Fellowships are awards, not loans. Northeastern’s graduate students do not repay fellowships, which enables them to conduct their research and studies without needing to raise extra income or assume debt that restricts their career choices.

Fellowships recruit and retain outstanding scholars. A fellowship confers prestige on the recipient, who demonstrates both the potential and ambition to pursue cutting-edge education and research.

Fellowships support critical needs. Fellows may use funds to support expenses such as tuition, stipends, lab equipment, and materials, allowing them to devote themselves full time to their work.

Fellowships grow Northeastern’s global profile. By attracting top graduate students from around the world, fellowships in turn recruit first-rate faculty. As these scholars unite to unravel society’s pressing problems, they will grow Northeastern’s stature as an experiential research university.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

Establishing a fellowship is a powerful way for a donor to signal a commitment to Northeastern and to provide essential resources to attract and advance talented, diverse graduate students. Endowed funds exist in perpetuity and generate steady, spendable income each year, while current use funds make an instant, present-day impact. A donor may designate either type of fund as unrestricted and used for general support, or as restricted and expended for a defined purpose.

• **Fully funded endowed fellowship.** Creating a fellowship to fully finance one graduate student for one academic year will subsidize costs such as tuition, equipment, housing, and incidentals. This assured support empowers the recipient to focus on his or her investigative work—and by generating spendable income annually, the fellowship will help Northeastern recruit students when economic and political fluctuations affect other funding sources.

• **Partially funded endowed fellowship.** Establishing an endowed fellowship will partly fund one student for one year, eliminating financial hurdles that might impede an exceptional student’s decision to attend Northeastern. Removing these obstacles will give the university an edge as competition for top graduate students intensifies, particularly in nascent disciplines.

• **Fully funded current use fellowship.** Financing a current use fellowship will make an immediate impact by providing one graduate student with readily available monetary resources for one academic year. This enables Northeastern to help our talented scholars meet day-to-day pressing needs ranging from tuition to living expenses, from lab equipment to materials that further their research.

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22,000+ degree-seeking graduate and PhD students
36 doctoral programs in emerging fields within the sciences, humanities, social sciences, and engineering
96% increase in applications to research PhD programs since 2010