
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING



Andrea Laos, a recent Master of Accounting student, was selected for a prestigious year-long internship as a postgraduate technical assistant with the Financial Accounting Standards Board. Only 10 interns from around the U.S. are chosen annually from the top accounting schools.

School of Accountancy— \$10 million endowment

- ◆ A named School of Accountancy will reflect the department's high standing in the national and international academic community, and provide a significant branding boost for its Bachelor of Science, Master of Accounting and Doctor of Philosophy programs. This transformative gift will help position the Florida State accounting program as one of the best in the world, on par with 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 national and international

financial reporting issues. These issues include, but are not limited to, measurements and issues surrounding fair value reporting for financial instruments and sustainability reporting and disclosures for extractive industries, particularly off-shore drilling. The center will sponsor research on these topics, fund advanced study by upper-division undergraduate and graduate students through special topics courses and sponsor industry speakers to present on campus.

Center for Audit Effectiveness— \$5 million endowment

- ◆ This named center will study factors influencing audit effectiveness. These factors include partner rotation, professional skepticism and political involvement by auditors. The center will sponsor research on these topics, fund advanced study by upper-division undergraduate and graduate students through special topics courses and sponsor industry speakers.

Annual Accounting Research Conference—\$1 million endowment

- ◆ This named conference will bring leading scholars from around the world to Florida State to present their research. Doctoral students and faculty will have the opportunity to interact with global leaders in their areas of interest.

Professorships— \$1 million endowment each

- ◆ Named professorships help recruit world-renowned faculty and retain current faculty who have established international reputations. These professorships are critical to our efforts to be a Top 25 accounting program.

Ph.D. Scholarships— \$750,000 endowments

- ◆ These scholarships will help cover annual student stipends for the most talented doctoral students and are critical for attracting the best students from across the country and internationally. Pursuing a doctorate degree interrupts a person’s career for at least four years and imposes a significant financial opportunity cost for strong students. These scholarships would help ease the financial burden and help FSU compete with other doctoral programs.



Master of Accounting Scholarships—\$375,000 in-state; \$750,000 out-of-state endowments

- ◆ These scholarships will help cover tuition for the most talented graduate students. Scholarships are critical for attracting the best students from undergraduate programs at other universities and for retaining our own top undergraduate students. A strong base of student talent is fundamental to building our program’s long-term reputation.

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

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

- ◆ These scholarships will help cover tuition costs for the most talented undergraduate students, and are critical for attracting top national and international students to the program. A strong base of student talent is fundamental to building our program’s long-term reputation.