Florida LAKEWATCH is fundraising to establish an endowed assistantship for graduate students.

The average cost of a University of Florida graduate student exceeds $45,000/year. Gifts to support an endowed assistantship will be invested in perpetuity to provide permanent annual support for LAKEWATCH graduate students. Our initial goal is to establish a Master’s endowment.

- **MS Endowment**: Gifts totaling $350,000 will support $14,000/year
- **PhD Endowment**: Gifts totaling $500,000 will support $20,000/year

The first $30,000 raised will be matched by the University of Florida: once established, an assistantship will be augmented with tuition support from the Dean of the UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences through the ’41 Fellows Initiative, valued at $11,000/year. While we grow the endowment to $350,000 spendable funds may be used to provide program support for LAKEWATCH.

A LAKEWATCH endowment will support a graduate student addressing volunteer questions on aquatic systems, covering such topics as water level, grass carp, herbicides, aquatic plants, exotic species, water clarity, algae and more.
How You Can Help

► **Share** with others the impact your work has on Florida lakes, streams and estuaries

► **Identify** neighbors, community organizations and businesses with an interest in Florida’s water resources and a willingness to support LAKEWATCH

► **Make** a personal or business gift to support LAKEWATCH:
  - Cash, Stocks, Real Estate
  - Pledge over multiple years
  - Estate planning, insurance policy, trust

Checks to support this endowment should be made payable to the **UF Foundation, Inc.** with “LAKEWATCH assistantship” in the memo line.

Please direct gifts to **UF/IFAS Advancement, PO Box 110170, Gainesville, FL 32611.**

**Gifts can be made online at** [www.uff.ufl.edu/give/LW41](http://www.uff.ufl.edu/give/LW41)

For more information, please contact John Hooker at 352-294-7868 or jdhooker@ufl.edu

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**Yes! I will support the LAKEWATCH Endowment**

Enclosed is my gift of:

- $2,500
- $1,000
- $500
- $250
- $100
- $50
- Other: $ ________________

☐ I would like to renew my gift for ____ additional years!

Please record my gift as follows:

Name: _____________________________________________________________ Street: ________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________ Phone: ____________________________ home/cell/work

I wish this gift to be anonymous: ☐ yes ☐ no

► Please make check payable to the **UF Foundation, Inc.** and mail with form to: **UF/IFAS Advancement, P.O. Box 110170, Gainesville, FL 32611**

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