



COLLEGE PRIORITIES

With support from donors, LSA students are engaging in an extraordinary liberal arts and sciences education, and research is pushing the boundaries of what is understood about the world and human experiences.

The liberal arts have never been more relevant or foundational than they are right now. The challenges we face are daunting and complex. The solutions will require rigorous research and innovation that understands the natural world and the human condition: our emotions, vulnerabilities, behavior, and beliefs. The education we need in this moment must pair rigor and empathy, inspire flexible and creative thought, and ask us to fully reimagine our world as it needs to be. With our core values at the center of our work—exploration, common good, inclusion, well-being, and integrity—LSA is working together to reimagine the world and create positive, purposeful change.

LSA DEAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A gift to the Dean's Discretionary Fund is a powerful investment in the leadership and vision of the college. This fully expendable, pooled fund supports LSA's mission, while providing the dean with the flexibility to direct funding to the college's areas of greatest need and maximum impact.

The Dean's Discretionary Fund will fuel game-changing research in all areas of the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, in many cases providing opportunities for undergraduates to engage with researchers and faculty and gain valuable research experience. It will accelerate progress of innovative, collaborative, and interdisciplinary initiatives across the university with LSA professors in the lead. Recently, unrestricted funds have helped the dean launch the Meet the Moment Research Initiative, which addresses urgent social issues, and the new Program in Computing for the Arts and Sciences. Access to unrestricted funding will also ensure financial stability, allowing the college to quickly respond to, and support students throughout unexpected and challenging economic, social, and public health crises.

LSA FUNDS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS

The college is committed to investing in the talents of our students. We believe the world needs rigorous, empathetic thinkers who are ready to reimagine the world and create positive, purposeful change. We are addressing the many obstacles our students from disadvantaged communities face, and we're building communities where all students thrive with a sense of purpose and belonging. With access to programs that enrich and enhance what undergraduates learn through their classes, they can take their education to the next level—planning for their careers and moving toward their goals. Funding is needed so that LSA has resources available to meet the diverse needs of all students. From scholarship support to program support, philanthropy makes it possible to prepare all of our students for success. By contributing to the dean's priority funds for student support, donors are helping students to purposefully engage in a dynamic liberal arts education.

LSA FUND FOR NEED-BASED STUDENT SUPPORT

Expendable gifts to the LSA Fund for Need-based Student Support make it possible for engaged, high-achieving students to pursue their higher education goals. This fund is a top priority because it provides access to all facets of an LSA education, including tuition and room and board, as well as opportunities for engaged-learning experiences. This is more critical than ever so that all of our students graduate with all the advantages of a degree from the University of Michigan. After students qualify for grants, scholarships, and federal student loans, there is often an additional amount associated with enrollment and participation in activities like field trips and lab fees that remains. For many students, the cost of attendance is still more than they can afford. With a goal to raise \$11M annually to eliminate unmet need for all enrolled students, LSA is striving toward a time when everyone who is accepted to the college can attend without the burden of additional loans or the need to work throughout their time as a student. Gifts to this fund unlock doors and invite bigger dreams and bold ambitions.

COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES PROGRAM STRATEGIC FUND

The Comprehensive Studies Program provides comprehensive academic support to U-M students through LSA courses, academic and co-curricular programming, and student support services that utilize high-impact, inclusive practices to encourage student agency and engagement. As the University of Michigan addresses diversity issues, CSP is critical to the goals of access and equity that are so central to the college and the university as a whole.

We need to secure and provide more resources to grow and strengthen CSP in order to recruit and support high-potential U-M undergraduates, especially those who come from backgrounds that continue to be underrepresented, diverse, and minoritized. Each year, expendable funds are a vital means of addressing urgent needs for the program, providing key resources, and increasing students' ability to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Gifts of all sizes to the strategic fund are critical to CSP's ongoing development.

TRANSFER STUDENT SUPPORT

Transfer students enrich the LSA community with their perspectives and broad, diverse backgrounds. They come to the university with college experience and are ready to take on the challenges of a Michigan education. LSA is opening clearer transfer pathways for community college students from across the state, bringing about benefits for the institution as well as the students.

From their first steps in college to their Michigan graduation, students who begin their higher education at community colleges or other institutions can work with the LSA Transfer Student Center for help navigating their transition to LSA. With programming to support their unique needs, the college has opportunities for academic and co-curricular engagement.

In collaboration with partners across the college, the Transfer Student Center helps students make the most of their time here. Funding is needed to support programming and scholarships for community college transfer students.

LSA FIRST GEN STUDENT SCHOLARS FUND

Gifts to this fund will be used to provide need-based scholarship support for LSA first-generation college students. As each new LSA scholar grows and develops, they will help shape the character of our institution, which strengthens LSA's contribution to the world. As the citizens and professionals of tomorrow, these individuals will educate future generations, shape public policy, make new discoveries in every field, and continue the important work of building human society—making the real value of their scholarship support not just what they accomplish during their time at Michigan, but also what they contribute to their communities and the world over the course of their lifetimes.



“I’m so grateful that I made it here,” said need-based scholarship recipient Catherine Hadley (Political Science, '22). Catherine was a high school dropout who decided to go back to school after the birth of her first child. One class at a local community college snowballed into a love of learning. When it was time to transfer to a four-year college, Catherine chose to apply to LSA so that she could someday pursue a career working directly with elected officials to shape better policy. She hopes her work will help to ensure that kids with a childhood like hers don’t fall through the cracks like she did.

“Philanthropy means that you’re willing to contribute to the foundation of the society that we live in, and one of the reasons why I think U-M stands out is that there are so many graduates or community members that are willing to give back freely. And they know that that investment means that they’re bettering not just the person that you give it to, but their family, the community that we live in, and the world around us. I’m endlessly thankful for these scholarships; without them I could not be in school...It’s so inspirational to me that there are people willing to help a family like mine out.”

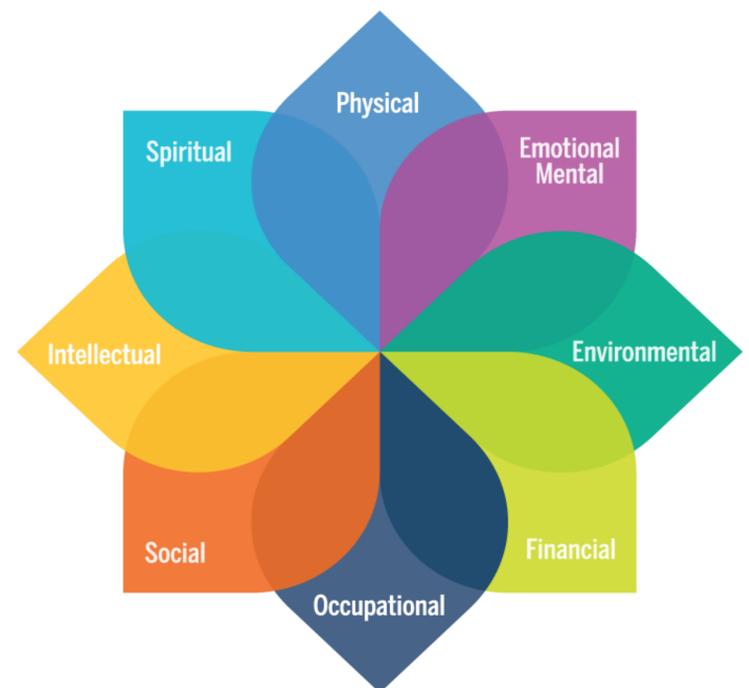
OPPORTUNITY HUB STUDENT JOURNEY FUND

Every student's journey starts in a different place. For some, the Hub opens doors to career exploration in fields that are entirely unfamiliar to them. For others, the Hub provides funding for internships that seem out of reach. And for all LSA students, the Hub serves to guide their exploration of the next steps that a liberal arts and sciences undergrad might take to clarify their post-graduation goals. They have experiences that are not only vital to self-discovery and decision making, they also open doors to meaningful career opportunities.

Gifts of all sizes to the Hub Student Journey Fund make it possible for all LSA students to receive the individualized support they need and provides access to experiences both on and off campus that will enable them to journey from career discovery to a fulfilling professional life after graduation. Contributions to the Fund build a pooled resource that the Hub can draw upon to make it possible for hundreds of LSA students to benefit from Hub programming and services, such as individual career coaching, mentoring opportunities with alumni to explore a variety of professions, workshops that prepare them to engage with potential employers, gaining opportunities for professional experience and more. A gift of \$5,000 would support the programming and services used for a typical career journey by a student during one academic year, while \$25,000 would ensure access for a student to fully participate in career exploration and development throughout their entire undergraduate experience.

LSA STUDENT WELL-BEING FUND

Student well-being has become a clear priority across institutions, driven by vulnerabilities exposed by the pandemic and social upheaval. To address the needs of LSA students across all dimensions of well-being, we have launched new college-wide initiatives, including hiring two Mental Health and Well-Being Student Advocates who are dedicated staff that are bringing about systems-level change. They are planning and implementing student supports while acting as liaisons between LSA and campus-wide initiatives to maximize the availability of services LSA students can access. The college is assessing programs, building capacity, and improving availability of resources that focus on the public health principles of protecting, promoting, and preventing. Gifts of all sizes to this fund facilitate conditions and support a culture where all students in our community can thrive in their mental health and well-being.



LSA FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

From research to teaching, the LSA community is tackling some of the biggest issues facing our planet. The college is home to world-class departments and programs focused on the environment, sustainability, and climate change. Gifts to this pooled, expendable fund support scholarship, research, curriculum development, and special initiatives that promote a culture of sustainability, help achieve the goal of carbon neutrality on campus, and address global climate change. With the support of donors, LSA can build upon our work developing solutions to society's most pressing environmental challenges.



LSA is meeting the moment of global change and ongoing challenges with a focus on understanding and responding to the world we encounter, from the fascinating to the perplexing, from the inequitable to the potentially transformative.

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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