

# Northeastern University

## THE NEED FOR STUDENT SUPPORT

### FOSTERING EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

Northeastern is a talent magnet, thanks to our unique strengths: experiential learning, grounded in co-op; a global orientation; and innovative research that solves societal problems in fields such as health, security, and sustainability. But we must do all we can to keep a Northeastern education affordable. That means making scholarships and financial aid a top priority, lest qualified applicants choose to go elsewhere—or assume debt levels that restrict their career choices.

By making a gift to support our students, you can instill this distinctive approach to life and learning in future generations. Help Northeastern continue to attract gifted, deserving, and diverse students who are prepared to become global citizens and lead the change you wish to see in the world.

### OUR COMMITMENT

- Northeastern will provide a record **\$263.6 million in financial aid**—not loans—for undergraduates in 2017–2018.
- **More than 70 percent** of first-year students receive some form of grant aid from the university.
- Northeastern provides **150 full-tuition scholarships** to Boston Public School (BPS) graduates, and hosts college readiness events for BPS students and their families.

### CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

The cost of higher education is a topic of societal importance, and Northeastern is creating opportunities to ensure its graduates are well positioned to enter the workforce:

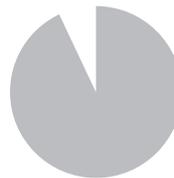
- **Building our endowment.** The university's efforts to secure a larger endowment for financial aid will sustain increased student grants and provide assistance in perpetuity.
- **Increasing all student aid.** We have increased our investment in financial aid by more than 100 percent since 2006. Through this commitment, Northeastern has reduced the average debt among all graduating students by 40 percent.
- **Supporting co-ops.** Philanthropic funding will enable more students to obtain work experiences that prepare them for success in the job market after graduation.



**YODIT TEKLU, BHS'20**  
**GEORGE D. BEHRAKIS**  
**PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP**

"I am the first generation in my family to attend college, and I don't take that lightly. My scholarship alleviates a financial burden and enables me to focus on doing my best—and Northeastern has prepared me with classroom, laboratory, and experiential learning opportunities that can't be found elsewhere."

### A VALUE PROPOSITION



**93%**

of our graduates are employed full time or in graduate school within nine months of graduation



**90%**

of employed 2017 graduates are doing work related to their major

## SPECIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Northeastern's **Torch Scholars Program** awards full tuition scholarships to students who have overcome exceptional odds and demonstrate the potential for academic excellence. The program covers fees plus room and board costs, and offers significant personal and academic support.
- **The Presidential Global Scholarship Program** awards funding for up to 200 student-leaders to participate in an international co-op experience each year.
- **Establishing a named scholarship**, whether endowed or current use, is a powerful way for donors to signal their commitment to our students and to provide resources to fund a first-rate education.



BLAKE BARTKIEWICZ, E'21  
WYATT S. LILLIE N.U.*in*  
SCHOLARSHIP

"Not a day goes by that I don't appreciate the amazing, unique experience that I've been given. This scholarship awarded me the financial support to make my N.U.*in* semester in Australia possible."

## THE NORTHEASTERN PROMISE: HELPING FINANCE A COLLEGE EDUCATION

The "Northeastern Promise" was created to ensure families are equipped to anticipate the cost of a private university education. It guarantees eight semesters of level funding to students who receive need-based grant assistance and automatically increases aid at the same rate of future tuition increases. If a student's family experiences a significant financial event or hardship, Northeastern reevaluates that student's financial aid package.

## THE POWER OF ENDOWMENTS

Endowed scholarships provide a permanent stream of critical revenue to deserving students based on need and merit. In addition to assuring that talented, motivated students are given access to quality education, endowed scholarship assistance also better positions the university to continually attract and retain the most promising students regardless of financial need.

## WIDER REACH

Our community comprises talented and diverse students who are building lives of lasting accomplishment.

**77%**

of fall 2018 freshmen ranked in the top 10% of their class, compared to 38% in 2006

**1,469**

mean two-part SAT score for incoming freshmen, up from 1,230 in 2006

**116%**

growth in enrollment of students of color since 2006

**540%**

increase in international student enrollment since 2006