Q: Why is my annual participation in Why I Give important?
A: Your participation as faculty and professional staff shows that you are aligned with our shared mission. Your participation shows that your work here is more than a job, but a dedication. By joining in Why I Give each year, you set an example for your colleagues by showing them you are just as invested in this institution’s advancement as this institution is in yours.

Q: When I contribute to Why I Give, what area of Drexel University does my contribution support?
A: By making an unrestricted gift to Why I Give, you are supporting our institution, its growth and improvement, scholarship support, the recruitment of top-ranked faculty, the expansion of programs. You may also designate your gift to an area of your choosing.

Q: Making a gift at this time of the year might be a stretch for me. How much does the amount I give matter?
A: What matters more than the amount you give is the very fact that you participated in whatever way you are able. We take pride in the fact that our University has the highest rate of institutional giving of any university our size or larger. We want to continue to show our peers that our faculty and professional staff are just as invested in our mission as always. So, the amount you give is secondary to the fact that you participated.

Q: How do I make a gift?
A: There are a number of ways to make a gift.
• Payroll Deduction: Payroll deduction is the easiest way to give to Drexel over time. You can choose a set amount to be deducted from your paycheck over a set number of months or weeks so you don’t have to give the entire gift up front. This is the most flexible way to participate in Why I Give.
• Online Gift: Go to giving.drexel.edu/whyigive and fill out the online giving form to make a gift.
• Phone: Make a gift by phone at 215.895.2612 (Drexel University); 215.755.7347 (College of Medicine); 215.299.122 (Academy of Natural Sciences).
• Single Payment: Fill out the enclosed pledge form, include a check or your credit card information and return it via the reply envelope inside this package.

Q: When can I participate in Why I Give?
A: You can participate any time between April 2 and June 30, 2015. However, any gift you make during the current fiscal year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) will count towards the Why I Give campaign.

Q: Do gifts to the Dragon Drive count towards Why I Give?
A: The Dragon Drive is a United Way campaign and benefits specific initiatives within the greater University as well as outside organizations in the Philadelphia area. Why I Give directly supports our institution, its growth and programs.

Q: Is there recognition of my participation?
A: Yes. Faculty and professional staff who participate are given a collectible Why I Give pin. Also, The Office of Institutional Advancement recognizes participation with an annual thank you event, where participants are celebrated and the winners of the Grand Prize Drawing are announced.