Giving Priorities

At the heart of any great institution are the people whose vision and talent define it. In the College of Engineering, we seek funding that will enable us to attract and retain world-class scholars and the most promising students.

There are many giving opportunities within the College of Engineering. Listed below are the current giving priorities of the College and examples of how your donation can be directed. To customize your gift or learn more about the opportunities available, please contact Beth Hough at 805-893-5198 or beth [dot] hough [at] ucsb [dot] edu.

Unrestricted Support

The Dean designates unrestricted gifts to the highest priority needs of the College. This flexible funding allows the College to seize new opportunities that emerge as well as support the existing outstanding students, faculty, programs and research.

Impact

- Create top-notch learning programs for undergraduates
- Support and reward the research endeavors of our very best students
- Facilitate cutting edge research efforts that move both technology and engineering forward
- Attract and hire the most competitively recruited engineers at every stage of their careers
- Support the best and brightest graduate students in their pursuit of a Ph.D. degree
- Bring distinguished lecturers to the College to the benefit of both faculty and students
- Outfit and equip laboratories where faculty and students of all levels can interact

Student Support

The strength of a university program is often evaluated on the quality of its students and the research in which they are engaged. Our ability to recruit and retain the very best scholars is essential to the success of the College. Education is at the core of our mission and your support of the outstanding undergraduates and graduates within the College is instrumental in our ability to educate the next generation of leaders whose future endeavors will have a profound impact on society.

Undergraduate Students

Scholarship support allows the College to recognize outstanding undergraduate students for their excellence in coursework and research. Contributions at any level are greatly appreciated and allow us to honor exceptional engineering students.

- Named Endowed Scholarship
  - A gift of $20,000 or more establishes a permanent named scholarship.
- Named Scholarship Award
A gift of $1,000 or more establishes a one-year named award.

**Graduate Students**
Fellowship support is a high priority of the College as it enables us to compete with the very best universities in the Nation to recruit and retain top scholars at the graduate level.

- **Named Endowed Fellowship**
  A gift of $200,000 or more establishes a permanent named fellowship.

- **Named Quarter Fellowship**
  A gift of $10,000 will fully support a graduate student for one quarter of their career. This type of fellowship is extremely helpful for graduate students as it allows them to take a quarter off from teaching and focus solely on their research and dissertation.

- **Named Full-Year Fellowship**
  A gift of $50,000 or more fully supports a graduate student for one year of their career.

- **Named Fellowship Award**
  A gift of $5,000 or more establishes a one-year named award that allows the College to offer supplemental incentive support (top-off) for the recruitment and/or retention of an outstanding graduate student.

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**Faculty Support**

**Endowed Chairs**
Endowed Chairs honor, encourage, and support the professors whose brilliant minds and commitment to education and research promote the University’s mission. An endowed chair is the most significant honor the University can offer to faculty, by way of a donor’s generosity. Holders of endowed chairs represent the most distinguished scholars who are selected for brilliant scholarship, inspirational teaching, and outstanding leadership.

An endowed chair is a permanent endowment created by a philanthropic gift that supports the teaching and research of the scholar. A gift of $500,000 or more will support the creation of a new endowed chair and will provide a legacy for the donor on the UC Santa Barbara campus.

**Lecture Series**
Lecture series provide the College with the opportunity to bring internationally recognized scholars to UC Santa Barbara. The visiting scholars are invited to participate with faculty and students within the College through a formal lecture presented to the campus and local community, presentations in undergraduate and graduate level classes, and informal, small group discussions.

Lecture series enable the College to provide an exceptional learning environment for students that augments the general curriculum while raising the profile of the College by attracting preeminent scholars in a particular field. These lectures are made possible by the generosity of our donors and the funds allow us to attract
distinguished scholars to our campus and to maximize the impact of their visit to UC Santa Barbara.

- **Named Endowed Lecture Series**
  - A gift of $20,000 or more establishes a permanent named lecture that can occur annually
- **Named Lecture**
  - A gift of $5,000 will support the expenses related to one lecture and can be named for the generosity of the donor

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