THE NEED FOR FACULTY SUPPORT

No university can achieve greatness without a brilliant, distinguished faculty. Competition is fierce for seasoned scholars who are charting the future of their fields, as well as for gifted junior faculty who bring fresh insights and bold ideas to their teaching and research. With your support, Northeastern will advance our world-class offerings with faculty who can work across disparate disciplines such as engineering and health sciences; physics and digital media; and sociology, anthropology, and international affairs.

Donor-endowed faculty chairs and professorships boost the university’s ability to attract and retain extraordinary researchers, teachers, and mentors. By supporting salary, benefits, and research expenses, endowed chairs and professorships recognize and reward outstanding professors at all stages of their careers.

By partnering with Northeastern, you will help our faculty to instill a distinctive approach to discovery and learning in future generations. Together, we can compete with the world’s best universities and attract a diverse faculty that is prepared to lead change.

THE HIGHEST OF HONORS

Northeastern currently has more than 40 endowed chairs and professorships. A named chair or professorship is one of the highest honors the university can bestow upon a faculty member to recognize exceptional teaching and research. They symbolize the important contributions faculty make in advancing knowledge within their respective fields, and significantly elevate an academic department’s prestige and recognition across the higher education landscape.

Donors who generously endow chairs not only champion excellence at Northeastern, they also power the university’s future growth and ability to innovate.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL FORCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

- National Science Foundation CAREER Award winners in 2017–2018, the NSF’s highest recognition for junior faculty
- Increase in external research awards since 2006
- External research awards of $1M+ since 2006

“It is an amazing honor to have the opportunity to lead the D’Amore-McKim School of Business. It’s going to be a fun and exciting ride as we continue our rise among the world’s most elite business schools.”

—Raj Echambadi, Inaugural Dunton Family Dean, D’Amore-McKim School of Business
The Rossetti Family Program for the Advancement of the Humanities offers students from science, engineering, and business new avenues into the humanities. This program makes possible novel interdisciplinary courses and extracurricular opportunities that show students what the humanities offers other disciplines.

—Rory Smead, Inaugural Ronald L. and Linda A. Rossetti Professor for the Humanities, College of Social Sciences and Humanities

FORTIFYING NORTHEASTERN’S REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

• Gifts to fund endowments for faculty chairs and professorships are the most effective way to attract outstanding faculty to Northeastern, and to publicly recognize contributions to their respective fields.

• Endowed faculty positions signal an ongoing commitment to excellence at Northeastern by ensuring that the university can support highly qualified faculty in perpetuity.

• An endowed chair or professorship is the most important contribution one can make to academic discovery, exploration, and independence. It is a lasting legacy that connects a donor’s name with the academic achievements of a distinguished scholar and signals an enduring commitment to Northeastern.

• The value of endowed faculty positions goes far beyond their worth in recognizing outstanding achievement. The contributions sustaining these positions free up general operating funds, giving Northeastern greater flexibility in providing discretionary dollars for research expenses, conference and travel support, laboratory space, and equipment.

“The Social Impact Lab’s students understand that their decisions have real-world consequences. As they draw on what they’ve learned, their agency as philanthropists and engaged citizens will extend to all facets of their lives.”

—Rebecca Riccio, Founding Director of the Social Impact Lab, supported by Khaled and Olfat Juffali

A TALENT MAGNET

Northeastern continues to draw thousands of the brightest students from around the globe. For the university to continue to build such a vibrant scholarly community—while also advancing a research enterprise that rises to meet society’s greatest challenges—we must redouble our efforts to recruit and retain outstanding faculty. With the support of our donors, Northeastern’s faculty will chart the future of their fields, transforming higher education to rise to the demands of today’s innovation-fueled, global economy.

“54 spinout companies formed by faculty and students since 2006

1,646 patent applications filed by faculty and students, 2006-2018

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