An extraordinary community of generous alumni, parents, and friends provides mission-critical, current-use support that makes an immediate impact on Harvard’s undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty, whose groundbreaking work keeps Harvard at the cutting edge of research and innovation.

Purely flexible support for Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) gives FAS leadership total discretion to distribute funds to the areas of greatest need. Harvard College Fund donors also have the opportunity to designate their flexible, current-use gift to several enduring FAS priorities that rely on annual philanthropic support.

Donors may direct their current-use giving to be deployed as needed to any of the following areas:

- Undergraduate Financial Aid
- The Student Experience
- Graduate Fellowships
- Faculty Support
- The Libraries
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Undergraduate Financial Aid
Harvard remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring all admitted students have the opportunity to attend, regardless of their personal economic situation. The Harvard Financial Aid Initiative launched in 2004 to enhance this effort. Today, more than half of Harvard College students receive need-based scholarships and pay an average of $12,000 per year to attend, while 20 percent have no expected annual contribution. The College has awarded over $2 billion in grant aid since 2004, with $193 million awarded in 2019.

The Student Experience
In labs and studios, classrooms and dining halls, sporting arenas and theaters, the dreams and aspirations of our ambitious community of undergraduate and graduate students come to life. An immediate-impact investment enables activities in the arts, athletics, advising, career services, and residential life that respond to the needs of students.
**Graduate Fellowships**
The bedrock upon which a Harvard doctoral education is founded is five years of funding for every student it enrolls. The freedom this funding provides allows our community of researchers to expand knowledge across all disciplines while also spawning new ones. Support for graduate fellowships across the University is support for one of the world’s largest, most intellectually diverse, most talented scholarly communities.

**Faculty Support**
Intellectual ambition demands new perspectives, new ideas, and new conversations, and the FAS continually strives to build an outstanding faculty and foster an environment where these extraordinary scholars and teachers can do their best work. Every day, this outstanding scholarly community brings forward diverse and fresh viewpoints that enhance the intellectual depth and disciplinary breadth of our teaching and research, teaches and advises our undergraduates and graduate students, and makes myriad contributions that shape disciplines within the broader academic community.
The Libraries

The Harvard Library is made up of nearly 80 individual libraries, 57 of which are part of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Since its beginning—with the bequest of John Harvard’s 400-volume collection—the Library has counted on donors to help uphold its mission of being a leading cultural heritage institution that preserves the University’s collections and past for future generations of scholars both at Harvard and across the globe. Your support allows it to continue to expand and evolve to meet the changing needs of the University through efforts such as digitization, preservation, and accessibility.

Areas of Greatest Need

From arts and athletics, to innovative teaching, to improved advising and career services, purely flexible, current-use dollars supplied through philanthropy continue to fund a number of significant investments across the FAS. Recent examples include Embedded EthiCS, a partnership between Philosophy and SEAS; the purchase of new, core scientific equipment, like a one-of-a-kind electron microscope that is opening up novel imaging modalities; a new Student Center and an advising initiative at GSAS; the John Harvard Distinguished Fellows, a new postdoc program that creates a robust intellectual community through recruitment of outstanding young scholars; and support for FYRE (First-Year Retreat Experience), a pre-orientation program that helps first-generation students build a stable foundation for navigating life at Harvard.
“Prioritizing investments in the scholarly enterprise, innovative teaching, and the student experience are imperative to advancing the frontiers of knowledge and preparing our students for lives of leadership and service to the world.”

—CLAUDINE GAY, Edgerley Family Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences