

THINK AND DO THE EXTRAORDINARY



The Campaign for NC State

Preparing Career-Ready Graduate Students

The College of Sciences is a premier center for graduate education, known globally for innovative degree programs that address real-world challenges.



Seeking the Best

Top graduate students are the engines that drive all great universities. These students educate and mentor undergraduates, assist faculty with research and infuse departments with a welcome diversity of ideas.

If the College of Sciences can offer graduate fellowships and generous stipend supplements, it brings prestige to our academic departments and encourages the very best graduate students to apply. Students receiving this support will become the next generation of scientists, scholars and innovators.

The Competitive Edge

Nearly 1,000 graduate students from around the world are pursuing master's and doctoral degrees in the college. These students are drawn to NC State by the chance to work with our faculty, our top research facilities and our industry partners throughout the Research Triangle and beyond.

Competition for graduate student talent is intense, and finances are often a deciding factor. NC State historically has relied on state funding and federal research grants to support graduate positions because it has significantly

fewer endowed fellowships than peer institutions. Today, with government support declining, the college must be able to offer competitive fellowships and graduate stipends to compete for the best students.

The stakes are high: Departmental rankings, faculty recruitment and top-flight undergraduate instruction all depend on the presence of talented and productive graduate students.

Make a gift today to support our graduate students.

Support Our Future

Why Endowments Matter

Endowments give donors opportunities to create living legacies. Funds invested in endowments help offset continued reductions in government support and enable the college to plan for the future. Endowments are the bedrock of all great universities because they provide certain, steady support in perpetuity.

When you make an endowment gift, the principal is immediately invested and, when fully funded, produces income to support the endowment's purpose for years to come. As fellowship endowments grow, they are able to support more students or provide larger awards.

How to Give

Supporting graduate students through an endowment is a wonderful way to honor your family or someone special. Endowment gifts may be pledged over a number of years and funded through cash gifts or planned or deferred gifts.

Endowed Graduate Fellowship

Your gift of \$500,000 to \$1 million allows the college to recruit the very best students to an academic department of your choice.

Endowed Graduate Fellowship Award

Your gift of \$150,000 or more will provide partial support for students in a graduate program of your choice.

Endowed Graduate Stipend Award

Your gift of \$25,000 will provide added funds for graduate stipends, which are often a deciding factor for top students choosing a graduate institution.



There is no better legacy to NC State than a gift of endowment.

Leaders of Tomorrow

Our graduate students are the next generation of forward-thinking scientists, committed to meeting the grand challenges of society. Master's and Ph.D. students are a huge part of our research efforts, developing and publishing work that advances knowledge and solves practical problems.

- Nearly **1,000 graduate students**
- More than **400 active research projects**
- **\$50 million** in annual research expenditures
- **15 graduate fields** of study