Our largest-ever fundraising campaign is ambitious, visionary, purposeful — worthy of the name “Victors.” The $400 million goal is built upon the cornerstone of the liberal arts: the idea that a powerful, pragmatic education can transform hearts and minds, can solve problems in a changing world, can yield ideas and innovation across every discipline. That’s why we are focused on raising money so that the best and brightest minds can have access to the College through robust scholarship support, no matter their financial circumstances. So too are we committed to helping every student acquire not just knowledge in the classroom, but experiences outside the academy including innovative entrepreneurial efforts and internships. We strive to support our faculty on the front-lines of research, and steward our planet, our community, our campus. To do all this, and so much more, the College needs you — because the world needs Victors.

LSA Internships

Students in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts gain all of the advantages of a world-class liberal arts education at one of the nation’s top public research universities—courses taught by leading global experts, opportunities to do significant research, and meaningful engagement in organizations across campus and in the community. All of these experiences help our students build the adaptable intellectual skills necessary to pursue a variety of career and personal goals.

In addition to an intellectually rich campus environment, LSA strives to offer students off-campus experiences to prepare them to excel in today’s competitive work force. Internships in businesses, non-profits, and other organizations allow students to apply the interpersonal skills, flexibility, and analytical agility they learn on campus in a work environment and to sharpen these attributes in ways that will be assets to future employers.

In a job market that is more competitive than ever, it is critical for the College to offer the programming and resources needed to help LSA students find, secure and grow from internship experiences. Your gift
to support LSA Internship Experiences could provide the financial resources needed by students who otherwise might not be able to sacrifice summer earnings or to afford travel and lodging expenses for an unpaid internship. Or your support could help LSA increase the internship opportunities available to students by funding operational expansion so that the College will be able to more effectively locate and promote a wide variety of internships specifically for LSA students. Also, funding could help the College develop programming that will equip students to successfully land internships, grow academically and professionally from their experiences, and learn how best to leverage their internship to advance their career aspirations.

Providing internship opportunities for LSA students is a top priority in the LSA Victors campaign. We need your support to help us raise $50 million so that all LSA students are able to gain the skills, confidence, connections and experience that internships help to develop.

LSA INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As the demand for internships continues to grow and opportunities for LSA students increase, we are in urgent need of more scholarship support to make internship experiences accessible to all LSA students. The LSA Internship Scholarship Fund supports students with living, working, and travel expenses on both domestic and international internships during the spring or summer terms.

Students are able to sharpen their practical skills in real world situations by participating in internships across the United States and around the globe. For liberal arts students, this experience is critical. Your gift to the LSA Internship Scholarship Fund will open doors for students by providing needed funding for internships.

Endowed gifts of $25,000 or more will provide ongoing support for students. As well as helping to cover travel and living costs, funding could provide stipends for students in unpaid summer internships who, without such support, would not be able to participate. An endowed gift of $50,000 could provide funding for one student, and $100,000 will support two to five students.

EXPENDABLE GIFTS ALSO ARE ESSENTIAL. A GIFT OF:

- $3,500 could support a student working locally for a summer
- $5,000 could support a student who needs to travel for his or her work
- $25,000 could fund internships for four LSA students
PROVIDING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Working with LSA departments, alumni, and employers, we are striving to expand the number and variety of internship opportunities offered to LSA students. To manage this information and communicate effectively with our students, we are creating a database for employers—businesses, nonprofits, service organizations, and more—to quickly and easily provide information about their internship opportunities in ways that connect to liberal arts skill sets.

Internships help make LSA students increasingly visible to employers and prepare them to excel in today’s competitive job market. Our students participate in internships across the nation and around the globe, and we are seeking 3- to 6-week internship opportunities, preferably paid, so that every student who chooses will be able to pursue a significant internship experience. Our alumni and friends are the key to making this a successful effort.

☑ To provide an internship in your organization, go to the LSA homepage at www.lsa.umich.edu and click on the yellow “Sponsor an LSA Internship” button at the bottom to register and post an internship. If you are not responsible for hiring, but know that your company takes interns, please let your hiring manager know about posting from the LSA website.

☑ Be sure to include your name as the LSA Sponsor on the posting form so we can track opportunities that you have helped secure for LSA students.

☑ Recommend the LSA internship program to Michigan alumni or friends who might be interested in posting internship opportunities for LSA students. If they are not Michigan alumni, please have them use your name as the LSA Sponsor so that we may follow up about the opportunities you have helped us to provide for LSA students.

☑ If you have questions about posting internships, please contact LSA’s Internship Coordinator Elizabeth Pariano at epariano@umich.edu or call 734-615-3646.

NAMED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

$25M endowed

To provide information about internships to LSA students, the College is rolling out a one-stop website, managed within the College, to provide the resources LSA students need to find a variety of internships that connect their skill sets (writing, public speaking, languages, research skills, mathematics, team experience, analysis, etc.) as well as their majors to available opportunities. Students will be able to apply through the College database or directly to the organization offering the internship, and will also be able to return to this website to apply for financial support after they have secured an internship.

Also, the College is working to develop programming to follow up with employers, donors, and students in order to track successes, to mentor students in using their internship experiences most effectively, and to help them build on their experience to achieve their career aspirations. The College is committed to working with departments across campus to offer more internship-related programming, events and fairs to help LSA students prepare for and connect their internship experiences with their academic work in LSA. Your gift to endow the internship program will ensure that needed resources will be available to benefit LSA students in perpetuity. Your gift will fund:

☑ Internship programming and events across campus
☑ Student support
☑ Staff support for internship outreach and mentoring
☑ Database and software support

WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities change lives. Wills, estate, and planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy that will enable the best and brightest minds to experience a liberal arts education, solve problems in a changing world, and yield ideas and innovations that will make a difference in Michigan and around the globe.

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