SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

PRIORITIES

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Provide student opportunities for outreach, lifelong learning, and alumni connections
The School of Architecture offers students innovative forums for learning about real-world design and building processes as well as diverse opportunities to participate in alumni outreach activities. The school seeks funding for internships, alumni engagement, career development programming, and travel—all to be fostered through alumni connections.

FACULTY

Support the means for attracting and retaining the most outstanding faculty
To attract and retain the most outstanding students and faculty, the School of Architecture seeks funding to add endowed chairs and a visiting scholars endowment. Gift opportunities also include multidisciplinary professorships that will elevate the school’s research in important areas, such as health, infrastructure, cultural preservation, and sustainability.

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Provide opportunities for students and faculty to engage with the global community
To create global citizens, the School of Architecture will provide for international travel and study—from Veneto to China, Switzerland to Jamaica, Spain to India, and beyond—and engage a diverse cadre of visiting international scholars and graduate students. The school seeks endowed and programmatic funds for travel, international visiting scholars, and academic exchange programs.

RESEARCH

Advance new strategic research initiatives
New strategic research initiatives are advancing in recently established and emerging centers. The two new centers are the Center for Design and Health, which pursues cross-disciplinary research to advance the design and planning of patient-centered facilities and healthy neighborhoods, towns, and cities; and the Community Design and Research Center, which builds on the school’s long history in community design, engagement, and public scholarship. The emerging Center for Cultural Landscapes will focus on landscapes created by human culture and technology and the ways in which social routines and geographical conditions shape them. Funding opportunities include naming a center, naming a research fund, and sponsoring research at a center; or funding specific projects, such as ecoMOD, the Falmouth Field School, Initiative reCOVER, or the Adaptive Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Research Initiative. The school also seeks funding for faculty pursuing new research.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CURRICULAR INITIATIVES

Expose students to interdisciplinary modes of inquiry
The school hosts two popular pan-University programs, the minor in global sustainability and the arts administration program, and a new Ph.D. in the constructed environment. These programs expose undergraduate and graduate students to practical skills and applied knowledge, connecting theory with practice for diverse careers. The school seeks funding for fellowships, faculty, and practicums to sustain and grow these programs.
SELECTED GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

$2 million and above
Endow a professorship

$500,000 and above
Endow a visiting professorship or research fund

$100,000 and above
Endow a scholarship, graduate fellowship, or travel fund

$50,000 and above
Endow an award /or provide scholarship or lectureship support

$25,000 and above
Support research-in-action partnership program

$10,000 and above
Sponsor a research studio, seminar, or multiyear lectureship

$5,000 and above
Sponsor a faculty or student initiative award

$1,000 and above
Make an unrestricted gift through the Dean’s Forum

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