

# A Path Forward for the Future

## FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES FOR THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

As a volunteer fundraiser for the Harvard College Fund and Graduate School Fund, you help the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) remain grounded in its mission and be responsive in the moment. By raising flexible, current-use dollars, you empower smart investments and help Harvard lay the foundation for the future.

In tandem, the following priorities encompass the most important needs of the College, Harvard Kenneth C. Griffin Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) this year.

### SUSTAINING THE CORE OF THE FAS

**Flexible dollars support essential activities at the College, Harvard Griffin GSAS, and SEAS, building a community of unparalleled strength**

- Harvard's core mission of teaching and learning would not be possible without **flexible, current-use dollars**. From advising and curriculum development to maintaining living spaces and supporting student life, flexible funds make the Harvard experience possible.

### INVESTING IN TALENT

**Flexible dollars enable Harvard to recruit and retain the brightest scholars**

- **Undergraduate financial aid** strengthens Harvard's community by attracting and retaining the best talent from all backgrounds and perspectives. It ensures an affordable education for every student, regardless of their circumstances. Nearly 68 percent of the **Class of 2027** applied for aid, and students from families with annual incomes below \$85,000 will receive full support. Current-use dollars ensure these students can break barriers and thrive on campus.
- Financial aid brings the most talented students from all walks of life to Harvard. Flexible support helps set them up for success once they get here. These funds bolster the student experience through advising and **academic support** and help meet the needs of our **diverse community**. They ensure that all students can pursue their passions, learn from one another, and become the citizens and citizen-leaders the world seeks.



**50** UNDERGRADUATE  
CONCENTRATIONS and

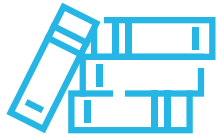
**57** GRADUATE PROGRAMS  
across every discipline and interest



**25%** OF HARVARD  
COLLEGE STUDENTS will receive full  
scholarships through the expanded  
Harvard Financial Aid Initiative



**266** RESIDENT  
TUTORS support House life



**21** NEW LADDER  
FACULTY this year



**1,200+**  
PARTICIPANTS in the fourth  
annual [Global Day of Service](#)

- [Graduate fellowships](#) allow Harvard to attract stellar graduate students across a variety of subject areas, which in turn strengthens the scholarly ecosystem. Flexible support empowers graduate students in their passionate investigation of ideas and buoys their essential work as teaching faculty and resident tutors for undergraduates.
- Flexible **faculty support** gives Harvard the nimbleness to recruit and retain the most talented faculty and provides them with the resources to thrive. Through flexible funds, faculty members like Professor of Mathematics [Melanie Matchett Wood](#), who received a MacArthur “genius” grant last year, have the powerful tools, facilities, and technology they need to execute groundbreaking research and teaching.

### POWERING INNOVATION AND DISCOVERY

**Flexible dollars support signature initiatives that build upon Harvard’s core and address global challenges**

- Building on its long history of undergraduate public service, the College is accelerating and amplifying the service work of faculty, researchers, and students through new initiatives and programming like [Fellows at the Forefront](#), which connects students, faculty, practitioners, and activists on some of the most pressing issues of our time. Flexible funds make initiatives like these possible.
- Through the [Inequality in America Initiative](#), launched in 2017 with flexible funds, a community of faculty, researchers, and students are amplifying the public conversation on social and economic inequality. Current-use support allows them to translate research into practice for wide-reaching and long-lasting community impact.
- Fighting the climate crisis requires a full scope of academic disciplines. Flexible dollars allow the FAS to foster [climate education](#) and research that unite world-leading scientists with environmental engineers; technology innovation with analysis of economic, policy, labor, and social dynamics; and the cultural introspection and imagination necessary to achieve a better future.

## GIFTS OF ALL SIZES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In 2022–23, more than 27,000 individuals contributed flexible, current-use gifts through the Harvard College Fund

**70%** = **\$2.3M** = **\$46M**  
 OF THESE GIFTS WERE UNDER \$1,000 COLLECTIVELY ENDOWMENT EQUIVALENT\*

\*Assumes 5% payout