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Custodial Fund Agreement Policy

A Custodial Fund is a fund held by the Institute in a purely custodial capacity on behalf of another party (“Owner”) as a fiscal agent. Owner activities recorded in a Custodial Fund must be consistent with and supportive of the Institute’s instruction, research, public service, and economic development missions.

Custodial Funds may be used in collaboration with Institute programs, but they record only the financial activity of the fund Owner and not of the Institute. The Institute, in accepting this responsibility, agrees to conduct itself in accordance with the requirements normally attributed to a fiscal agent with fiduciary responsibilities. The financial management staff in colleges, schools and departments are responsible for carrying out these fiduciary tasks on behalf of the Institute. The Office of the Controller provides oversight of these funds including monitoring negative balances and monitoring funds with inactivity.

In order for the Institute to provide the Owner with an accurate accounting of these funds, the following procedures shall apply:

1. Standard Institute accounting processes for Custodial Funds include depositing funds in an Institute bank account; maintaining a record of transactions and balances in the general ledger system; processing cash receipts, disbursements, and journal entries as directed by the Owner; reporting transactions and balances periodically to the Owner; issuing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 1099 forms for funds disbursed from the Custodial Fund to external parties and IRS reporting for disbursements to non-resident aliens. The Institute does not pay interest on funds held on behalf of the Owner. The Institute’s provision of additional services to the Owner is permitted only at the Institute’s discretion by written contract between the Institute and the Owner.

2. The Custodian and Fiscal Agent are responsible for the management of
Custodial Fund financial activities, including proper use of Institute processes and documentation to initiate recording of transactions in the general ledger system; reconciliation of funds, including provision of fund reconciliation copies at the request of the Institute; maintenance of positive cash balances, filing sales and other tax returns not performed by the Institute; and maintaining its organizational documentation, such as income and sales tax exempt status.

3. Deposits consisting of checks and cash shall be forwarded daily to the Office of Bursar and Treasury Services. At no time shall these items be kept overnight by the Custodian or Fiscal Agent unless the Office of Bursar and Treasury Services is closed at the time of receipt. The Custodian or Fiscal Agent shall insure that the correct accounting information is used when making deposits.

4. Deposits which are made by a non-negotiable instrument, such as a fund transfer, must be fully documented by the initiator. The Office of Bursar and Treasury Services must be immediately notified in writing of the nature and amount of the deposit. The Custodian or Fiscal Agent will then instruct the initiator to use the Custodial Fund in the details of the wire transfer.

5. All disbursement requests must be approved in writing by the Custodian or Fiscal Agent and must include appropriate supporting documents, such as invoices, receipts and a list of participants when necessary. Prior to approval, the Custodian or Fiscal Agent must verify the availability of funds.

6. The Institute’s Accounts Payable department processes payments daily. Unless otherwise indicated on the AP Payment Request Form, checks will be mailed to the payee at the address listed on the form. Allow approximately 5-7 business days for disbursements processing after documentation and all approvals have been submitted.
7. The Institute does not assume responsibility for any obligation or activity undertaken by the Custodian or Fiscal Agent which are not in line with Institute policy, process or procedure.

8. The Institute cannot process disbursements that are not handled in accordance with the Institute’s prescribed practices, including applicable bid requirements and guidelines for allowable expenditures.

9. The Institute cannot accept responsibility for financial shortfalls for the Agency. Disbursements will not be made unless adequate funds are available in the Custodial Fund.

10. The financial status of each Custodial Fund should be reviewed monthly by the Custodian or Fiscal Agent for the purpose of ensuring that sufficient funds are available and/or if the Custodial Fund should be closed.

11. With prior written notification, the Institute may assess administration fees to Custodial Funds, including funds with inactive balances. Direct costs expended by the Institute on behalf of the Custodial Fund must be reimbursed by the Custodial Fund.

12. Inactive balances should not be carried forward indefinitely from year to year, but should be disposed of in accordance with the Custodial Fund Agreement. The Office of the Controller shall be advised of the proper disposition of any unused or inactive balances at the end of the Agreement. After five (5) years without activity, unused balances must be forwarded to the State of Georgia as mandated by escheatment laws, unless the disposition of the unused balances is covered by the Custodial Fund Agreement. Complete files should be maintained for all agreements, letters, or other documents, for guidance in the proper handling of funds.

13. By establishing a Custodial Fund, the Owner is not a unit of the Institute and does not obtain Institute privileges, including but not limited to: entitlement to use Institute services or facilities; inclusion under Institute income or sales tax exempt status; use of the Institute Federal Employer
Identification Number (FEIN); use of the Institute payroll system; use of
Institute staffing; use of Institute name, logos, trademarks; use of Institute
property recordkeeping or tracking systems.

14. The Institute is not responsible for the Owner’s actions, including but
not limited to: appropriateness of disbursements; indebtedness or other
liabilities incurred by the Owner, and banking services other than the
bookkeeping services named in Section one (1) above. Owner agrees to hold
the University System of Georgia, including its trustees, employees, and
agents, harmless from and to indemnify each of them against all claims,
demands, losses and liabilities relating to the Institute’s management of the
Custodial Fund at the Owner’s direction.

15. The Owner of the Custodial Fund does not enjoy tax-exempt status
under the Institute’s charitable tax status. Donations to the Owner are not
tax deductible unless the Owner obtains its own charitable status under the
Internal Revenue Code. The Owner is responsible for all aspects of
compliance with its charitable status, such as issuing written gift
acknowledgements to donors.

16. The Institute agrees to continue in the capacity of fiscal agent for those
funds established on a long-term continual basis until such time as the
Custodian shall request termination of this Agreement.

17. In the event that there is a change of Custodian or Fiscal Agent, the
College, School or Department should notify the Office of the Controller and
complete a new Custodial Fund Agreement.

18. Custodial Fund status is contingent on adherence to all Institute
policies. The Institute has the right to close a Custodial Fund account at its
discretion. Some of the circumstances that may lead to closure of a Custodial
Fund include failure to adhere to Institute policies and procedures, nature of
activities and functions has changed such that Custodial Fund status is no
longer appropriate, and deficit balances are not remedied in a timely
manner. Individual Custodial Funds must maintain positive cash balances.

19. The records of all Custodial Funds are subject to review or audit by appropriate Institute, State, or external auditors as necessary.

20. A copy of the program brochure or other documentation that establishes the affiliation between the program and the Institute should be attached to this agreement.

By signing the Agreement, the Custodial Agent attests to owning the money being deposited in the Custodial Fund, or is an authorized representative of the entity that owns the money, and that they have read, understand, and agree to the conditions for depositing money with the Institute to be held by the Institute as an agent.
Logging into DocuSign

- Open a Web Browser and navigate to the DocuSign homepage address below. This application is currently not behind TechWorks. Use the link below every time or save to your favorites.
  http://esignature.gatech.edu
- On the eSignature page, click on the DocuSign icon
- On the DocuSign homepage, click Log in to DocuSign in the top right corner
- On the log in page, use your username@gatech.edu account. (i.e. gburdell3@gatech.edu)
- Click continue
• On the password page, click the blue button that says Use Company Login

![Use Company Login Button]

• Sign into Duo like you would going through TechWorks

![Duo Login Page]

• Once you accept the Duo push or press 1 during the call, you should reach the DocuSign landing page

![DocuSign Landing Page]

• End Process
Creating an Envelope

Custodial Agents will need to complete this form in order to designate Fiscal Agents and receive necessary signature approvals.

- From the landing page, click on Templates on the top toolbar

- On the left side of the page, click Shared Folders
  - Click on the _Employees parent folder and then click the Controller’s Office subfolder

- As the Custodial Fund Holder submitting the agreement form for approval, use the CO_Custodial Fund Agreement Form

  **CO_Custodial Fund Agreement Form**
  Eligible for matching

  - Click Use

  - Fill out the workflow for the envelope

  - Enter your first and last name in the Custodian Signature field, then your GT Account email address in the next field.

  - Use the GT contact icon to locate the designated signer’s GT Account email address

  - Complete this step for the designated Fiscal Agents and Approver of the Custodial Fund as well
    - Remember to use the contact icon to add in the names from the GT contact list

  - At least one Fiscal Agent of the Custodial Fund is required. Fields are available for up to three designated Fiscal Agents
The Approver of the fund may be the Institute VP, Provost, Dean, School Chair, or Department Head/Director. Please enter the name of the Approver required for signature in this field, along with their GT Account email address through the GT contact list icon.

Institute Vice President, Provost, Dean, School Chair, Director or Department Head Approval

- Name *
- Email *

If any additional information needs to be included to the Approvers, it can be included in the email message box below the workflow.

Once all fields are filled out click the blue send button.

If you are ready to sign for the Custodial Fund as the designated Custodian, click the Sign Now button. If not, click sign later. The Custodian of the fund must sign/fill out information in order to keep the document moving.

Do you want to sign this document now?

- SIGN NOW
- SIGN LATER
• If you select sign later and are now ready to fill out the Custodial Fund Agreement Form, go to the home page and click the Actions Required section on the left side of the page.

• When the document opens, click continue.

• Fill out the document with information regarding the Custodial Fund Agreement.

  - Custodial Fund Name
  - Description of Activity/Purpose
  - Custodial Fund Type
    - Funds on Deposit
    - Designated Scholarships
    - Payroll Operations
  - Termination Date
  - Disposition of Funds at Termination
    (Return to owner, escheat to state, etc.)
  - Name of Organization
  - Federal Tax ID Number (if applicable)
  - College/School/Department Name
  - Cost Center Code
  - Cost Center Name
  - Custodian Name
    - Title
• Once all the information is filled in, click finish
• The document closes and sends you back to the Manage page of your DocuSign account

• End Process
Correcting an Envelope

If you send a document to someone and that person is out of the office, or the user’s email address is incorrect, you will need to correct the envelope.

- Log into DocuSign
- On the landing page, click on Waiting for Others on the left side of the page
- Click the correct button.

FYI You can only correct the approvers that have not signed the document

- Change the recipient name and email address to one that is in the office
Once the approver has been changed, click next in the top right-hand corner of the document.

Click correct in the top right-hand corner of the page.

The system sends you back to the Waiting for Others screen.

End Process
Voiding an Envelope

If you have already created an envelope and the purchase is no longer valid, you can void the document. Follow the steps below:

- Log into DocuSign
- On the landing page, click Manage on the top of the page
- Find the envelope and click the arrow next to the blue Sign button
- Click Void
• There will be a box that pops up for you to put a reason as to why this envelope is being Voided

**Void Envelope**

By voiding this envelope, recipients can no longer view it or sign enclosed documents. Recipients will receive an email notification, which includes your reason for voiding the envelope.

* Reason for voiding envelope.

200 characters remaining.

• Click the blue Void button

• This message will pop up

Jessica Persaud voided Please DocuSign: GaTech - Custodial Fund Agreement.

• The status of the envelope will change to Voided
  
  Voided

• End Process
Changing Time Zones
If you find that your envelopes have the PST time zone on them follow the steps below to change it.

• Log into DocuSign

• On the landing page, click the profile in the top right-hand corner
• Click on My Preferences

• On the left-hand side of the page, go to Regional Settings
• Under Time and Date, select Specify a Time Zone
• Change it to the Time Zone you are located. For example, I am in Georgia so I selected Eastern Time

**Time and Date**

- Match my computer’s time zone
- Specify a Time Zone

(UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

• Click Save
• End Process