

SUPPORTING THE COLLEGE FUND MATTERS

COLLEGE FUND GIFTS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF UVA ARTS & SCIENCES!

These unrestricted funds have an outsized impact on College students by touching every aspect of Arts & Sciences. College Fund gifts can be deployed quickly and judiciously wherever they are needed most. Here are just a few examples of the College Fund at work.



LIFTING OFF LAUNCHPAD

When invaluable summer internships for students dried up in the pandemic, the College Fund came to the rescue. In a few short weeks, the College combined resources to create a for-credit course featuring job skills and real-life work experience for over 100 students. This class was so successful that it is now available every semester under the name "Catalyst."

SPARKING UNDERGRAD RESEARCH

When applying to top graduate programs, UVA Arts & Sciences students have a leg up! The College Fund makes it possible for undergrads to gain meaningful research experience (and a stipend!) working alongside faculty and fellows on research initiatives in most academic departments. Most liberal arts programs reserve research opportunities at this level for their graduate students.

PROMISING FUTURES

UVA is one of only two public universities in the country that guarantees all students can attend regardless of their ability to pay tuition. The College Fund helps ease the College's tight budget and pave the way for an ever more diverse undergraduate experience.



EXPANDING NEUROSCIENCE MAJORS

Thanks in part to College Fund dollars, the College recently launched its program in Fundamental Neuroscience, expanding the highly competitive Neuroscience major to accommodate growing interest. This puts Neuroscience on a trajectory to become one of the nation's top-ranked undergraduate programs - one that has the potential to spark unique collaborative research efforts, launch careers of a new generation of scientists and create leaders in fields as diverse as business, public policy, and education.



LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

When the College recognized that not every admitted student comes to UVA equally prepared to succeed in challenging STEM courses, the College Fund delivered. CONNEX, a summer STEM boot camp, helps incoming first years hone their math and science skills in a virtual program taught by top faculty and fellows. Students with previously limited access to advanced high school coursework can hit Grounds running and confidently navigate the tough classes required to realize their dreams.

ENGAGING ENGAGEMENTS

First-year Engagements courses are a hallmark of the innovative A&S curriculum adopted recently. Instead of giant lectures, incoming students participate in small seminars taught by distinguished faculty. The College Fund is enabling Engagements courses to expand to include all College students. First years work in groups to research, discuss, write about, and debate pressing issues of our time through the lenses of multiple academic disciplines.

CANCELING CANCEL CULTURE

As the College's Democracy Initiative cultivates the next generation of democratic leaders, scholars and citizens, undergraduates want more ways to engage. With help from the College Fund, the Democracy Initiative Student Advisory Council (DISAC) was created. Students from a variety of backgrounds and political perspectives collaborate on the issues of protecting and defending democratic practice while working to foster a culture on Grounds where all opinions are respected and encouraged.

DRINKING THE COLA

The College Fund supports College Advising Seminars (COLAs), small one-credit classes for first years taught by their assigned advisors that provide a crash course in how to discuss important issues, read critically, relate real-world issues to their studies, and navigate the College and the University.

SUPPORTING THE COLLEGE

Your gift to the College Fund is the surest way to lift the Arts & Sciences experience for current students of the College.

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GRABBING RESEARCH FUNDS

Research grants often require matching funds from the College, and the College Fund helps leverage these invaluable research dollars. Recently, the College Fund helped secure a Mellon Foundation grant for the Race, Place, and Equity Initiative to hire additional tenure-track faculty and support our internationally-recognized postdoc program for underrepresented scholars.

SPEAKING THEIR LANGUAGE

The College Fund supports Shea House, a residential community that allows students to immerse themselves in a foreign language outside the classroom. Students live in pods to hone their language skills. The College Fund supports the house coordinator as well as language coordinators for each pod: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, German, Japanese, Korean, and Russian.

