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, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), 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, 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 67 percent of the **Class of 2026** applied for aid, and students from families with annual incomes below $75,000 will receive full tuition support. Current-use dollars ensure these students can break barriers and thrive on campus.

- Harvard gathers students of all identities from all walks of life. Flexible support of the College experience ensures that every student can pursue any path they commit to and learn from one another—not despite their differences, but because of them. These funds allow Harvard to bolster students through advising and **academic support**, include more perspectives and approaches in the classroom, and meet the needs of our **diverse community**.
• **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 GSAS 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 Michael Garvey Professor of History [Tiya Miles](#), who won the National Book Award in nonfiction 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 furthering this work through the **Center for Public Engagement**. The center will expand public service activities, community partnerships, research projects, 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 2021–22, more than 22,300 individuals contributed flexible, current-use gifts through the Harvard College Fund

$$73\% = \$2.5M = \$50M$$

Of these gifts were under $1,000 collectively endowment equivalent*