**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is The Founders Fund. This organization will utilize the acronym TFF in all publicity materials and correspondence.

**ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION**

As outlined in the RSO Classification Policy, The Founders Fund is considered a General Registered Student Organization. As a GRSO, our organization is a separate 3rd party entity, not considered a part of the University of Florida. Through registering with the University, our student group agrees to follow its policies and operate on campus with access and/or eligibility for specific campus benefits.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of The Founders Fund is to promote a unique professional development and educational opportunity for students interested in the financial services industry and investments.

**ARTICLE IV. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT & UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

Upon approval by the Department of Student Engagement, The Founders Fund shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. The Founders Fund shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

Section A. Non-Discrimination

The Founders Fund agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act. Discrimination on the basis of the protected classes described in University of Florida Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policies) is prohibited.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

The Founders Fund agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.  Behaviors that could create a hostile environment include sexual harassment (which could include inappropriate sexual comments), sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking and repeated instances of cyber abuse. Sexual harassment as described in University of Florida Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policy) is prohibited.

Section C. Hazing

The Founders Fund agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization. Hazing as defined in the University of Florida Regulation 1.0081 (Prohibition of Hazing; Procedures and Penalties) and 4.040 (Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code) is prohibited. If found responsible for hazing, sanctions may be imposed against the organization, its leaders and/or members.

Section D. Responsibility to Report

The University of Florida identifies Responsible Employees and Campus Security Authorities to support the health, safety, and wellbeing of campus. If The Founders Fund becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, they are encouraged to report it immediately to staff in Student Engagement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, the University’s Title IX Coordinator, or to their Student Organization Advisor, who are identified as mandated reporters.

Section E. Officer Eligibility

The Founders Fundunderstands, acknowledges, and agrees to uphold and abide by the specific minimal requirements regarding officer eligibility as defined in the [Registered Student Organization Classification and Officer Eligibility Policy](https://hub.policy.ufl.edu/s/article/RSO-Classification-Officer-Eligibility).

**ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is open to all enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff are prohibited from holding membership, office or voting powers. All members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

**ARTICLE VI. BYLAWS FOR THE FOUNDERS FUND**

The Founders Fund may elect to maintain separate bylaws document to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements sent forth by local, state, and federal laws, the university of Florida’s regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Student Engagement constitution requirements. Amendments and changes may be made to the bylaws and shall be consistent with the Student Engagement approved constitution on file and student engagement’s constitution requirements. Should the organization transition leadership, all bylaws and guiding documents will be transitioned to new student organization leaders and/or advisor(s). The Founders Fund agrees to provide all unaltered by laws and guiding documents and/or clarify its procedures in writing to any University of Florida student, faculty, or staff upon request.

**ARTICLE VII. STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR**

Each registered student organization must have an eligible student organization advisor. The student organization advisor must be a full-time, salaried faculty or staff member not on extended leave for 4 consecutive weeks or longer during their advisor term**.** The student organization advisor shall serve as a resource person providing advisory support to officers and members and may not vote or hold office in the organization.

The student organization advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The student organization advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the student organization advisor may not vote in any of The Founders Fund matters. The student organization advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members. The student organization advisor will serve a term of one (1) academic year with the opportunity to be reappointed after each term. In the event that the student organization advisor is unable to continue in their position, officers may nominate a replacement at any time, to be confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

**ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS**

The elected officers of The Founders Fund shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. At no time should one person hold more than one of these positions.

Part 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate the work of all other officers of the organization.

Part 2: The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve. The Vice-President shall also serve as the liaison for all members seeking more information on The Fund’s portfolio.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of The Founders Fund; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every other meeting of The Founders Fund and at other times when requested by any member of the organization.

1. Elected officers will serve one calendar year. (2) Vacancies will be addressed through a unanimous vote of existing board members. (3) Impeachment processes will be brought about through a three-fourths vote of four existing officers, and will be confirmed through a two-thirds vote of members.

**ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS**

Nominations for all officers will take place annually at the last general meeting prior to the election meeting. Any member may nominate any other member, including himself or herself. Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients immediately after the initial vote. No person shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office. Elections should take place on January to allow for turnover between old and new board. Positions – Portfolio Manager (President), Chief Investment Officer (VP), Chief Operating Officer (Treasurer), Chief Development Officer, Chief Technical Officer

In the absence of clear direction on election, amendment, and /or voting procedures, The Founders Fund agrees to follow the guidance and instruction of Robert's Rules of Order for the election or amendment process.

**ARTICLE X. FINANCE**

As a General Registered Student Organization, The Founders Fund does not receive any funding or resources from other UF Departments or Colleges, rather, this organization is funded by:

Collection of annual membership dues in the amount of $30 to be paid at the first general meeting of each semester. Any members joining after, will pay the same amount ($30) on the date they begin membership. This fee covers the cost of t-shirts, socials, and other operational expenses of the organization.

**ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

Upon dissolution, student organizations are prohibited from leaving their organizational assets to any individual or any other student organization. Rather, student organizations may designate a specific charity that will receive such organizational assets. At the time of dissolution, after all outstanding debts are paid, The Founders Fund will leave any assets and outstanding funds to Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

**ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

Student Engagement has established a process through which constitutions may be amended, reviewed, and approved. Student organizations wishing to amend their constitutions must utilize their constitution on file listed on GatorConnect to make amendments and submit those changes to Student Engagement.

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular meeting of The Founders Fund provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week prior to a vote. Any member is eligible to propose an amendment, and proposals should be sent to any member of the executive board. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the voting members in attendance at the meeting, and are subject to final approval by the Department of Student Engagement.

All amended constitutions must be submitted directly to Student Engagement for review and approval.