

Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) receives funding for research from a variety of sources, including government agencies, corporations, and private individuals and organizations. To assure ensure external funding receives the proper compliance review, administrative oversight, and monitoring, CWRU must categorize each research award as a gift, a grant or a contract. The following is intended to clarify the differences between the types of funding. If you have any questions on how a specific situation should be characterized, contact University Controller Brad Fralic at 368-2127.

<b>CHARACTERISTICS OF A GIFT, GRANT, AND CONTRACT FOR SPONSORED RESEARCH</b>			
	<b>Gift</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Contract</b>
<b>Primary Intent</b>	Charitable intent, no expectation of economic benefit or quid pro quo.	Transfer of funds, property, services or anything of value from the sponsor to the institution in order to further knowledge and assist the institution in reaching a particular institutional goal or public purpose.	Mechanism to engage University to perform research with specific deliverables. Contract includes obligations for both the sponsor and the University. Creates a quid pro quo relationship.
<b>Benefit</b>	To CWRU, by furthering university's own purposes or programs.	To CWRU, by furthering university's own purposes or programs.	Primarily to the sponsor, who anticipates an economic benefit or other deliverable as result of activity but also to the University by furthering research.
<b>Type</b>	Philanthropy	Award of financial assistance	Contract with specific requirements imposed on both parties. University could have to return funds if University's responsibilities are not met.
<b>Purpose</b>	General. May be restricted to a particular purpose such as endowment, capital projects, or student financial aid.	Semi -directed with broad, programmatic objectives to support the research of one or more specified faculty members or research programs.	Specific purpose, service or objective e.g. specified protocol, experiments, testing of hypotheses, and particular line(s) of inquiry.
<b>Who defines activities</b>	PI defines	PI defines, in response to RFP or RFA, or through negotiation with sponsor	Sponsor or Sponsor and PI jointly define
<b>Terms</b>	No strings attached	Technical and financial reports	Specific deliverables, reports and/or milestones
	Can be restricted or unrestricted; donor may define the purpose or a specific area of research for the gift.	Semi-restricted	Restricted to activities specified in agreement
	Irrevocable	Revocable	Revocable
	No specific period of performance	Specific period of performance	Specific period of performance
<b>Intellectual Property (IP)</b>	No IP ownership issues	IP ownership issues	IP ownership issues
<b>Publications</b>	No restrictions on use of data or publications	Data use and/or publications typically not restricted	Data use and/or publications may require review and/or approval by sponsor
<b>Financial/Budget</b>	Generally no budgetary restrictions	Specific financial accountability	Specific financial accountability
<b>Budget Deviations</b>	No formal restrictions	Sponsor approval may be required	Sponsor approval required
<b>Unexpended Funds</b>	Unexpended funds not required to be returned	Typically must return unexpended funds	Depends upon nature of contract
<b>Mechanism of Award</b>	Letter	Notice of Grant Award	Sponsored Research Agreement, Sponsored Services Agreement
<b>Payment Method</b>	Donation	Payments may be contingent on progress	Payments are contingent on progress
<b>Reporting/</b>	Generally not required	Required	Required

<b>Deliverables</b>			
<b>Financial Reports</b>	No formal accounting requirements other than customary stewardship	Regular financial and progress reports required	Regular financial and progress reports required
<b>Managed By</b>	Development	Research Administration	Research Administration