

THE BENEFITS OF MULTI-YEAR GIVING AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

INVESTING IN A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Making a multi-year pledge to Northeastern University is more than a gift—it is an investment in the future of higher education, research, and student success. By committing to a gift over three to five years, you are not only supporting the university’s immediate priorities but are also enabling long-term strategic planning that helps programs and initiatives thrive.

Multi-year pledges offer meaningful benefits for both you and the university, including providing predictable funding, continuous engagement, larger contributions with flexible payments, and planned tax advantages. Ultimately, a multi-year pledge creates a partnership between you and Northeastern—one that drives lasting impact and supports generations of students to come.

BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE: THE IMPACT OF MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES

One of the most significant advantages of a multi-year pledge is the financial stability it provides students, faculty, and programs. While one-time gifts address immediate needs, pledges enable student clubs, athletic programs, research initiatives, and support services to plan ahead, fund priorities, and manage budgets over the next several years.

Multi-year commitments also help you create lasting relationships because you’ll receive regular updates, make meaningful connections, and experience continued transparency about your giving. This continuity ensures that you remain an active and engaged member of the Northeastern community.

“As alums and parents, we want to see the rugby team succeed and stay competitive. This pledge will ensure that we are able to retain our coaching staff and help the athletes continue to grow their skills.”

– Eric and Jennifer Graham, supporters
of the Men’s Rugby Coaching and
Enrichment Fund





“We have the power to be force multipliers, turning our advocacy into meaningful impact. The Director’s Fund is worthy of support, both ours and our networks.”

– Heather Hume, Policy School Advisory Council

BUILDING A LASTING LEGACY: GIVING THAT IS MEANINGFUL TO YOU

By spreading a gift over multiple years, you can commit a larger total contribution than you might be able to make in a single year. This allows for more strategic giving, with incremental contributions building into meaningful support for scholarships, research initiatives, or athletic programs. As a result, you create a more significant and lasting legacy within the university community, with an impact that benefits generations of students.

Donors can structure payments to align with their personal financial situations, making philanthropy more sustainable. Instead of a single large gift, you can decide on a giving schedule that reflects your income—whether tied to bonuses, investments, or other cash flow—making giving more manageable and consistent.

The ability to plan tax deductions over several years is a key advantage of multi-year giving. By spreading gifts across tax years, you can align your charitable giving with income fluctuations, maximize deductions, and coordinate giving with financial events such as investment gains or retirement planning.

Another benefit of multi-year pledges is the ongoing engagement with the university and student recipients, transforming a gift into a tangible relationship. You can see the impact of your contributions over time, follow students’ progress, and receive regular updates, deepening your connection to Northeastern’s programs and strengthening a shared sense of purpose.

FACTS ABOUT MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES:

- Multi-year pledges are made over 3 to 5 years
- The minimum amount to make a pledge is \$1,000 per year
- Annual recurring payments are not considered a pledge
- There are 1,552 total funds open to all gifts and all donors

THE POWER OF SUSTAINED SUPPORT

Ultimately, a multi-year pledge at Northeastern University is a powerful way to support students, programs, and initiatives while maximizing the impact of your gift. It provides reliable funding, financial stability, allows for greater giving, offers tax advantages, and fosters a lasting connection between the donor and the institution, creating meaningful, enduring impact.



“The Sherman Center at Northeastern funded my and another student’s co-op so we could work full time on our venture, BusRight. Having a university that will support you in diving headfirst has been absolutely transformative.”

– Keith Corso, DMSB’21, co-founder and CEO of BusRight, LLC