

## THE NEED FOR FACULTY SUPPORT

#### A NUCLEUS OF TALENT AND THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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.



"Northeastern's experiential learning model is exactly the type of learning that I like to bring into the classroom and into my research. It complements the more traditional university approach, and allows us to explore rapid change that crosses international and cultural boundaries in real-world settings."

-Michael Enright, Pierre Choueiri Family Professor in Global Business, D'Amore-McKim School of Business

#### A TRANSFORMATIONAL FORCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH



tenured and tenure-track faculty hires since 2006



faculty earned awards for early career achievement, including 13 National Science Foundation CAREER Awards



in external research awards since 2006



increase in external research awards since 2006



"Holding this named professorship is an honor. This support makes a measurable difference in not just my own research, but also in my ability to better prepare my students–the leaders of tomorrow–for the evolving business world."

**–Luis Alfonso Dau,** Robert and Denise DiCenso Professor, D'Amore-McKim School of Business

#### 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 innovationfueled, global economy.

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faculty with interdisciplinary appointments, up 281% since 2012

Fulbright faculty awards supporting global research and scholarship



"Since COVID-19, my research has explored understanding music as a form of social bonding in times of loneliness. People around the world turned to musicmaking as a way to cope with the pandemic. It is this empowerment and sense of agency that will be key to restoring our hope and wellbeing as individuals, and as a society."

**–Psyche Loui,** Assistant Professor, College of Arts, Media and Design

# 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.

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