An Endowment for the Future

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The Seed Biotechnology Center was established in 1999 by an insightful and forward-thinking group of partners from the seed industry and at UC Davis to provide advanced research, education, training and scientific information on seed issues and technologies.

Center accomplishments
• Delivered educational workshops, symposia and classes to over 6,700 participants.
• Invested over $13 million in scientific research on genetics, genomics, breeding tools, seed technology and physiology.
• Conducted cutting-edge research on alfalfa, brassicas, carrot, coffee, cotton, lettuce, melon, onion, pepper, potato, rice, spinach, strawberry, sunflower, switchgrass and tomato.
• Trained 170 plant breeders from more than 90 organizations through its Plant Breeding Academy.
• Provided scientific information to policy makers on topics such as co-existence, biotechnology and sustainability.

An endowment is essential
The center has become a vibrant part of the university and a critical resource for the seed industry. However, state funding does not guarantee a faculty position dedicated to seed science nor a director for the Seed Biotechnology Center (SBC). The establishment of an Endowed Chair in Seed Science will provide support for a faculty member at UC Davis who would be focused on seed biology and technology and serve as the director of the SBC. This will assure continuation of cutting-edge research on breeding, seed production and quality and leadership for the SBC’s educational and public service activities.

Kent J. Bradford Endowed Chair in Seed Science
A strong endowment is a necessity, not a luxury. An endowment fund for the SBC will provide critical annual income to support a professor focusing on seed genetics, physiology and technology as well as serve as the center director.

The goal of this campaign is to raise $2.5 million in order to create the Kent J. Bradford Endowed Chair in Seed Science. Endowed positions also serve as important incentives for attracting and retaining the world’s best scientists. We would like to talk with you about becoming a partner in the future of the SBC at UC Davis.