation, or ability to carry out its mission.

7. **Environmental Impact:** SWHR encourages donors to consider the environmental impact of their gifts and avoid contributing items that may be harmful to the environment.

Review and Amendment:

This Gift Acceptance Policy will be reviewed periodically by the SWHR Board of Directors or a designated committee to ensure its continued relevance and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Amendments to this policy may be made at any time with the approval of the Board of Directors.

This policy is not intended to provide legal or financial advice. Donors are advised to consult with their legal and financial advisors when considering a gift to SWHR.

Effective Date: June 2023