The Rice Annual Fund raised $7.9 million in 2017-2018 to help support the Owl student experience.

**Areas of Support**

The Rice Annual Fund provided over $5 million in competitive financial aid packages, which helped attract and support talented students of every background.

**Undergraduate Scholarships**

- The Rice Annual Fund provided approximately $600,000 in support of undergraduate student life, fueling residential college life, student development and retention activities, academic advising, and recreation and wellness resources, helping the university strike the perfect balance between academic excellence, a cohesive support system, and vibrant extracurricular activities. Rice spent $6.2 million supporting these functions and the Annual Fund provided approximately $600,000.

**Graduate Student Support**

- $415,000 was provided by the Rice Annual Fund as a flexible and immediate-use source of funding which cultivated the potential of every graduate student across a remarkable array of endeavors.

**Academic Initiatives**

- The Gateway Program, Center for Teaching Excellence, Program in Writing and Communication, and Center for Civic Leadership are examples of initiatives and experiential learning opportunities that enhance the academic experience. The Rice Annual Fund provided approximately $364,000 of the $3.8 million that was spent in support of these programs.

**Library Resources**

- Each year, the library purchases an estimated 32,000 books, while providing access to more than 150,000 serials and online services, which cost nearly $11 million. The Rice Annual Fund supported almost $1.1 million of this total.