Philanthropy fuels possibilities

When you invest in the social sciences, 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 social sciences span a range of disciplines — as a result, our faculty and students collaborate with peers from the natural sciences and humanities to solve issues relating to global health, social inequalities, governance and policy and more. Our students graduate with critical-thinking skills that will benefit them as they seek solutions to society’s biggest challenges.

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Understanding disability in the past
Magdalena Matczak, a postdoctoral researcher in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, studies how people in central Europe from the 14th–18th centuries viewed diseases and conditions that society defines as disabilities today. Matczak believes the project can provide people with disabilities new knowledge about their history and culture, and the chance to help social scientists and policymakers in their work to improve the treatment of people with disabilities.

Exploring community resilience
Led by Principal Investigator Elizabeth Wentz, dean of social sciences at The College, and executive director Patricia Solís (pictured left), the Knowledge Exchange for Resilience (KER) initiative is a university-wide effort to study resilience in Maricopa County and identify gaps that exist. Projects focus on heat resilience, education, health care and urban planning innovation.

Exploring complex issues, improving human outcomes
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. Students within the social sciences — one of three divisions within The College — are taught to pursue solutions to the world’s pressing issues. From environmental concerns to community resilience and human interactions, the social sciences cover a wide breadth and depth of topics to better prepare students to tackle local and global problems. Scholars and students of the social sciences are united in their journey to understand how societies interact and, ultimately, how to make people’s lives profoundly better.

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 have multiple members of the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Education and many more top scholars leading our mission to provide unmatched access to all.

Cultivating an inclusive, welcoming environment
Students in the social sciences represent countries from around the world and a variety of backgrounds. Together with top-ranked faculty, they are pursuing innovative solutions to subject areas such as societal inequality, community health and resilience, and sustainable environments. 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 9,600+ students pursuing a degree in the social sciences, 39 percent are Pell Grant eligible and 32 percent are the first in their families to attend a university.