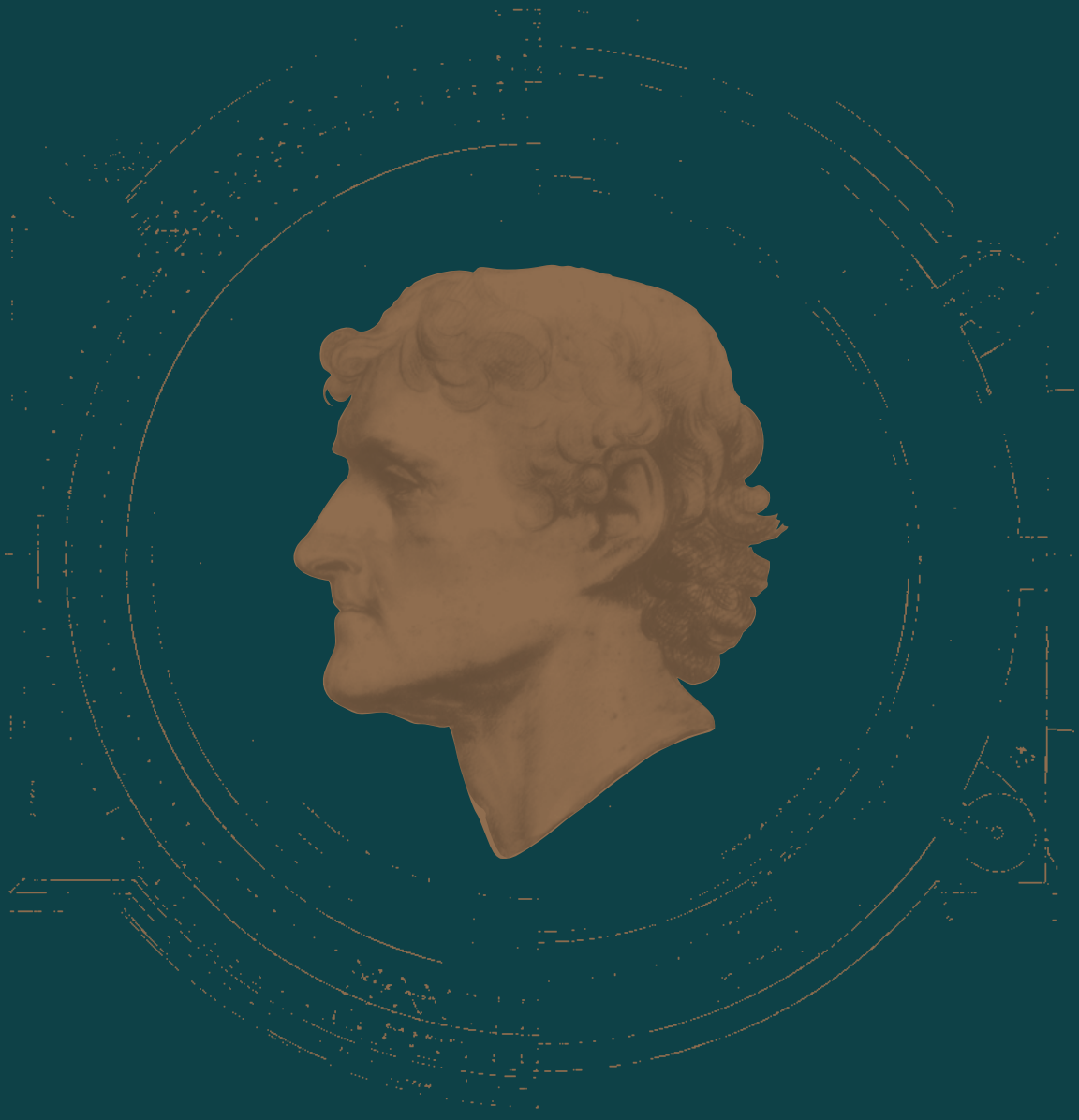

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William L. Polk Jr.
CHAIRMAN

James H. Wright
PRESIDENT

Laying *the* Cornerstone

The mission of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is to benefit the University of Virginia by identifying, attracting, and nurturing individuals of extraordinary intellectual range and depth who possess the highest concomitant qualities of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

DEAR FOUNDATION FRIENDS,

Since its inception 46 years ago, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation has invested in individuals of extraordinary talent whose capacity for leadership and understanding of the responsibilities of good citizenship benefit the University while they are here and society at large when they depart.

This past year marked a period of meaningful progress. We celebrated the graduation of the 42nd class of Jefferson Scholars and the inaugural class of Walentas Scholars, students whose leadership and service have already left a lasting mark on the University. Among this year's graduates were two Fulbright Scholars, the student representative to the Board of Visitors, the chair of the University Judiciary Committee, the editor-in-chief of *The Cavalier Daily*, 11 Lawn residents, and 19 members of the Raven Society.

As one class of undergraduate Scholars departed, another prepared to arrive. This fall, the Foundation will welcome the largest class of Jefferson Scholars in its history, 48 outstanding students representing 22 states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries. They will be joined by 14 Walentas Scholars from six states, continuing the growth of a program that has become an important part of our commitment to attracting exceptional first-generation students to UVA. Together, these students emerged from a record number of 3,289 nominations submitted across both competitions, a reflection of the Foundation's growing national reach and reputation.

Progress extended across every Foundation program. The Graduate Fellowship Program supported 63 Jefferson and National Fellows during the past academic year while expanding dissertation fellowships to every department within the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Our Distinguished Professorship Program continued to grow, supporting 13 Professors, welcoming a fourteenth in the fall, and hiring a fifteenth who will begin in fall 2027. Each of these investments reflects our commitment to strengthening every dimension of academic excellence at UVA.

None of this happens by chance. Excellence is built, and sustained, through the dedication of more than 1,300 volunteers, the leadership of our Board of Directors, the partnership of the University, and the generosity of benefactors who believe deeply in the Foundation's mission. Together, they make possible opportunities that transform lives while strengthening one of the world's great universities.

The Foundation today is very different from the one established nearly five decades ago. What began with fewer than 100 volunteers and no alumni has grown into a community of nearly 1,100 alumni, supported by a thriving endowment and a nationwide network of volunteers and benefactors. Yet our defining principles have never changed. We remain committed to selecting individuals solely on merit and to continually raising the standard for excellence. Adherence to these principles has produced the following results:

Three hundred twenty-eight Scholars have been selected to live on the Lawn; 10 have received the University's highest award for leadership and service; 11 have received Marshall Scholarships; 19 have received Fulbright Scholarships; 13 have received Rhodes Scholarships. All told, 122 have received prestigious post-graduate national fellowships. These

achievements are not ends in themselves. They are evidence of what is possible when exceptional people are challenged, supported, and inspired to lead lives of purpose.

As you read this report, you will see more than a review of the past year. You will see an organization guided by a clear strategic vision and committed to continual improvement. Every investment, every initiative, and every decision is made with one objective in mind: ensuring that the Jefferson Scholars Foundation continues to set the national standard for merit-based scholarships, graduate fellowships, and distinguished professorships.

Thank you for your continued confidence in the Foundation and for your partnership in this important work. The progress described in these pages belongs to all who share our belief that exceptional people, given exceptional opportunities, can have a lasting impact on the University, their communities, and the world.

With gratitude,

William L. Polk Jr.
CHAIRMAN

James H. Wright
PRESIDENT

IN MEMORIAM

Each year the Foundation suffers the loss of some of its loyal friends and supporters. **Ranny Barton** was a generous and long-standing benefactor whom we will miss. We also mourn the loss of Jefferson Scholar alumnus **Matt Branson**. Additionally, we lost **Eli Tullis**. In many ways, there would be no Jefferson Scholars Foundation were it not for Eli. He was one of our first major benefactors. He chaired an early capital campaign that was critical to our survival and was a tireless advocate for the Foundation for 45 years.

A Foundation *for* the Future

THE STRONGEST FOUNDATIONS ARE BUILT LONG BEFORE THE WALLS BEGIN TO RISE.

That was the central theme as benefactors, volunteers, and friends of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation gathered in the fall to dedicate Wright Hall, the Foundation's headquarters. Made possible through the generosity of the Bowlin family, the naming honors Jimmy and Liz Wright and the memory of Richard Berkeley, three individuals whose vision and leadership helped build an institution that has transformed the University of Virginia.

During the ceremony, speakers reflected on the quiet work of building an institution designed to endure. Former Chairman Richard Berkeley imagined what the Foundation could become. Jimmy and Liz Wright devoted decades to strengthening it. The Bowlin family's gift ensures that their contributions will continue to shape the Foundation for generations to come.

BOARD *of* DIRECTORS

The achievements of the past four and a half decades are in large part due to the Foundation's unwillingness to be satisfied with the *status quo* and its insatiable drive to do more and do better. This desire is manifested within the Board of Directors, a group of selfless individuals who encourage the Foundation to have high aspirations.

This year, six new members were elected to the Board: Brandon Berkeley, Kaki de Vink, Chris Lanning, Dan O'Neill, Halsey Wise, and Mitch Zamoff. As the Foundation welcomes these six and looks forward to their leadership, we extend deep gratitude to six members whose terms concluded: Steve Crawford, Kirkman Finlay, Dale Harvey, Paul Izlar, Bruce Miller, and Linda Renner.

On July 1, 2026, Frank Edmonds became chairman of the Board and Bob Downes joined him as vice-chairman. The Foundation is fortunate to enjoy the service of both in these important roles. They are set up for success thanks to the conscientious and thoughtful leadership of Bill Polk, whose role as chairman concluded on June 30.

Under Bill's leadership over the past three years, the Foundation made remarkable strides, increasing its endowment by nearly $350 million, more than doubling the size of its Distinguished Professors roster, increasing the number of Jefferson and Walentas Scholar nominees by 25 percent, and adopting the organization's current strategic plan. ■

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Chief Business Officer
Viridian Therapeutics
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Building *the* Framework

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>
> —JIMMY WRIGHT & BILL POLK

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The strong financial position of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is the culmination of more than four and a half decades of disciplined stewardship of resources, sustained investment performance, and the generosity of our benefactor community. The Foundation's growing base of support allows us to act with intention and gives us the confidence to commit fully to the priorities outlined in our current strategic plan, including:

Maintain the premier merit-based undergraduate programs. In fiscal year 2025–26, the Foundation provided $14.5 million in direct support to 206 Jefferson and Walentas Scholars, with an average stipend of $47,155 for in-state students and $83,521 for out-of-state students. The annual stipend covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and personal expenses. Over the past decade, the average stipend amount increased 61% for Virginians and 41% for non-Virginians.

During fiscal year 2025–26, the Foundation also supported enrichment opportunities for Scholars to build community and enhance their experiences at UVA, including the Institute for Leadership and Citizenship, UVA study abroad programs, independent international travel, the Academy for Inner Leadership, professional development funding, and networking and career resources. Enrichment spending totaled $847,000.

Establish preeminent graduate programs. In fiscal year 2025–26, the Foundation remained committed to supporting UVA graduate students in the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the Darden School of Business and to administering the National Fellowship Program for graduate students in the fields of politics, public policy, and foreign relations. Direct support to 50 Fellows, including tuition and fees, living and health insurance stipends, and research funding, totaled $2.9 million.

Elevate the Distinguished Professorship Program. The Foundation had 13 professors in residence during fiscal year 2025–26, with one additional recipient set to join the faculty in fiscal year 2026–27 and another in fiscal year 2027–28. Support for the professorship program totaled $3.2 million. In conjunction with the professorship program, the Foundation supported 12 individuals working with the professors as graduate research assistants or postdoctoral research associates.

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT RETURNS

Philanthropic support from the Foundation's thoughtful, generous benefactors remained strong during fiscal year 2025–26. The Foundation received $8 million in new gifts and $13 million in new pledges. Approximately 60% of these new gifts and pledges were made in support of the Distinguished Professors

Program, followed by 20% for the Jefferson Scholars Program. The Foundation continues to receive new donor commitments that allow for flexibility across its undergraduate programs and can be used to support a Jefferson Scholar, Walentas Scholar, and/or a finalist award winner.

The Foundation's investment portfolio, of which approximately 90% is invested in UVIMCO's long-term pool, benefited from robust market returns. The Foundation finished fiscal year 2025–26 with a weighted-average return of 24.4% from its cash and investments portfolio. The Foundation's total endowment value (including cash and investments, pledge balances, and deferred gifts) as of June 30, 2026, was $1.2 billion, an increase of $201.3 million or 21% over the prior fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2026, approximately 54% of the Foundation's total endowment value was restricted to support for Jefferson and Walentas Scholarships and undergraduate award winners. The remaining total endowment value supports Distinguished Professorships (22%), Jefferson and National Fellowships (15%), and other purposes (9%).

OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL SPENDING

The Foundation finished fiscal year 2025–26 with operational and capital spending of $32.3 million, approximately 4% under its $33.7 million budget. The allocation of expenses across functional areas resulted in 83% being used for program support, 9% for development needs, and the remaining 8% for administrative costs. The Foundation's three-year weighted-average endowment spend rate was 4.2%.

Looking ahead, the approved operating and capital expenditure budget for fiscal year 2026–27 increased by approximately $2.5 million to $36.2 million. Nearly $1.5 million of this increase represents additional spending on Jefferson and Walentas Scholarships, Jefferson and National Fellowships, Distinguished Professorships, and undergraduate awards. We anticipate program spending will comprise approximately 83% of total expenditures.

CONCLUSION

The Foundation's funding model has been the key to its financial success. Since inception, we have invested almost every gift received, no matter its size, and utilized the resulting investment earnings to fund our operating expenses. This conservative funding approach has supported 46 years of operations and should continue to provide a stable financing source for future generations of extraordinary scholars, leaders, and citizens. By remaining focused on long-term growth and our commitment to prudent fiscal management, the Foundation is well-poised to support the organization's future endeavors. ■

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

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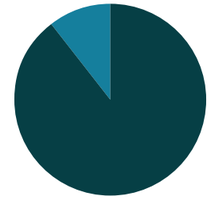
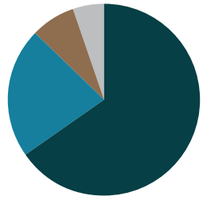


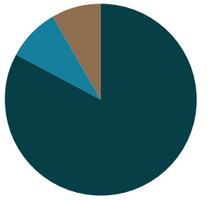
Foundation Endowment	$29,005,267
Other Endowments	$3,324,772
TOTAL	$32,330,039

EXPENSES BY CLASSIFICATION



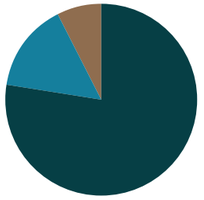
Scholarship, Fellowship, and Professorship Awards	$21,121,472
General & Administration	$7,131,984
Other	$2,382,063
Selection/Recognition/Enrich.	$1,694,520
TOTAL	$32,330,039

EXPENSES BY FUNCTION



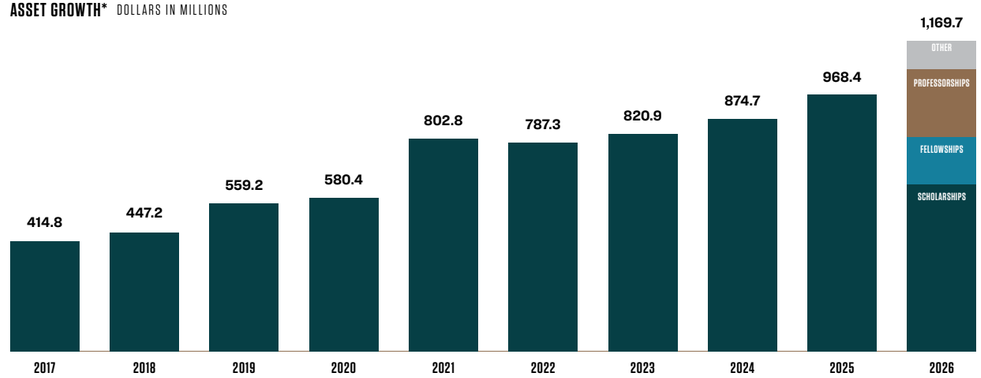
Program	$26,840,098
Development	$2,811,055
Administrative	$2,678,886
TOTAL	$32,330,039

SCHOLAR/FELLOW/PROFESSOR SUPPORT



Stipends/Awards/Research	$17,729,076
Professorships	$3,392,396
Selection/Recognition/Enrich.	$1,694,520
TOTAL	$22,815,992

ASSET GROWTH* DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



*INCLUDES CASH AND INVESTMENTS, PLEDGE BALANCES, AND DEFERRED GIFTS

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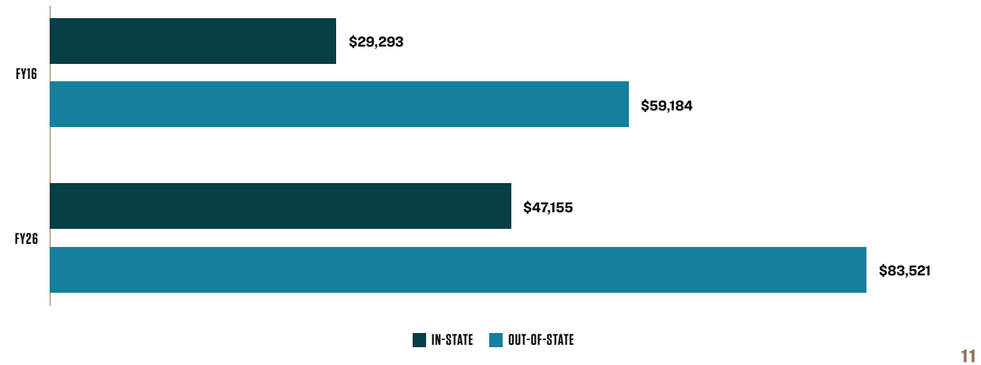

BENEFACTORS

The Jefferson Scholars Foundation offers its benefactors the opportunity to name Scholarships, Fellowships, Loan Replacement Grants, and Professorships. We are grateful for the extraordinary philanthropic support of our community.

Jefferson Scholarships

Endowed Scholarships

Daniel S. Adler Scholarship
Lee S. Ainslie Scholarship
Jeffrey R. Anderson Family Scholarship
Arkansas Scholarship
Armstrong Family Scholarship
Arney and Scheidt Family Scholarship
Atlanta Alumni Chapter – Baxter Maddox Scholarship
James J. Bailey III Scholarship
Thomas J. and Hillary D. Baltimore Scholarship
Paul B. Barringer II Family Scholarship
Randolph P. Barton Family Scholarship
Margaret and George Basu Scholarship
Frank Batten Scholarship
Anson M. Beard Jr. Scholarship
Richard M. Berkeley Family Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Birdsall III Scholarship
Betty and Jack Blackburn Scholarship
Reverend Calvin and Frances Blackwell Scholarship
William Fownes Blue Family Scholarship
Alan and Muriel Botsford and Crawford and Virginia Johnson Scholarship
Bowlin Family Scholarship
Brockenbrough Family Scholarship
Brooke/EBSCO Scholarship
Charles L. Brown Memorial Scholarship
Stewart H. Brown Jr. Scholarship
Honorable W.L. Lyons Brown Jr. Scholarship
W.L. Lyons Brown Foundation Scholarship
Brunswick School/Greenwich Academy Scholarship
C. Austin Buck Family Scholarship
Burke Family Scholarship
Mary Catherine Hood Caldwell Scholarship
James K. Candler Scholarship
A. Macdonald Caputo Scholarship
Class of 1983 – David P. Carmack Memorial Scholarship
Edward C. Carrington Jr. Scholarship
John and Betsy Casteen Scholarship
M. Campbell Cawood Scholarship
G. David Cheek Family Scholarship
Christopher Family Scholarship
Lyell B. Clay Scholarship
Cochran Family Scholarship
Connors Family Scholarship
W. James Copeland Jr. Scholarship
Mary Tilman Corson Scholarship
Stephen S. Crawford Family Scholarship
Richard S. Cross Scholarship
Robert P. Crozer Family Scholarship
Jeffrey Rockwell Cudlip Memorial Scholarship
Isaac Curry Virginia Omicron Scholarship
Theodor Miller Damgard Scholarship
Joseph R. Daniel Scholarship
Terrence D. Daniels Family Scholarship
Claude R. Davenport Jr. Scholarship
Deerfield Academy Scholarship
Delta Kappa Epsilon Scholarship – in memory of David J. Magoon
Deming Family Scholarship
Yvonne S. Dobbs Scholarship
Brenda and Robert Dolan Scholarship
Dordelman Family Scholarship
Downes Family Scholarship
Charles G. Duffy Jr. and Virginia Leahy Duffy Scholarship
William B. Dunavant Jr. Scholarship
Patricia Frist Elcan Scholarship
Elson Scholarship
Ernest H. and Jeanette P. Ern Scholarship
Sidonie K. Evans Family Scholarship
Thomas M. Falcey Family Scholarship
Farish Family Scholarship
Betsey Gamble Feinour Scholarship
T. David Fitz-Gibbon Scholarship
Reginald S. and Julia W. Fleet Foundation Scholarships – in memory of Alexander Frederick Fleet
Elizabeth M. Forsyth Scholarship
William Prescott Foster Scholarship
John Fowler and Corey Phillips Fowler Scholarship
Jane Harrison Garriott Scholarship
Harry W. Gilbert Scholarship
Jason A. Gill Scholarship
Fred C. Goad Scholarship
Leslie Goldberg Scholarship
Gregg and Freddy Goldenberg Scholarship
Graham Family Scholarship
Peter M. Grant II Family Scholarship
James J. Griffitts, M.D. Scholarship
George G. Guthrie Scholarship
G. Bernard Hamilton Family Scholarship
Davis and Winnie Hamlin Scholarship
Hancock Scholarship
Holbert L. Harris Foundation Scholarships
Frederick N. Harrison Sr. Family Scholarship
Mary Anderson Harrison Scholarship
Harvey Family Scholarship
Hathaway Family Scholarship
Havens Family Scholarship
Adolphus W. Hawkins Jr. Scholarship
A.J.L. Hebenstreit Scholarship
Heimann Family Scholarship
Frank and Ann Hereford Scholarship
Molly Hereford – Susanne Smith Scholarship
Robert R. Hermann Jr. Family Scholarship
C. Edward Hilgenberg Scholarship
William M. Hill Jr. Scholarship
Hilliard Family Scholarship
Warren W. Hobbie Scholarship
William A. Hobbs Scholarship
Douglas S. Holladay Sr. and Cary N. Moon Jr. Scholarship
Melissa Holland Scholarship
Hollis Family Scholarship
Holton-Arms School/Landon School Scholarship
John and Lynn Hooff Family Scholarship
L. David Horner III and S.W. Heischman Scholarship
Albert Gray Horton II Memorial Scholarship
Howell Scholarship
Ching-hsien & Laura Huang Family Scholarship
Frank W. Hulse IV Scholarship
William S. Hunter Scholarship
Joseph Chappell Hutcheson Scholarship
Ingrassia Family Scholarship
Glenn Ireland II Scholarship
Janet Dorsey Izlar Scholarship
Jefferson Scholars Alumni Scholarship
Eugenie and Joseph Jones Family Foundation Scholarship
John Paul Jones Scholarship
Paul Tudor Jones II Scholarship
Walker and Bill Jones Scholarship
Douglas M. and Peggy Shomo Joyner Family Scholarship
Roxanna and Ralph Joynes Scholarship
Kaplan Family Scholarship
KBR Foundation Scholarship
Cornelius Francis Kelley Scholarship
Janice Clark Kellogg Scholarship
Glynn D. Key Scholarship
Elbert A. Kincaid Scholarship
Mary and Donald Laing III Scholarship
Chiswell D. Langhorne Jr. Scholarship
Christopher G. Lanning Scholarship
Parker H. Lee Jr., M.D. Scholarship
Christopher A. Leventis – South Carolina Scholarship
George Lewis Scholarship
Lawrence Lewis Jr. Scholarships
William C. Lickle Scholarship
John S. Lillard Scholarship
Carl H. Lindner III Scholarship
Eric J. Lloyd Family Scholarship
Mary and Daniel Loughran Foundation Scholarships (Richard J.M. and Anne D.W. Poulson)
Michael P. and Barbara Golden Lynn Scholarship
Olive B. and Franklin C. Mac Krell Scholarships
John P. March Scholarship
George N. Markos Family Scholarship
Scott G. and Karen L. Martin Scholarship
Thomas E. Martin Jr. Family Scholarship
Elisabeth A. and Mark T. Massey Scholarship
James P. Massie Scholarship
Eugenia R. and Myron B. Mausteller Scholarship
William A. McClung Memorial Scholarship
C. Wilson McNeely III Scholarship
Mense Family Scholarship
Middendorf Foundation – Nicholas G. Penniman III Scholarships
J. Sanford Miller Family Scholarship
Minor Family Scholarship
E. Sclater Montague Scholarship
Claire Montaigne Memorial Scholarship
B.H. Rutledge Moore Family Scholarship – in honor of B. Allston Moore and Walter Bedford Moore
Charles V. Moore Scholarship
Morgan Family Scholarship
Robin Ashley and Tracy Pendleton Morgan Scholarship
Charles Morse and Elisabeth Morse Giovine Scholarship
Stanley G. Mortimer III Scholarship
Virginia and Alfred L. Munkres Scholarship
Thomas G. and Joy P. Murdough Scholarship
Noland Scholarship
Norfolk Academy Scholarship
Oehmig Family Scholarship
Olsson Family Scholarship
John H. and Mary H. Owens Scholarship
Kit Zimmer Pannill Scholarship
William G. Pannill Scholarships
Paradis Family Scholarship
Parents Program Scholarship
Robert H. Parsley Scholarship
Payne-Harmon Scholarship
Albert Dorset Penick Scholarship
C.D.L. and M.T.B. Perkins Scholarship
Randolph Preston Pillow Scholarships
Pinho Family Scholarship
Robert S. Pitts Jr. and Elizabeth O'Brien Pitts Scholarship
Karen S. and Richard R. Pollock Scholarship
Joan and Philip B. Pool Jr. Family Scholarship
Probasco Family Scholarship
Martin A. Purcell Family Scholarship
Ralph James Quale Jr. Scholarship
Elwood R. Quesada Scholarship
Peter and Crisler Quick Scholarship
Ray R. and Eunice T. Ramey Scholarship
Jean Rayburn – South Carolina Scholarship
Renner Family Scholarship
Kenneth and Stannye R. Reutlinger Scholarship
J. Mack Robinson Scholarship
Roby and Louise C. Robinson Scholarship
Rodriguez Family Scholarship
E. Paul Rogers Jr. Scholarship
Tyler Harris Rose Scholarship
Loring W. Rue III, M.D. Scholarship
James E. Rutrough Jr. Scholarship
St. Elmo Hall (Delta Phi) Scholarship
W. Reid Sanders Family Scholarship
James Earle Sargeant – Seven Society Scholarship
Mamie and Louis A. Sarkes Jr. Family Scholarship
Todd R. Schnuck Scholarship
C. Porter Schutt Scholarship
W. Harry Schwarzschild Jr. and Kathryn Schwarzschild Scholarship
S. Buford Scott Scholarship
Thomas Gillespie Scully Scholarship
Shadwell Society Scholarship
Shinn-Mignerey Family Scholarship
Marc and Nancy Shrier Scholarship
James G. Simmonds Memorial Scholarship
Alexander J. Sloane Scholarship
Souder Family Scholarship
Stevens Family Scholarship
Peter and Julie Stott Foundation Scholarship
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Taylor Brothers Scholarship
Taylor-Tyree Family Scholarship
Thanksgiving Foundation Scholarship
R. Blair and Susan J. Thomas Scholarship
Jane A. and Harry A. Thompson II Scholarship
Lavinia H. Touchton Scholarship
Trainor Family Scholarship
Judith T. and Eli W. Tullis Scholarships
Eli W. Tullis Scholarships
University of Virginia Club of Richmond – Virginius Dabney Scholarship
University of Virginia Club of Washington – Thomas B. Worsley Scholarship
Peggy and Henry Valentine Scholarship
Vallar Family Scholarship
Brandt and Ruth Vaughan Scholarship
Nancy and Neal O. Wade Jr. Scholarship
L.S. Waldrop/T. Evans Wyckoff Scholarship
David Walentas Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Wallace Scholarship
Westend Foundation Scholarship
Westminster Schools Scholarship
Westmoreland Coal Company – Penn Virginia Scholarship
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin B. White Sr. and Claire C. Smith Scholarships
Virginia R. and William H. White III Scholarship
Charles L. Whited Jr. Scholarship
Wendy Whitlow Scholarship
Frederick W. Whitridge Family Scholarship
William C. and Frederick W. Whitridge Scholarship
Ralph C. Wilson Scholarship
R.E. Lee Wilson Scholarship
Herbert S. Winokur, Class of 1940 Scholarship
R. Halsey and Lisha S. Wise Family Scholarship
Frank Gardiner Wisner St. Paul's School Scholarship
David J. Wood Scholarship
Sally Dowd Wood Scholarship
Brian A. Wright Memorial Scholarship
Clarence S. and Florence F. Wright Memorial Scholarship
Edith H. Green Wyatt and Landon R. Wyatt III Scholarship
Studie and Zach Young Scholarship
William H.P. Young Scholarship
Zamoff Family Scholarship
Zeta Psi Scholarship
William Louis Zimmer III Scholarship
Anonymous (3)

Established Scholarships

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. Adatto Family Scholarship
Gary D. Allinson Scholarship
Attison L. Barnes III and Karen Clarke Barnes Family Scholarship
Veronica M. and Anson Hill Beard Scholarship
Inis L. Claude Jr. Scholarship
Blake Family Scholarship
William A. Bowron Scholarship
John and Faith Burns Scholarship
Byron Family Scholarship
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THE ARCHITECTURE of EXCELLENCE

Great buildings invite admiration for their scale, craftsmanship, and beauty. Their true strength, however, lies beneath the surface, in foundations carefully laid and structural beams placed with intention.

Enduring institutions are built the same way.

For nearly half a century, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation has brought together people of extraordinary ability and character, creating a community where talent is recognized, supported, and challenged to reach its fullest potential. Scholars, Fellows, and Distinguished Professors strengthen one another, enrich the University of Virginia, and carry that influence into the world.

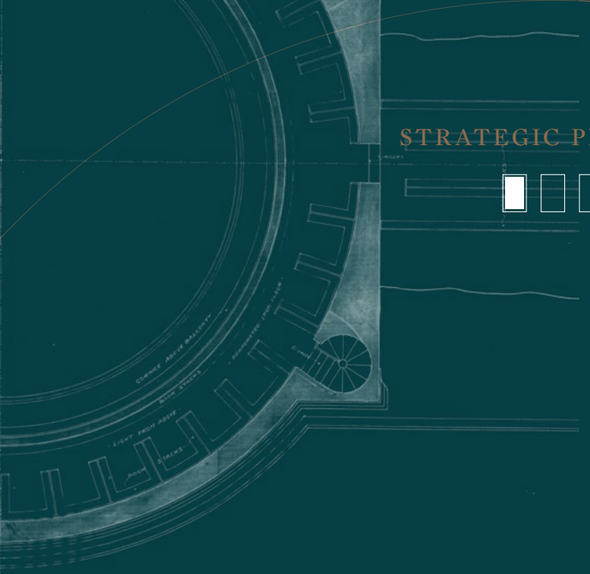
Their accomplishments tell only part of the story. Equally important are the thousands of volunteers who identify exceptional students, the benefactors whose generosity makes opportunity possible, and the alumni whose continued engagement reinforces a community that spans generations. Together, they have built an institution whose impact grows with every new class and every new appointment.

The Foundation began in 1980 with a single purpose: attracting outstanding undergraduate students to the University. In the decades that followed, that mission expanded to include a Graduate Fellowship Program, Distinguished Professorships, and, most recently, the Walentas Scholars Program.

Each new initiative was created to meet a different need, but together they became something larger than a collection of programs. They form a network of students, faculty, alumni, volunteers, and benefactors united by a shared commitment to advancing knowledge, leadership, and the common good.

Today, the Foundation's strategic plan reflects the next chapter in that story. Rather than asking how to preserve excellence, it asks how to strengthen it. Its priorities focus on enhancing the undergraduate experience, advancing graduate scholarship, and expanding one of higher education's premier professorship programs.

Like every enduring structure, the Foundation continues to build, reinforcing what already stands while preparing for what comes next.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY

ENSURE THAT THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS REMAIN THE PREMIER MERIT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTSTANDING COLLEGE STUDENTS.

The Jefferson Scholarship has long been recognized as one of the nation's premier undergraduate merit awards. It attracts students who distinguish themselves well beyond the classroom. They arrive as researchers, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, and community leaders. They leave having reshaped classrooms, laboratories, student organizations, and communities across the University.

Maintaining that distinction requires continual refinement and investment.

Today's most accomplished students are looking for more than financial support. They seek mentors who challenge them, peers who broaden their perspective, and experiences that prepare them for lives of purpose and leadership.

The Foundation has responded by expanding every dimension of the undergraduate experience.

In addition to enrichment activities that have long been part of the Foundation's undergraduate program, like travel abroad and the Institute for Leadership and Citizenship, Scholars today can connect and set up one-on-one meetings with hundreds of alumni mentors through Instavisor, the Foundation's custom-designed professional networking platform. They receive funding for internships, conferences, and career exploration through the Professional Development Fund, and are invited to participate in individualized mentorship through ModernGuild Accelerators, a four-week program that connects Scholars with industry experts. They also can pitch innovative ideas and apply for venture funding through the Foundation's Exploratory Fund.

Together, these opportunities reflect a broader philosophy: scholarships can be so much more than financial awards offered at admission. They can provide four-year experiences designed to prepare students for lives of lasting impact.

That same philosophy shaped the creation of the Walentas Scholars Program.

Established just five years ago, the program recognizes exceptional first-generation college students whose leadership and potential deserve the same transformative opportunities available through the Jefferson Scholarship. In a remarkably short time, it has become an essential part of the Foundation.

This year marked a defining milestone as the inaugural class of Walentas Scholars graduated from the University. Their leadership could be seen across Grounds, many serving in student government, conducting research, leading student organizations, and contributing across every corner of University life.

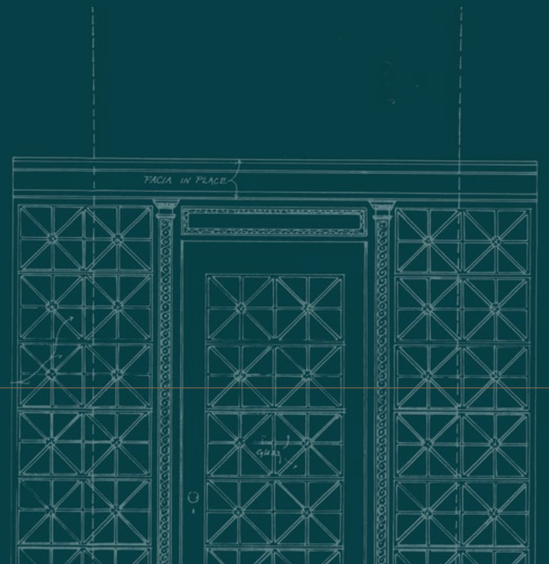
The program now enters its next phase. Beginning in fall 2026, the competition will expand nationwide, extending the Foundation's reach and welcoming first-generation students from across the country.

FOUNDATION FRIDAYS

This year, the Foundation launched Foundation Fridays, a biweekly lunch series designed to bring together all Scholars, Fellows, Distinguished Professors, and staff for a casual lunch and conversation. No formal program or agenda—just an opportunity for members of the Foundation community to gather, recharge, and reconnect.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

ESTABLISH THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS AS PREEMINENT ACROSS DISCIPLINES THAT SUPPORT OUTSTANDING LEADERS, SCHOLARS, AND CITIZENS.



Universities shape the future through discovery as much as through teaching, and graduate students stand at the center of that work.

Across laboratories, libraries, clinics, studios, and field sites, Jefferson Fellows pursue questions whose answers may influence society for decades. They conduct original research, mentor undergraduates, collaborate with faculty, and expand knowledge across every discipline. In doing so, they become essential contributors to the University's intellectual life.

By providing meaningful financial support and a close interdisciplinary community, the Foundation's fellowships give graduate students the freedom to pursue ambitious research while encouraging collaboration across fields that rarely intersect.

This year's Jefferson Fellows exemplified that spirit. Across the humanities, sciences, engineering, medicine, business, and public policy, Fellows advanced research that addresses some of society's most pressing challenges. Their work earned National Science Foundation support, prestigious University honors, patents, and national recognition while exploring topics that ranged from cancer therapies and labor migration to climate resilience, democratic institutions, and space exploration.

The Foundation invests in more than research alone. Through the annual Fellows Symposia, 21 Jefferson Fellows presented their scholarship to public audiences, strengthening their ability to communicate complex ideas beyond their own disciplines. Throughout the year, National Fellows gathered for workshops and discussions that encouraged peer mentorship and intellectual exchange.

The strategic plan builds upon these strengths by creating even more opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and professional development.

Its objective is straightforward: to establish one of the nation's most respected graduate fellowship communities, where exceptional scholars become equally exceptional leaders.

ELECTION DAY AT THE FOUNDATION

Each Election Day, the Foundation sets aside politics in favor of something central to its mission: the exchange of ideas. Throughout the day, Scholars, Fellows, alumni, and faculty come together for research presentations, conversations, workshops, and shared meals. Jefferson Fellows present their scholarship to the broader community, offering a glimpse into the discoveries and questions shaping their fields. Scholars, in turn, explore opportunities for graduate study and build relationships with alumni and faculty. The result is one of the Foundation's signature traditions, a full day that celebrates intellectual curiosity, strengthens community, and reminds participants that learning is most powerful when it is shared.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

MAKE THE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP PROGRAM ONE OF THE MOST ELITE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARS BY PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES TO FURTHER THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AND TO WORK IN PROXIMITY TO OTHER PREEMINENT FACULTY AND STUDENTS.

The strongest academic communities are built around exceptional faculty.

Great professors shape disciplines, mentor future leaders, and inspire discoveries whose influence extends well beyond the classroom. Their presence elevates everyone around them.

Working in partnership with the University, the Foundation provides the resources that enable UVA to recruit and retain scholars whose work has transformed their fields. Their appointments strengthen departments across Grounds while creating opportunities for students and faculty to learn from some of the world's foremost thinkers.

This year, the Foundation supported 13 Distinguished Professors, with one set to join the faculty in fall 2026. This summer, the Foundation announced the appointment of historian and classicist Fred Drogula, who will join in fall 2027. Looking ahead, the Foundation aspires to support 25–30 outstanding faculty members at the University.

Each appointment represents an investment in the future. The influence of great professors extends far beyond publications and awards. It lives on in the generations of students they inspire and the discoveries they make possible.

NEW HIRE IN 2025–26

An internationally recognized historian of the Roman Republic, Fred Drogula will join the Department of Classics in fall 2027 as the Melville Foundation Distinguished University Professor.

Drogula has reshaped the study of Roman political institutions by challenging long-held assumptions about how the Republic functioned. Rather than interpreting ancient government through modern political frameworks, he examines how Romans themselves understood power, authority, and constitutional order. His research has deepened scholarly understanding of the ancient world while offering new perspectives on questions that continue to inform the study of democracy, governance, and civic life.

Drogula comes to UVA from Ohio University. He is the author of several influential books, including his most recent, *Spheres of Control: The Origins of Government in Early Rome*, which explores the origins of the Roman Republic.

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The Foundation expanded its role as a convener of important scholarly conversations with the launch of the Lee Lecture Series on World War II and its Aftermath. The inaugural lecture featured Andrew Preston, the W.L. Lyons Brown Jr. Distinguished Professor in Diplomacy and Statecraft, one of the world's leading historians of American foreign relations. His talk, entitled "The Island Between the Oceans: World War II and American National Security," examined how the concept of national security emerged during the 1930s and reshaped American government, foreign policy, and public life.

The event brought together members of the University and Charlottesville communities for an evening of historical insight that connected the enduring legacy of World War II to questions that continue to shape the nation today.

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