



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Philanthropic Opportunities at the Ritchie School



At the Ritchie School of Engineering & Computer Science, we are preparing students to lead, innovate, and shape the future. Your investment powers transformative opportunities — from hands-on career pathways, to groundbreaking research, to holistic student support.

Explore the menu of giving opportunities below and partner with us to make an enduring impact.

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LAUNCHING CAREERS

Help students take the critical first steps into their professional futures.

Internship Scholarships

Remove financial barriers so students can pursue out-of-town internships and co-ops.

- \$25K–\$50K current use (4-10 students/summer)
- \$100K–\$250K endowed (supports 6-8 students/summer)

Dedicated RSECS Internships

Guarantee paid internship or co-op opportunities for RSECS students each year.

- \$12K per student annually
- \$300K endowed per student

Career Classes

Fund one-credit courses at every academic stage, ensuring students graduate career-ready.

- \$50K–\$100K idea stage to implementation program support

Professional Mentor Program

Connect alumni and friends with students through a structured mentorship initiative.

- \$50K annually
- \$1M endowed

Career Services Center

Establish a one-stop hub in the Ritchie School dedicated to career advising and employer connections.

- \$135K annually
- \$3M endowed

Innovation Labs Endowment

Sustain DU's makerspaces with full-time staff, cutting-edge equipment, and creative resources.

- \$5M endowed



DRIVING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Fuel discovery, innovation, and leadership in research that changes lives.

Undergraduate Research Scholarships

Open doors for students to gain research experience that propels them to graduate studies and careers.

- \$25K current use minimum (2 students/year)
- \$50K endowed minimum (1 student/quarter)

Research Excellence Fund

Provide funding for early-stage faculty projects with the potential for transformative impact.

- Any amount
- \$1M endowed

Endowed AI Center

Champion the ethical and applied use of artificial intelligence while preparing students for an AI-enabled workforce.

- \$3M (1 full-time and 2 part-time staff/faculty)
- \$5M (1 full-time and 2 part-time staff/faculty, 3 graduate assistants) endowed

Endowed Research Faculty

Support leading scholars and their work by endowing faculty research positions.

- \$1M (1 faculty member subsidy)
- \$3M (1 faculty member's full salary + discretionary funds) endowed

Named Chair of Biomedical Engineering

Recruit a visionary leader to launch DU's Biomedical Engineering department.

- \$5M endowed



DESIGNING FOR THE LEARNER

Ensure every student thrives with support, mentorship, and scholarships.

Teaching Endowed Faculty

Attract and retain faculty who excel in teaching and elevate the student experience.

- \$1M (1 faculty member subsidy)
- \$3M (1 faculty member's full salary + discretionary funds) endowed

Peer Mentor Program

Match incoming students with peer mentors to build belonging and improve persistence.

- \$150K–\$225K annually (staff support + 100 mentor/mentee pairs)
- \$3M endowed

E-STEM Program

Provide academic and emotional support for holistic student success in STEM.

- \$100K annually
- \$750K–\$900K endowed support packages

Named Endowed Student Success Director

Create a permanent staff role dedicated to holistic student success.

- \$5M endowed

Student Scholarships

Relieve financial pressures so students can focus on their education and futures.

- \$25K current use minimum (\$5k/student/year)
- \$50K endowed minimum (any amount welcome)

YOUR IMPACT

Every gift to the Ritchie School helps students unlock their potential, supports faculty innovation, and drives forward a bold vision for engineering and computer science. Together, we can prepare the next generation of problem-solvers, leaders, and changemakers.

Ready to make a difference? Contact Asha Holsopple, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Engagement at asha.holsopple@du.edu or 303-871-4750.

