



### **Dr. Clifton Cox Endowed Scholarship**

**History:** Established in 1991 by Thunderbird Professor Emeritus Dr. Clifton Cox, former senior vice president of Academic Affairs and long-time supporter of the School.

**Criteria:** Unrestricted for entering students. The endowment documentation states the initial purpose of the endowed scholarship fund is to provide financial support to needy students whose academic credentials rank them in the top 10% of all prospective entrants. Earnings have also supported Continuing Student Grants.

**Process:** The Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and selects the recipients.

In accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), which affects endowments, the Investment Committee of the Thunderbird Board of Trustees has reviewed and revised Thunderbird's Investment Policy. Going forward, the annual spending amount for each donor-restricted endowment fund will be in the range of 0%-6% of the current endowment value. The investment goal is to achieve at least an 8% average annual total return on all donor-restricted endowment funds over the long term recognizing that the Investment Plan may at times target an annual total return of less than 8%.

In accordance with UPMIFA, each year the following factors will be taken into account in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds.

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The mission of the School and the purpose of each donor-restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of deflation and inflation
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the School
7. The investment policies of the School