

College of Arts and Sciences Foundation Profile

Mission:

The central mission of the College of Arts and Sciences is to provide students with a nationally recognized, contemporary education in the liberal arts and sciences. The College fosters an environment that advances innovative and integrative inquiry and engagement, builds on faculty expertise and institutional heritage, and involves students as collaborators in enhancing and developing the public good.

Vision:

The College will deliver the best liberal arts and sciences undergraduate experience and offer the best collection of graduate programs at a public institution of our size in the US. This vision will be achieved through the development and recruitment of a strong faculty and instructional corps.

Points of Pride:

- Undergraduate students are able to work closely with faculty mentors on research and creative activities
- We have strong, accredited programs in music (NASM), art (NASAD), and clinical psychology (APA).
- We have a strong college/community connection with the “Community Semester.”
- We are building a culture of inter (multi) disciplinarity in program offerings and in scholarly collaboration opportunities
- Faculty are well-known, teacher/scholars

Opportunities for giving can fund the following:

I. Undergraduate Student Research/Travel:

- Summer research in Sciences and Math (SURE program)
- Summer creative (Art, Theater, Music)
- Student travel to conferences with faculty
- Scholarships to study in any area

II. Graduate student support:

- Fellowships/Tuition assistance (so as to not have to work while enrolled)
- Thesis and dissertation grants (to fund expenses associated with executing these projects)
- Travel (to present work at conferences to showcase ISU, network with professionals)

III. Facilities (Brick and Mortar)/Equipment

- Theater – new building (black box with offices)
- Improved art spaces/studios
- Improved media facilities (radio station, video studio, newspaper, digital); equipment

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- Psychology clinic infrastructure;
- Naming of instructional/learning/performance spaces
- Book, media collections or other materials relevant to students' academic pursuits

IV. Deepening Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Programs

- Guest lecturers/speakers series on topics in any discipline
- Community Semester (the CAS Community/College program)
- Endowed professorships in specific disciplines; run specific programs; do specialized research
- Study abroad scholarships/fellowships
- Naming opportunities for programs, departments, the College so as to provide funds for that unit to enhance students' academic experiences.

V. Faculty Development

- Travel; to accompany students/for research
- Research support dollars: to support expenses not covered by grants; also, to cover expenses with research so that data can be obtained which would support grant dollars
- Development dollars for Women/Minority faculty

VI. Student Success beyond graduation

- Interview expenses (clothing, travel)
- Expenses associated with applying, selecting a graduate school (fees for taking standardized test; assistance with interviewing costs)
- Mentorship program: speakers, dinners out with working alums or mentors; other expenses associated with getting students placed.