The Rice Annual Fund supports research, teaching and learning for every graduate student, every day.

The Rice Annual Fund provides a flexible and immediate-use source of funding that cultivates the potential of every graduate student, across a remarkable array of endeavors. Coupled with endowment funds, which are earmarked for specific uses over a prolonged period, the flexible, current-use funding from the Rice Annual Fund addresses today’s most pressing needs and allows students and faculty to seize emerging opportunities.

2014–2015 Giving by Graduate Alumni

$378,984 Total dollars graduate degreed alumni donated to Rice in FY15.

Percentage of donors to the university who gave to the Annual Fund: 87%

Gifts of $250 or less in FY15 totaled more than $81,371. 860

1,408 Graduate degreed alumni who donated to Rice in FY15.

14% Graduate degreed alumni giving participation

“Giving back to the Rice community is important to me, and something I strive to do every day by devoting my time and effort to enriching the graduate experience, as I know first-hand the impact it can have on the students.”
— Kiri Kilpatrick, Ph.D. ’14, Associate Director for Graduate Student Development

Rice Moving Forward

As we advance into Rice’s second century, our areas of promise will become our newest examples of research preeminence. The Rice Annual Fund enhances Rice’s graduate student experience and addresses some of our students’ and faculty members’ highest priorities, including:

• Financial assistance, including nearly $500,000 in graduate student support.
• The latest lab and classroom technology.
• Current-use funds for departmental budgets.
• Student travel grants to regional and national conferences.
• Student organizations, including the Graduate Student Association (GSA).
Why the Rice Annual Fund?

- The Annual Fund provides immediate-use resources to support emerging educational opportunities and initiatives that might not otherwise be funded.
- Rice may only use a small portion of its endowment funds each year. The remaining cost of a Rice education is partially funded by the Annual Fund.
- Rice Annual Fund supporters provide scholarships and graduate fellowships to ensure positive academic experiences for undergraduate and graduate students alike.

Rice Annual Fund
Graduate Alumni Volunteers

The Rice Annual Fund partners with graduate alumni volunteers to share the importance of philanthropy with classmates and encourage them to give to the Rice Annual Fund. Alumni volunteers also connect graduate students to the greater Rice community, while student volunteers plan and host events and carry forward the philanthropic tradition at Rice.

Get Involved

To learn more about becoming a Rice Annual Fund graduate alumni or student volunteer or to give, please contact Alexandra Wetzel at 713-348-3077 or awetzel@rice.edu.

The Impact of the Rice Annual Fund 2014-2015

$7.7 million

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE $5.4 MILLION
Scholarships and support for today’s Owls, including more than $503,000 for graduate students.

CAMPUS LIFE $629,000
Student center, club sports and recreation programs, as well as emergency medical services and campus beauty and safety.

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES $1.4 MILLION
Fondren Library, visiting professorships, travel stipends and community outreach initiatives.

STUDENT SUCCESS $198,000
Student development and retention activities, first-year programs and academic advising.

“You can only do quality research, become a good scholar and succeed in the job market if you have enough time to do the amount of work you need to do. That’s why Rice’s graduate fellowships are so important.”

— Rodrigo Martini Paula
Graduate Student, English

Graduate fellowships and stipends supported by the Rice Annual Fund provide Rodrigo with the opportunity to study with professors whose work he admires. Through the financial support Rodrigo receives from the Annual Fund, he is able to fully dedicate himself to his education and achieving his dreams.