Philanthropy fuels possibilities
When you invest in the humanities, you help fuel our commitment to creating access for all students. For the 2019–2020 academic year, students in The College received nearly $93 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.

— Jeffrey Cohen, Dean of humanities

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Leading global impact and innovative solutions

Our award winning faculty are educating the next generation of globally informed leaders while creating a more equitable, sustainable community. Dedicated to access to the best of Humanities teaching, our faculty are field leaders who have been internationally recognized for their innovative scholarship and creativity.

Exploring the human adventure

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is at the core of success and discovery at Arizona State University. As the largest and most diverse college at ASU, we drive transformative efforts and amplify diverse voices in our community. Students within the humanities gain a firm foundation in writing, language study, research and reasoned argument — skills needed to thrive across a lifetime of learning. Through the examination of fundamental questions and experiences from diverse perspectives, students become problem solvers and leaders with the ability to answer global challenges with empathy, creativity and verve.

Cultivating an inclusive, welcoming environment

Students and faculty in humanities 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 5,100 students pursuing a degree in the humanities, 44 percent are Pell Grant eligible and 34 percent are the first in their families to attend a university.

Fostering creativity for social change

The Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing was awarded a Big Read Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to present a month of talks, readings and more on Indigenous culture and literary arts. The center aims to deepen the discourse around Indigenous perspectives, raise awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and honor the stories of Native American community members.

Fostering social change

With issues of systemic violence and racism at the forefront of conversations, the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies held the first Race Before Race symposium, featuring scholars of color focusing on urgent contemporary issues through the lens of medieval and early modern culture. #RaceB4Race has become one of the most used Twitter hashtags across the Humanities.

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