Philanthropy fuels possibilities

When you invest in the humanities, you help fuel our commitment to creating access for all students. For the 2018–2019 academic year, students in The College received nearly $85 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 humanities foster lifelong learners who are engaged in answering global challenges. This combination of rigorous academics and a sense of adventure offers a toolkit for the creation not only of a career but a fulfilling life and a more just world.

- Jeffrey Cohen, dean of humanities

Fact sheet

Humanities
Creating knowledge for desert futures

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Leading global impact and innovative solutions

Our faculty and scholars adapt to new challenges and make important research contributions while educating the global citizens and leaders of tomorrow. We are proud to support faculty, who are internationally-renowned leaders in their fields, as they educate the next generation of humanities scholars.

Exploring the human adventure

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the largest and most diverse college at Arizona State University, serving as the academic heart of the university. The humanities — one of three divisions within The College — provide students from across the university with 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, leaders and lifelong learners with the ability to answer global challenges with empathy, creativity and verve. The humanities help prepare the next generation of leaders to build a better future.

Cultivating an inclusive, welcoming environment

Students in the humanities represent countries from around the world and a variety of backgrounds. Together with top-ranked faculty, they are pursuing the human adventure across time, culture and place. Having access to a wide array of experiences, skill sets, languages and cultures allows students to develop important conversations and research, and prepare to thrive in today’s interconnected world. The diversity and size of The College helps cultivate a community that values, appreciates and accepts others. Of the 5,000 students pursuing a degree in the humanities, 43 percent are Pell Grant eligible and 32 percent are the first in their families to attend a university.

178 tenured and tenure-track faculty
33 National Scholar students (fall 2018)
1,095 degrees granted (2017–2018)
353 faculty members
25,500+ students enrolled in humanities courses

Engaging the past, defining the future

As the first scholar of color to be elected president of the Shakespeare Association of America, Ayanna Thompson knows first-hand the importance of fostering an inclusive environment. This mindset is the driving force behind her goals of making premodern scholarship relevant and accessible, and diversifying the pipeline into the profession as director of the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

Poetry in the borderlands

Natalie Diaz, a MacArthur Fellow, and Alberto Ríos, Arizona’s first poet laureate and director of the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing, are two professors in The College facilitating discussions around the significance of language and poetry in relation to society’s political and environmental climates.

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