The Graduate Annual Giving fiscal year 2018 (FY18) campaign runs from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. All gifts must be received by June 30th to be counted in FY18 totals.

Annual Giving volunteers play a vital role in maintaining the excellence of this University, and your efforts make a daily difference in the lives of graduate students at Princeton. The personal contacts you make with fellow graduate alumni are the key to this year’s successful campaign in support of the people and programs at Princeton.

The Case for Annual Giving support

Annual Giving (AG) provides unrestricted funds that go directly into the operating budget to support Princeton’s distinctive tradition of teaching and learning, to meet unforeseen challenges, and to provide seed money for important new initiatives.

Annual Giving makes a critical difference to the Graduate School and underwrites the education of every Princeton graduate student by helping keep Princeton graduate student fellowships and overall benefits highly competitive in relation to peer institutions. Funds have been made available to increase graduate student stipends, particularly for assistants in instruction (teaching assistants), and nearly every Ph.D. student is given some form of summer support for every year of their program period.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH. Just as Annual Giving helps to provide the financial support needed to allow the ablest graduate students to attend Princeton, AG also plays an important part in recruiting and retaining the most eminent teachers and scholars in their fields. As new disciplines emerge or opportunities arise to attract leading faculty members to Princeton, the flexibility of the unrestricted funds provided through Annual Giving allows Princeton to move decisively.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS. Through formal relationships with leading foreign universities and institutions, Princeton extends its core mission abroad. Annual Giving provided seed funding to deepen Princeton’s strategic partnerships with the University of Tokyo (Todai) and the University of Sao Paulo. These partnerships are the keystones of Princeton’s international internships, with each spanning multiple disciplines and involving faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates.

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS. Advances in nanotechnology are leading to improved tests used to detect disease and perform biological research. Annual Giving provided a critical contribution to the creation of a new nanofabrication center on campus. A joint venture between the Department of Physics, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the Princeton Institute for the Science and Technology of Materials, the center will enhance Princeton’s ability to make pioneering discoveries in both basic quantum science and the application of nanotechnology as well as to attract outstanding teachers and researchers.

Princeton values graduate alumni participation in Annual Giving – that is, the number of graduate alumni who give to Annual Giving – as much as the total amount of gifts received. Gifts of all sizes are important and together make a profound difference in the life of each and every graduate student.