

Advancing the Next Generation of Computer Scientists

Support the Align master's program at Northeastern's Khoury College

The fastest growing sector of the U.S. economy continues to be technology. While the industry needs a pipeline of talented employees to sustain this growth, it is often difficult to find enough employees with the requisite knowledge, skills, and creativity. Additionally, workers hired into these technology jobs rarely reflect the diversity of society.

Northeastern University's Align master's program provides a pipeline of diverse tech talent that includes people traditionally underserved in tech—women, people of color, and people from diverse educational and socioeconomic backgrounds. The Align program opens the doors of computer science to students with an undergraduate degree outside of computer science. In fact, current Align students come from more than 150 undergraduate disciplines.

Plus, earning a master's degree through the Align program is faster and less costly than pursuing a second bachelor's degree. Align prepares graduates for highly competitive, well-paying tech jobs with a path to leadership. Your philanthropy can help students gain access to this prosperous career path and enrich the diversity of thought driving tomorrow's innovations.

A Proven Track Record

Since launching a decade ago, the Align program has achieved the following results:

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Northeastern campuses host students from 33 unique countries. Students learn and work across the globe, including in our high-touch online program

55%

of Align students identify as women

90%+

of all students complete the program, enabling them to pivot to a career in computer science

1,200+

graduates to date, with 1,800 students currently enrolled

99.5%

of Align alumni have acquired jobs, primarily as software developers, at top firms such as Google, Amazon, and Salesforce within six months of graduation

\$100-150K

typical salary range for Align graduates in the U.S. (not including sign-on bonuses and stock options)

With your support, Northeastern can expand and raise recognition of this life-altering program, attracting more students from underserved communities and positioning them for success.

Opportunities to Make a Difference

To ensure Align remains attainable for all exceptional graduate students, the university must provide additional financial resources to graduate learners who need to leave their full-time employment to pursue this advanced degree. By helping to reduce day-to-day expenses ranging from tuition to living costs, your support is vital to attracting and retaining top students who will go on to fill in-demand roles and power innovation around the globe.

Funding opportunities include:

- **Align full scholarships.** Covering tuition, this full scholarship can be established for \$75,000 as a one-time gift, or \$1.5 million as a named endowment that lasts in perpetuity.
- **Align partial scholarships.** This scholarship covers part of a student's tuition and can be established for amounts from \$5,000 to \$25,000 as a one-time gift, or \$100,000 to \$500,000 as a named endowment that supports a student every year.
- **Align travel funds.** As students gain knowledge in computer science, they may need to travel to conferences to present research. Travel awards of \$1,000 per student will support transportation and fees for these meaningful learning experiences.
- **Align emergency funds.** These funds, which can be designated for any amount, pay non-tuition expenses that help students navigate unexpected life events, such as a broken computer, a medical emergency, or an unexpected living expense.
- **Align student support and retention funds.** These funds support student needs through our mentorship program, summer research opportunities with faculty, and our career peer advising program, among others.

Experience Powered by Northeastern

Launched in fall 2022, the Experience Powered by Northeastern campaign is the university's most ambitious fundraising campaign to date. Its overarching goals are to support student opportunities, faculty excellence, interdisciplinary research and global exploration, entrepreneurship, and building diverse and inclusive communities. As such, Northeastern is committed to bringing a diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences to the tech sector through innovative programs like Align.

"I knew even before I did my undergrad that I wanted to study computer science, but I felt like I didn't fit the mold of a computer scientist. What helped me was Align's mentorship, and its sense of community for women and Filipino Americans in tech."

—LeAnn Mendoza



Your support will empower creative minds to boldly leap into new careers and invigorate technology with novel, world-changing ideas. In backing the Align scholarship program, you increase the likelihood that all students are able to remain in the program through degree completion. Your generosity will both reduce students' financial burdens and fill the pipeline of talented graduates ready to enter computer science equipped to move the tech sector forward.

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