

# Supporting Rice Graduate Studies

*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 Annual Fund addresses today's most pressing needs and allows students and faculty to seize emerging opportunities.

## 2015–2016 Giving by Graduate Alumni

**\$441,870** Total dollars graduate degreed alumni donated to the Annual Fund.

Percentage of donors to the university who gave **85%** to the Annual Fund.

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

**1,333** Graduate degreed alumni who donated to Rice in FY16.

**13%** 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 the graduate student experience and addresses some of our students' and faculty members' highest priorities, including:

- Financial assistance, including 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 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 fellowships to ensure positive academic experiences for students.

## Ways to Give

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

**PHONE:** Call Lex Wetzel, assistant director of graduate alumni, at 713-348-3077 or [awetzel@rice.edu](mailto:awetzel@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 or to give, please contact Lex Wetzel at 713-348-3077 or [awetzel@rice.edu](mailto:awetzel@rice.edu).

## The Impact of the Rice Annual Fund 2015-2016

**\$8 million**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** \$5.3 MILLION

Scholarships and support for today's Owls, including more than \$440,000 for graduate students.

**CAMPUS LIFE** \$729,000

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

**ACADEMIC INITIATIVES** \$1.7 MILLION

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

**STUDENT SUCCESS** \$194,000

Student development and retention activities, first-year programs and academic advising.



“Working with the Graduate Student Association (GSA) has made a huge impact on my life because it allows me to establish friendships and connections that otherwise would not have happened. It shows that Rice is always striving for perfection and allows me to make an impact on the community.”

— Santiago Martinez Legaspi

Graduate Student, chemical and biomolecular engineering

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

