School of Accountancy—$10 million endowment

- A named College of Business School of Accountancy will elevate the program’s national and international status. The School will provide a significant branding boost and will promote its degree programs, including the B.S., M.Acc. and Ph.D. This transformative gift will elevate Florida State accounting to one of the top accounting programs in the world, on par with those programs at New York University, The University of Pennsylvania, the University of Michigan and the University of Texas.

Center for Financial Reporting and Disclosure—$5 million endowment

- This named Center will study various contemporary financial reporting issues important to the Florida economy.

Center for Audit Effectiveness—$5 million endowment

- This Center will study various factors influencing audit effectiveness. These factors include partner rotation, professional skepticism and auditor political involvement. The Center will sponsor research on these topics, fund advanced study by upper-division undergraduate and M.Acc. students through special topics courses, and sponsor industry expert speakers for undergraduate and M.Acc. students.

Annual Accounting Research Conference—$1 million endowment

- This conference will bring leading scholars from around the world to Florida State University to present their research on a variety of topics. Florida State doctoral students and faculty would have the opportunity to learn from and work with the leading experts in their areas of interest.

Professorships—$1 million endowment each

- Named professorships help recruit established and well-known faculty and retain select current faculty who have established international reputations. These professorships are critical to helping make us a nationally ranked, top-25 accounting department.
Master of Accounting Scholarships—$375,000 in-state; $750,000 out-of-state endowments

These scholarships will help pay the tuition portion of graduate education for a select number of the most talented M.Acc. students. These scholarships are critical in attracting top students from other undergraduate programs and in retaining our own top undergraduate students. A strong base of student talent is critical to building our program’s long-term reputation.

Undergraduate Accounting Scholarships—$50,000; $100,000; and $150,000 endowments

These scholarships will help pay the tuition portion of undergraduate education for a select number of the most talented undergraduate students. These scholarships are critical in attracting top students from the undergraduate population. A strong base of student talent is critical to building our program’s long-term reputation.

General Faculty Support—needs and funding levels vary

Faculty support helps our outstanding scholars conduct research and travel for educational purposes.

Student Support—needs and funding levels vary

Students are truly the center of the program’s efforts and goals. In order to provide students the resources they need to reach their full potential, support is needed for graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships; travel to conferences and case competitions; travel and living expenses for long-distance internship opportunities; travel for study abroad opportunities; and student organization support.

Master of Accounting graduate student Joe Lerro says involvement is the key to success. Lerro, who has already secured a job with a “Big Four” firm, is president of the college’s Student Leadership Council, has earned numerous awards and scholarships, and recently completed a prestigious internship in Miami and Italy with Deloitte.