The Institute of Contemporary Art
Policy on Contributions from Donor Advised Funds and IRA Rollovers

We are grateful for your wonderful support of ICA. Recently, the IRS has more narrowly defined how donations through IRA Rollers and Donor Advised Funds (DAF) can and cannot be directed. In response, the University of Pennsylvania has updated parameters for these two types of giving. IRA Rollovers and DAF gifts cannot be used for any type of donation that is “bifurcated” – in other words, for a donation where there is any tangible benefit from the donation, whether or not that benefit would correspond to the portion of the gift given through a charitable vehicle. More specifically, these gifts cannot be used for any donation where there is a differential between the donation amount and the charitable amount, such as event, gala, or membership.

In the past, some donors have given an IRA Rollover or DAF gift for the tax-deductible portion of the gift and then a personal gift for the remainder of the amount. This practice would now not be in compliance with IRS guidelines for IRA Rollover and DAF gifts. Because we appreciate donors’ generosity and would not want to jeopardize their compliance with IRS regulations, Penn and ICA will no longer be able to accept IRA Rollover and DAF gifts for any donation with tangible benefits. If we do receive a donation from a DAF or made through an IRA Rollover, we must have confirmation in writing that the donor declines all benefits associated with the donation (i.e., is not attending the event, is not purchasing a table for themselves or other, etc.) We would be more than happy to answer any questions regarding this updated practice and thank you again for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Taja Jones, Associate Director of Development & Alumni Relations, at tajaj@ica.upenn.edu or (215) 573-0217.