Philanthropy fuels possibilities

When you invest in the social sciences, you help fuel our commitment to creating access for all students. For the 2019-2020 academic year, students in The College received more than $92 million in scholarships, allowing them a better chance to thrive in their academic journey. In addition, philanthropy provides an extra measure of support for our top faculty, research initiatives and community programs that otherwise could not be achieved. Together, we can impact the lives of many.

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The interdisciplinary spirit of the social sciences creates a collaborative environment where students find solutions to issues of global health, social inequality, governance and policy and more. By working across disciplines, our students graduate as master learners who can adapt to any situation.

— Pardis Mahdavi,
Dean of social sciences

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Students and faculty in the social sciences represent diverse cultures and backgrounds. By breaking down barriers, The College builds up a community that values, welcomes and amplifies unique perspectives. With a focus on advocating for equity and social justice across all divisions, students are able to have important conversations and develop diversity-informed research, while becoming prepared to thrive in today’s interconnected world. Of the 9,000+ students pursuing a degree in the social sciences, 39 percent are Pell Grant eligible and 33 percent are the first in their families to attend a university.

78 degree programs
62% female student population
$16 million+ in research expenditures (Dec. '19 - Nov. '20)

Shape how societies interact, improve how global communities live

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2,888 degrees granted (2018-2019)
364 faculty members
33,000+ students enrolled in social science courses

Leading global impact and innovative solutions

Our faculty and scholars are educating the next generation of globally-informed leaders while creating a more equitable, sustainable future. We are proud to have multiple members of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Education and many more top scholars leading our mission to provide unmatched access to all.

Building community for students

In 2017, the School of Transborder Studies founded the College Assistance Migrant Program. The program seeks to provide social, emotional and financial support systems to migrant students who might not otherwise be able to attend a four-year university. In spring 2020, the first cohort of students successfully completed the program, with 113 students participating in the program since its inception.

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73 National Scholar students (fall 2019)

Making change on a global scale

Shantel Marekera, a Zimbabwe-born Rhodes Scholar and Outstanding Graduate, earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in justice studies from The College. Marekera’s passion for advocacy and her community led her to establish the Little Dreamers’ Foundation, a subsidized elementary school in rural Zimbabwe to provide quality education to underprivileged, low-income children who are academically gifted.

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Offering diverse programs

The College strives to provide unparalleled academic choice by offering unique programs and courses on a wide range of topics and subjects. This year, the social sciences launched a graduate certificate in disability studies, a master’s degree in classical liberal education and leadership, a master’s degree in political psychology, and more.

244 tenured and tenure-track faculty
73 National Scholar students (fall 2019)