

**BUILDING A**  
**BRIGHTER**  
**FUTURE**

College of Letters and Science

**UCDAVIS**

## A LIBERAL ARTS

# Powerhouse



As the liberal arts backbone of UC Davis, one of the nation's top five public research universities, the College of Letters and Science is uniquely equipped to deliver a liberal and practical education thanks to our world-renowned faculty, breadth of academic excellence and vast research enterprise.



# L&S

**36**

departments

**110**

majors and minors

**910+**

faculty

**14,200**

undergraduate students

**203**

graduate degrees

**1,500+**

graduate students

**33**

Ph.D. programs

**50%**

of students

conduct independent research and creative projects beyond the classroom.



**2<sup>ND</sup>** among national public universities

for social mobility, research and promoting public service, according to Washington Monthly's 2020 National University Rankings.

 **74%**

of all undergraduate credit awarded is taught in the College.



# A Commitment to EXCELLENCE



The College of Letters and Science is committed to providing excellence in education across the arts, humanities, social sciences and hard sciences. The College has identified the following strategic fundraising properties, in an effort to generate the most widespread impact:

## SUPPORT OUR **STUDENTS**

- Beyond the Classroom Fund

## SUPPORT OUR **FACULTY**

- Faculty Innovation Fund
- Endowed chairs and professorships

## SUPPORT OUR **PROGRAMS**

- Arts Renaissance
- Design Futures
- Brain and Decision Sciences
- Chemistry and Physics Innovation
- C.N. Gorman Museum
- Global Tea Initiative
- Community outreach / engaged scholarship

## SUPPORT OUR **RESEARCH**

- Research funds
- Student fellowships
- Graduate fellowships
- Undergraduate research support



**SUPPORT OUR**

# Students



The Beyond the Classroom Fund supports students in every major, giving them the chance to deepen their disciplinary knowledge through unique and meaningful experiences — like internships, undergraduate research, professional development, study abroad and field research.

Without philanthropic investment, many of our students would not have the resources to take advantage of these opportunities to gain real-world skills. Your gifts to these programs will give students the chance to immerse themselves in their education, to develop a richer understanding of the world, and most importantly, to become better prepared for career success.

Simply put, a gift to the Beyond the Classroom Fund changes student lives.



**SUPPORT OUR**

# Faculty



Our distinguished faculty are recognized across the globe as thought leaders and trailblazers. With endowed chairs and professorships, as well as the Faculty Innovation Fund, the College of Letters and Science can attract and retain more of these renowned academics, who will generate innovative research, make life-changing discoveries, educate future leaders and amplify our College's influence.

By contributing to an endowed chair, professorship or faculty innovation fund, you can play a crucial role in enhancing the College's stature, deepening our global impact and investing in the people who will change society.





## SUPPORT OUR

# Programs

Whether it's pioneering a new arts renaissance or creating the world's first center for the study of tea, these projects will reimagine the way our world works.

**Arts Renaissance:** We are revamping our top-ranked arts programs with endowed faculty, graduate fellowships and new facilities. In addition, The California Studio: Manetti Shrem Artist Residencies will bring prominent artists to campus to engage in teaching and artistic scholarship. Support for all these efforts will bring our "Renaissance" to life.

**Design Futures:** As the only comprehensive design department within the UC system, we are reimagining our nationally renowned design program to focus on improving the quality of life for all and leading a national conversation about the impact of design. Support will allow faculty and students to address wide-ranging design challenges.

**Brain and Decision Sciences:** The Center for Mind and Brain, psychology and cognitive science programs, as well as the newly created data studies program, have come together to expand our understanding of the mind and brain. We aim to support this fascinating collaboration with endowed research funds and student fellowships.

### **Chemistry and Physics Innovation:**

The chemistry department is expanding its classrooms and adding state-of-the-art research labs, which will enable groundbreaking discoveries, both applied and theoretical. Our Department of Physics and Astronomy just updated its facilities and continues to be a top innovator on campus. Both endeavors are seeking endowments to support the innovation happening within their walls.

**C.N. Gorman Museum:** Our C.N. Gorman Museum, the only California museum to focus on contemporary Indigenous and Native American art, is moving to a new home in Nelson Hall. The new space will further elevate the teaching and research mission for this vibrant collection. Support is needed for operations, collections maintenance and acquisitions, as well as annual exhibitions.

**Global Tea Initiative:** We are creating the world's first center for the interdisciplinary study of tea. Research, symposia, lecture series, classes and exhibitions will come together under one roof to advance knowledge about this historic and economically significant beverage. Funding goals include an endowed faculty chair, professorships and endowed lectures; student fellowships; and research funds.



## SUPPORT OUR

# Research

The remarkable breadth and depth of our College's 36 academic departments and their research are among its most powerful assets. To advance this work and to deepen the impact of each of our departments, we are seeking to establish faculty innovation funds, graduate fellowships, undergraduate research and field study opportunities.





## Realizing the VISION

At the College of Letters and Science, we aren't just envisioning a brighter future — **WE ARE BRINGING ONE TO LIFE NOW.** Philanthropy makes a powerful difference in advancing that work.

Support from our alumni and friends enhances research and creative excellence, creates transformative experiences that prepare leaders for a changing world, and amplifies the impact of our engaged scholarship and creativity.

We welcome your partnership as we embark on a campaign effort focused on elevating every element of this mission even further.

## Ways of **GIVING**

# GIVING

There are many ways to make a difference in the College, and we will work with you to realize your philanthropic vision and develop the gift plan that best meets your needs. At your request, we can also work with your tax and financial advisors. Following are various gift types and their associated benefits.

### Cash Gifts

- The simplest and most popular giving method.
- Can be tax deductible in the year they are given.

### Gifts of Securities

- Includes stocks, mutual funds and bonds.
- Can avoid capital gains taxes.
- Can provide an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of long-term, appreciated securities.

### Gifts of Real Property

- Includes land, farms, personal residences, and rental or commercial property.
- Can help avoid capital gains tax on appreciated assets.
- Can provide an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of long-term, appreciated property.
- Can eliminate property expenses and taxes.
- Can provide continued use for life through a retained life estate gift.

### Bequests and Living Trusts

- Establish the UC Davis Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate.
- Can provide an estate tax deduction equal to the value of the gift.
- Offers flexibility by allowing you to provide for family first.

### Retirement Plan Gifts

- For current gifts, utilize the IRA Charitable Rollover provision (for donors aged 70½ and older) beneficiary.
- Name the UC Davis Foundation as a beneficiary.
- Can eliminate income tax on the plan distributions.
- Preserve the plan's full value for gift purposes.

### Life Income Gift

- Include charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities.
- Can provide potential tax savings on income, estate and capital gains.
- Generate income for you and/or your loved ones for a fixed period of time or until your passing.
- Distribute the remaining assets to the UC Davis Foundation.

**Make a Gift Today!**





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