A banner year in fundraising at UC Berkeley

As UC Berkeley marks its 150th anniversary in 2018, the university is celebrating another milestone: a record-setting year of fundraising. In 2017–18, Cal raised more than $569 million in gifts, pledges, and private grants from over 66,000 donors making a record 108,000 gifts — placing Berkeley in prime position to renew its promise over the next 150 years and beyond. Of the total raised for the fiscal year, $140 million is new gifts and pledges to the endowment. Additionally, more than 56,000 donors gave gifts of $1,000 or less, showing the power of our donor base to support our fundraising success.

The quality of a leading university like Berkeley depends on the teachers and thinkers who comprise its faculty, as well as its ability to attract and retain the world’s brightest student minds — regardless of their ability to pay. Philanthropy, always a part of Berkeley’s rich culture and now one of the campus’s fastest growing revenue sources, helps ensure that Berkeley can support the dreams of future leaders, entrepreneurs, engineers, scientists, and scholars who come to the university for its outstanding academic reputation.

GIVING BY PURPOSE

- Facilities: $10,298,768
- Faculty Support: $31,379,351
- Program Support: $256,347,512
- Research: $120,462,078
- Student Support: $83,992,845
- Unrestricted: $36,795,040
- Other: $30,544,758

TOTAL GIVING BY FISCAL YEAR 7/1/13–6/30/18

- 2014: $17,373,519
- 2015: $73,951,623
- 2016: $235,736,620
- 2017: $153,592,667
- 2018: $74,362,301

TOTAL: $569,020,352

GIFT TYPE

- Bequest Commitments
- Outright Cash Gifts
- Grants
- Pledges
- Gifts/Non-cash
- Recognition Only
The record fundraising year will enable the university to sustain and strengthen its programs, faculty, financial aid offerings, and physical infrastructure — and comes at a time when Berkeley and its talented students face a number of challenges:

- **65%** of all undergraduates receive some form of financial aid.
- **30%** of all undergraduates are eligible for Pell Grants.
- **$42.1M** in privately funded undergraduate scholarships were offered in 2016–17, supporting **5,954 recipients**.
- **$16.3M** in privately funded graduate fellowships were offered in 2016–17, supporting **2,150 recipients**.
- **14%** of Berkeley’s **$2.8 billion annual budget** was covered by state funding in 2017–18 (compared with roughly 50% state support in 1987–88).

In tandem with cost-cutting efforts across campus, the record fundraising total will enhance Berkeley’s ability to:

- See students **graduate with lower debt** than the state average ($18,789, compared with $22,744 statewide);
- Take advantage of powerful, state-of-the-art instruments, data science approaches, and computing infrastructure to retain **leadership across research disciplines** and in whole new approaches to research being invented on campus; and
- Build upon the **strength of its endowment**, which currently stands at approximately **$4.6 billion** and generated payout to the campus of **$140.8 million** in 2016–17.

Through fundraising and tightening its budget, Berkeley can continue to achieve the academic excellence, pathbreaking research, and vital public service for which we are known — and keep the world’s No. 1 public university accessible and affordable to all deserving students.