

# | DONOR FAQs

## Who funds Brookings?

Brookings is funded through the support of a diverse array of philanthropic individuals, foundations, corporations, and governments. Since 1983, we have published information about our finances and a list of donors in our Annual Reports.

## Why does Brookings need my support?

As a non-profit organization, Brookings relies on the support of generous donors who share our commitment to independent, non-partisan public policy research to solve the problems facing our communities, our nation, and the world. More than 80% of Brookings's annual revenue comes from gifts and grants from our donors.

## How is Brookings governed?

The Board of Trustees has fiduciary responsibility for the Institution. Brookings is led by Interim President Amy Liu, who reports to the Board, and an executive leadership team that oversees the operations of the research programs and non-research programs. This team works to ensure that Brookings is operating efficiently and sustainably, while adhering to our values as we pursue our mission.

## Are gifts to Brookings tax-deductible?

Yes. The Brookings Institution is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and gifts are tax-deductible within the limits of the law.

## Will I receive a gift receipt?

Yes. Brookings will issue a gift receipt showing the date, amount, and purpose of your gift.

## What kind of gifts can I make to Brookings? Can I support a specific scholar, initiative, or program?

You can make a gift of general support for Brookings's core needs or direct your gift to one of our research programs or centers, the President's Special Initiatives Fund, or our endowment. You may also make a gift, consistent with Brookings's donor guidelines and policies, to a specific area of policy research that interests you. You can make a gift for current use or include Brookings in your estate plans. Please contact the Development Office at (202) 797-6220 or [development@brookings.edu](mailto:development@brookings.edu) to discuss the best match between your philanthropic priorities and the work of Brookings.

## What's the easiest way to give to Brookings?

You can make a gift online via credit card through Brookings's secure on-line giving page. You can also mail a check to the attention of Tamara O'Neil, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036. If you have any questions or would like wiring instructions or to make a gift of securities or other assets, please contact the Development Office at (202) 797-6220 or [development@brookings.edu](mailto:development@brookings.edu).

## **Are my online gifts to Brookings safe?**

Yes. Our merchant services provider uses strong encryption mechanisms across its environments and solutions to protect data, which are in alignment with industry standard encryption algorithms. The provider also maintains compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard and the Payment Application Data Security Standard for each application that processes, stores, and transmits cardholder data.

## **Can I make a recurring gift to Brookings?**

Yes. Just visit Brookings's secure on-line giving page and select "Recurring" before choosing the amount, frequency, and duration of your donations.

## **Can I include Brookings in my will?**

Yes. Please consult your financial advisor and contact Cara Pomponio, Managing Director of Development, at (202) 797-6201 or [cpomponio@brookings.edu](mailto:cpomponio@brookings.edu) to learn more about including Brookings in your estate plans.

## **What are the different ways I can be engaged with Brookings?**

You can engage with Brookings's work through our free public events (held both in-person at Brookings and virtually, and available to watch anytime on our YouTube channel). Our scholarly research is available free on our website, and you can subscribe to any of Brookings's many newsletters and podcasts to stay up to date on our research. We welcome the engagement of anyone—no matter where they are in the world—who wants to learn more about the most pressing issues facing society and our scholars' innovative, practical solutions to these challenges. We also have donor groups who are invited to a variety of public and private events, scholar briefings, conference calls, and other opportunities to hear directly from our experts. Please contact Chandler Thoresen at (202) 238-3577 or [cthoresen@brookings.edu](mailto:cthoresen@brookings.edu) to learn more about how you can get involved.

## **Whom can I contact for more information about making a gift?**

Please reach out to the Brookings Development Office at (202) 797-6220 or [development@brookings.edu](mailto:development@brookings.edu) to learn more about how you can support Brookings.