

Leadership Giving

The leading philanthropic commitment level that keeps Rice, Rice.



Investing in the Rice Annual Fund

The Rice Annual Fund relies on a strong tradition of leadership giving to support the scholarships, academic resources and campus life initiatives that keep Rice unique and vibrant. Gifts to the Annual Fund at or above the leadership level make up a significant proportion of giving totals. When you give at the leadership level to the Annual Fund, you make a very real difference for our students and faculty.

Each year, more than 85 percent of Rice alumni who give to the university make unrestricted charitable gifts to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund, in turn, rises to meet the constantly evolving needs of an exemplary university. Leadership giving comprised 61 percent of giving totals in the 2016 fiscal year. The dramatic impact our leadership donors have on the Annual Fund, and therefore the entire university, is clear.

Leadership Giving Societies

Recognition at one of these levels is based on unrestricted gifts to the Rice Annual Fund, including corporate matching gifts, during one fiscal year (July 1–June 30):

Campanile Society	\$50,000 or more
Sallyport Society	\$25,000–\$49,999
Lovett Society	\$10,000–\$24,999
Brown Society	\$5,000–\$9,999
Charter Society	\$2,500–\$4,999

Young Alumni Leadership Giving Societies

Lovett Society	Classes of 2006–07	\$2,500
	Classes of 2008–16	\$1,000
Charter Society	Classes of 2006–07	\$1,000
	Classes of 2008–12	\$500
	Classes of 2013–16	\$250

To reflect how important your leadership investment is to the Rice Annual Fund, we recognize leadership giving levels in the following ways:

- Recognition in the Annual Fund Donor Honor Roll.
- Special communications throughout the year.
- Access to a campus liaison to answer your giving questions and to keep you informed about what's new at Rice.
- An invitation to a special event in honor of leadership donors.
- Guaranteed, preferred seating at the President's Lecture Series.
- Donors at the level of Brown Society and higher are invited to meet a student scholar.
- Donors at the level of Lovett Society and higher support the Annual Fund Scholars program and have the opportunity at an exclusive event to get to know their scholarship recipients.

Ways to Give

CREDIT CARD

You may make a leadership gift online at giving.rice.edu. Alternately, recurring credit card gifts allow you to divide your leadership gift into monthly or quarterly payments over the course of the fiscal year (July 1–June 30).

CHECK

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

MATCHING GIFT

Many companies match donations to Rice University by employees, their spouses and retirees. By taking advantage of this benefit, you may double or even triple the value of your contribution. Check with your human resources office in order to learn whether your employer matches charitable gifts, or search for your employer on Rice's gift-matching database at giving.rice.edu/match.

For additional details, contact Helen L.–Toombs '79, associate director of the Rice Annual Fund, at 713-348-4626 or htoombs@rice.edu.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

(STOCKS, BONDS, MUTUAL FUNDS)

It is almost always to your advantage to contribute appreciated long-term securities directly rather than to sell them and then donate the proceeds.

For more information about how to donate securities or stocks, please contact Sandy Wilkerson at 713-348-4696 or swilkerson@rice.edu.

Get Involved

For more information or to discuss your leadership gift to the Rice Annual Fund, please call Emily K. Hilber, director of the Rice Annual Fund, today at 713-348-4666 or emilysk@rice.edu.



“Scholarship support is more than a donation. It’s the gift of opportunity and knowledge.”

— Tommy Nguyen, Wiess '17
Majors: Kinesiology and biochemistry and cell biology

“The university brought us together, gave us an educational experience like none other and helped us hone the skills we needed to succeed beyond the hedges. Now, we strive to remain an active part of the community as supporters of Rice Athletics, as reunion giving chairs, as volunteer leaders and as loyal leadership donors.”

— Elle '00 and Clarke '01 Anderson

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVERS

Congress has passed legislation that permanently allows qualified charitable distributions (of up to \$100,000 from the IRA of a donor who is at least age 70 1/2) directly to public charities like Rice. This provision is sometimes referred to as the "IRA Charitable Rollover." This direct distribution from your IRA counts toward your minimum required distribution and does not trigger income tax for you. While you cannot claim an income tax charitable deduction for an IRA charitable rollover gift, it is a tax-free transfer that is not included in your adjusted gross income. If your spouse has IRA accounts and is also at least age 70 1/2, you may each make qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 from your respective IRA accounts.

For more information about how to take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact Jill Hughes '79, gift planning officer, at 713-348-6206 or jillhughes@rice.edu.