

# 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. The [Class of 2025](#) is the largest and the most ethnically, racially, and socioeconomically diverse class in Harvard College history. Current-use dollars ensure these students can break barriers and thrive on campus.
- Harvard gathers students of all identities from all walks of life. **Academic inclusion** ensures that every student can pursue any path they commit to and learn from one another—not despite their differences, but because of them. Flexible 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.

**\$6.8M**

IN ADDITIONAL HOUSING INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT THE LARGEST CLASS IN HARVARD COLLEGE HISTORY



**55%**

OF FIRST-YEARS RECEIVED NEED-BASED GRANTS THIS YEAR



**330**

RESIDENT TUTORS SUPPORT HOUSE LIFE





- 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 economics professor [Isaiah Andrews](#), who was awarded the prestigious Clark Medal 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, faculty research projects, and student programming like [SPARK](#), which allows first-year students to bring public service programs to their hometowns. Flexible funds make initiatives like these possible.
- As the national conversation around racial equity continues to gain momentum, the FAS is positioned to spearhead research and teaching that can lead to real change. Through the [Inequality in America Initiative](#), initially launched in 2017 with flexible funds, a community of researchers and professors are elevating the public conversation and responses to these challenges.
- Quantum science and engineering are transforming the sciences today. [The Harvard Quantum Initiative](#), launched in 2018 with flexible funds, represents one of the most promising and distinctive frontiers at Harvard. Flexible support is laying the foundation for a Harvard “quantum hub” and [one of the world's first PhD programs](#) to train future leaders and innovators in the field.

## GIFTS OF ALL SIZES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In 2020–21, more than 19,960 individuals contributed flexible, current-use gifts through the Harvard College Fund

**78%** = **\$2.7M** = **\$54M**  
 OF THESE GIFTS WERE UNDER \$1,000 COLLECTIVELY ENDOWMENT EQUIVALENT\*

\*Assumes 5% payout