



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.

A VALUE PROPOSITION

93%

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

89%

of employed 2019 graduates are doing work related to their major



Demi Pirrone,
Sean Patrick O'Rourke
Memorial Scholarship

"I can confidently and genuinely say that every day here, every interaction I have with other people and every new thing I learn culminates in incredible, surreal gratitude. It feels like a dream to be here, and I have you to thank. Wherever I go, I promise I won't forget this kindness."

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 150 percent since 2006. This steady rise has allowed Northeastern to reduce the average student loan debt among graduates by 51 percent between 2008 and 2019.
- **Supporting co-ops.** Philanthropic funding will enable more students to obtain work experiences that prepare them for success in the job market after graduation.

OUR COMMITMENT

- Northeastern will provide a record **\$305 million in financial aid**—not loans—for undergraduates in 2020–2021.
- **More than 75 percent** of new Northeastern students receive some form of financial aid.
- Northeastern provides **150 full-tuition scholarships** to Boston Public School (BPS) graduates, and hosts college readiness events for BPS students and their families.

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.

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 more than 400 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.



**Andrew Purdy, Marvin I. Haas
Opportunity Fund**

“As the prospect of the ‘real world’ looms, the pressure to conform to the more conventional path of taking a job right after graduation is mounting. This scholarship contributes a layer of financial runway that I am building in order to continue working on my business [Brynn Mill]. For that, I am incredibly grateful.”

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.

76%

of fall 2020 freshmen ranked in the top 10% of their high school class, up from 38% in 2006

1,456

mean two-part SAT score for fall 2020 incoming freshmen, up from 1,230 in 2006

26%

of the student body are students of color, up from 16% in 2006

31%

of the student body are international students, representing 136 countries