Every student, every year

Giving through The Stanford Fund is a meaningful way to make a difference in the lives of all Stanford undergraduates. Your gift benefits every student by providing need-based financial aid, nurturing academic innovation, and sustaining a wide array of student programs and organizations on campus. In total, more than 7,000 students each year are impacted by your generosity.

As the needs of students change, your annual gift through The Stanford Fund ensures that the university’s president, Marc Tessier-Lavigne, can direct support to the areas of greatest need and opportunity, allowing Stanford to stay at the forefront of higher education. This flexibility makes gifts through The Stanford Fund a cornerstone of undergraduate support.

Stanford Fund donors have ensured Stanford’s financial aid policies are among the most generous and comprehensive in higher education. U.S. students are accepted to Stanford need blind, meaning without consideration for their ability to pay tuition. Once accepted, Stanford meets the demonstrated financial need for every U.S. undergraduate—through scholarships, not loans. With donor support, Stanford Fund Scholarships help make it possible for qualified students from the widest range of backgrounds to attend the university.

48% of undergraduates receive need-based aid directly from the university.

1 in 4 undergraduates qualifies for a full-tuition scholarship. For families with incomes under $125,000 (increasing to $150,000 in 2020–21), a Stanford scholarship covers tuition completely. For those below $65,000, Stanford also covers room and board.

83% of graduates leave Stanford with no debt. Of the remaining students who do take out loans, the median amount of debt upon graduation is $13,557, well below the national average.

19% of Stanford’s newest class of undergraduates are among the first generation in their families to attend a four-year university.

HOW THE STANFORD FUND HELPS STUDENTS

In fiscal year 2018–19, gifts through The Stanford Fund were allocated to top priorities in undergraduate education: providing generous financial aid, enhancing academic innovations, and supporting student life initiatives.
Many of the most fulfilling educational opportunities undergraduates can pursue are made possible by gifts through The Stanford Fund. These include small-group seminars, where students work closely with faculty, and research opportunities in the lab and in the field. Because Stanford Fund dollars are more flexible than endowed funds, they can be deployed where needed to help keep curriculum fresh and innovative. All three schools that grant undergraduate degrees (Humanities and Sciences; Engineering; and Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences) benefit from gifts made through The Stanford Fund.

The Stanford Fund is a key source of support for more than 120 student-run organizations that enrich campus life, including public service societies, performing arts groups, and club sports teams. These groups allow undergraduates to express their creativity, build lifelong friendships, and develop leadership skills that prove valuable long after graduation. Gifts through The Stanford Fund also helped to launch community resources for student veterans and first-generation and low-income students. Support for mental health and advising services helps all students thrive personally and academically.

Stanford Fund donors support enriched academics, such as new interactive chemistry classes (top), and Cardinal Service internships that allow students to integrate academic learning with fieldwork (above).

By supporting more than 120 student groups (such as Mariachi Cardenal de Stanford and Women’s Ultimate Frisbee), gifts through The Stanford Fund help create a vital and active campus community.
**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

**What your support means to students**

“When I was accepted to Stanford, I feared I would be unable to attend because of financial circumstances. But thanks to the generosity of people like you, I now find myself immersed in a community where I feel challenged and inspired, and where I have resources and opportunities I could never have dreamed of.”

— Paola Martinez, ’20

“At Stanford, I have taken classes that stretched my mind to its limits, talked to guest speakers who are prominent in their fields, and met amazing friends. I am immensely grateful for the scholarship support that helps students like me achieve our dreams at this amazing university.”

— Jupinder Parmar, ’22

“In my short time here, I have learned so much about myself and about the world. Stanford has helped me diversify my perspectives and become a better global citizen. The generosity of Stanford Fund donors inspires me. I hope someday I can give back to society by assisting other financially challenged families and students.”

— Joanne Lim, ’22

“I want you to know that I am going to do my very best to honor your generosity. In the long run, I want to take the opportunities that Stanford offers me and turn my life and my life’s work into something that will benefit the greater good.”

— Jack Roche, ’23

“Stanford is a special place that transforms people. There is no way that I could have come here without help from Stanford donors, and for that I will be eternally grateful. Your support changed the trajectory of my life.”

— Sam Baucom, ’20

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