



## Department of Psychology

### THE POWER

The University of Michigan Department of Psychology is ranked in the top three departments in the nation, and this prestigious ranking is due to the high quality of our students and faculty. Our work in behavioral neuroscience was recently ranked #1 by *U.S. News and World Reports* and, with our long history of engaging the best and brightest in our field, we will continue to create the future research directions that characterize the discipline. The strong research environment in psychology provides a solid foundation for our educational mission at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

### THE OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Psychology encompasses a wide variety of academic and research activities that involve students in hands-on research opportunities to foster critical thinking and intellectual growth. Students gain strong competence in organizing, interpreting, and communicating effectively—skills that are universally applicable in today's economy. Graduate students are well prepared for careers in both academic and applied settings, for positions in colleges and universities, governmental agencies, research organizations, clinics, schools, and corporate settings.

The department is committed to providing these opportunities by:

- Creating new, fundamental knowledge about the mind
- Teaching innovative courses and engaging undergraduates in our research and service activities
- Maintaining our record of outstanding graduate training to produce leading scholars
- Conducting technically and theoretically first-rate scholarship at the cutting-edge of science
- Fostering interdisciplinary research as a special part of the Michigan intellectual climate

## THE IMPACT

To strengthen our position as one of the top departments in the nation, we must continue to build on our exceptional offerings. Our outstanding undergraduate and graduate programs, wide variety of courses, and premier faculty illustrate the extraordinary range of our department, and we need to support faculty research in order to continue to retain and recruit the very best. Also we need support to recruit the brightest graduate students and to increase the variety of engaged learning experiences we offer to undergraduate students in order to further develop and enrich the Department's remarkable programs.

### Research Innovation Fund

***\$1M endowed***

A Named Research Innovation Fund in psychology would be a transformational gift, allowing the department to support one or more significant projects each year. Innovation funds make it possible for the department to meet emerging needs and capitalize on strategic opportunities for cutting-edge research, scholarship and teaching. Innovation funds can provide grants for faculty research projects, or be used to recruit and support top-notch graduate students and upgrade department facilities to keep pace with technology changes. A Named Innovation Fund can also support conferences, lectures and seminars with visiting scholars. These programs enrich the academic vitality of the department by exposing students to the world's leading experts and promoting intellectual exchange at the faculty level. A Named Innovation Fund will provide ongoing support that will have lasting impact on students and faculty alike. Each project will be supported for up to two years with the goal that the funds serve as start-up capital for larger research projects.

## Endowed Graduate Fellowships

*\$50,000 annually / \$1M endowed*

Graduate students are integral to maintaining the top standing of the Department of Psychology. They are the faculty of tomorrow and play a vital role in the completion of innovative research at U-M. They enhance the undergraduate experience by working closely with students in the classroom and in the laboratory. Named Graduate Student Fellowships will foster dissertation work and prepare these students to do cutting-edge research and to become highly effective teachers. Endowed graduate fellowships provide us with an opportunity to enhance our contribution to the field and our reputation as one of the top psychology departments in the world by providing more students with greater access to a Michigan education. These graduate students will go on to become the future leaders in the field.

## Psychology Strategic Fund

*\$10,000 to \$50,000 expendable*

Expendable, undesignated gifts are extraordinarily important to the continuing success and growth of the department. Contributions to the strategic fund make it possible to enhance the research and training of our undergraduate and graduate students, and to recruit, retain and support our exceptional faculty. The strategic fund also provides resources for newly emerging and focused initiatives, including our effort to recognize the vital role of faculty mentorship in our students' educational experiences. Overall, this fund is an excellent way to make an investment in the future of the psychology department.

### **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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