CURRY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

PRIORITIES

STUDENT EXPERIENCE
Provide a vital pool of resources to support Curry’s mission
The Annual Fund helps our faculty and students meet their true potential. It supports Curry student professional development in both local and national venues. It helps establish and administer scholarship and fellowship funds for students, as well as endowed chairs for faculty. It fosters the development of student communities within programs and across the school. It supports fundraising efforts for Curry research and outreach programs. It finances educational outreach to disadvantaged and learning disabled K-12 students. And it attracts capital for improving the school’s physical facilities. The unrestricted Annual Fund both enhances the Curry School experience for our students and increases the school’s impact on the community and across the nation.

FACULTY
Support a fund for recruiting and retaining top faculty talent
Our ability to make a lasting impact on learning is directly dependent on our ability to attract and retain the very best faculty talent. The Curry School’s reputation attracts the interest of top candidates, but to hire them we need to be able to compete financially with other institutions. After multiple years with no salary increases and tight budgets for research and conference travel support, our excellent faculty is susceptible to being raided by other institutions. Even new rising-star faculty members, who are the core of our future, are being recruited away from Curry after only a few years. The Faculty Excellence Fund provides the flexibility we need to augment faculty salaries, provide discretionary support for their research programs, and make fortuitous hires when top candidates unexpectedly come our way.

RESEARCH
Fund developmental research activities that can be leveraged into large grants
The Curry School has a track record of attracting large federal and private grants to fund major research projects. Yet, these types of grants are obtained only after faculty researchers have had ample opportunity to explore novel ideas and conduct proof-of-concept pilot studies. External funding sources for these developmental activities are virtually non-existent. The Dean’s R&D Fund is a flexible funding source for supporting early to mid-stage research efforts of the faculty that have significant potential impact on the field of education. Promising results can then leverage the seed funding ten times or more in subsequent research grants. The R&D Fund may also provide support for tech transfer for promising educational products and services so that a discovery may be distributed and scaled into classrooms or other appropriate educational environments.
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Provide new tools to support teachers and students
Through a collaboration with the new U.Va. Contemplative Sciences Center, the Curry School supports teacher resiliency and student motivation. The school seeks funding to contribute support to the center and to faculty work in teacher preparation.

SELECTED GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

$3 million and above
Endow a professorship or department chair

$100,000 and above
Endow an undergraduate scholarship or lectureship

$50,000 and above
Provide seed funding for a research initiative

$10,000 and above
Name an educational space in Ruffner Hall

$5,000 and above
Support an undergraduate research award

$2,500 and above
Provide leadership-level annual giving support

DONOR RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

Dean’s Leadership Council—$2,500+
Dean’s Circle of Friends—$1,000+
Qualifying donations: cash gifts

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