

# Supporting Rice Graduate Studies

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



The Rice Annual Fund provides a flexible and immediate-use source of funding that cultivates the potential of graduate students 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 Annual Fund addresses today's most pressing needs and allows students and faculty to seize emerging opportunities.

## 2016–2017 Giving by the Numbers

**\$502,022** Total dollars graduate degreed alumni donated to the Annual Fund.

Percentage of alumni donors to the university who gave to the Annual Fund. **84%**

Gifts of \$250 or less in FY17, **934** totaling more than \$86,803.

**1,382** Graduate degreed alumni who donated to Rice in FY17.

**13%** Graduate degreed alumni giving participation



“Receiving financial support from Rice is a clear sign to graduate students that their work is being noticed and respected — and it facilitates their ongoing research.”

— Samantha Paulsen, Ph.D. Student

## Moving Rice Forward

The Rice Annual Fund enhances the graduate student experience by addressing some of our students' and faculty members' highest priorities, including:

- Financial assistance, totaling over \$440,000 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 donate to the Rice Annual Fund?

- The Rice 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.
- Annual Fund supporters provide scholarships and graduate student support to ensure positive academic experiences for all students.

## Ways to Give

**ONLINE:** Visit [giving.rice.edu](http://giving.rice.edu) to make a gift.

**PHONE:** Call Jack Vielhauer, assistant director of graduate alumni giving, at 713-348-3077 or [jackv@rice.edu](mailto:jackv@rice.edu).

**MAIL:**

Send a check (payable to Rice University) or gift form to:  
Rice University  
Rice Annual Fund – MS 83  
P.O. Box 1892  
Houston, TX 77251-1892

## Get Involved

To learn more about becoming a Rice Annual Fund graduate alumni or student volunteer, please contact Jack Vielhauer at 713-348-3077 or [jackv@rice.edu](mailto:jackv@rice.edu).

## The Impact of the Rice Annual Fund

### ACADEMIC INITIATIVES \$1.5 MILLION

Fondren Library, visiting professorships, travel stipends and community outreach initiatives.

### CAMPUS LIFE & STUDENT SUCCESS \$1.1 MILLION

Student center, club sports and recreation programs, as well as emergency medical services and campus beauty and safety.

### GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT \$440,000

Flexible and immediate-use source of funding that cultivates the potential of every graduate student.



“We interact with students through the Externship program, research competitions, and the Annual Fund student scholarship program. What is rewarding to see is that the students we mentor are starting to give back to Rice in their own way. We’re very proud to be a Rice family.”

— Cheryl Mifflin, Ph.D. '89 and  
Richard Mifflin '80 (Will Rice)

The Rice Annual Fund provides support to student organizations including the GSA, which gives students the opportunity to make an impact outside the classroom. Graduate student support and stipends supported by the Rice Annual Fund provide graduate students with the necessary resources they need to achieve their greatest ambitions.