Through their teaching, research, and scholarship, the College of Engineering and Computer Science faculty seek to advance the boundaries of knowledge in each research area they pursue.

They help heal broken bodies and protect our world’s most valuable resources. Whether their works help provide clean water, or guards against cyberattacks, they are driven to uncover sustainable solutions to our world’s most vexing problems.

Endowing a chair or professorship ensures that the College continues to prepare students to excel at the highest levels in industry, in academia, and in life.

**Professorship Example**

The creation of the Thomas C. and Colleen L. Wilmot Professorship allowed the College to recruit Professor Cliff Davidson to the College. A leader in the field of sustainability, Davidson currently serves as the director of the Center for Sustainable Engineering.

For Davidson, the endowed professorship allows him to bring his expertise to national and international audiences and lead the way in creating a globally sustainable society.

“Engineers are critically important in any type of sustainable development and have to take a leadership role in telling the politicians and other decision-makers what needs to be done,” says Davidson. “We’re talking about a big change in the way engineers think and practice.”
Endowed Chairs & Professorships

An endowed faculty position is one of the most sought after University distinctions for any faculty member. A chair or professorship can enable the College to attract and retain exceptional faculty dedicated to research and excellence in teaching. Endowed chairs and professorships provide faculty with a range of opportunities including, but not limited to, specialized equipment, travel support, and post-doctoral assistance.

Chair $2M or Above

Funds contributed to establish an endowed chair support efforts to attract and retain scholars of national acclaim or invest in exceptional existing faculty members to help their research reach the next level. The fund’s generating income provides ~$80K per year.

Professor $1M or Above

Endowed professorships support the teaching and research mission of outstanding faculty—creating a vibrant and rich environment to excel. The fund’s generating income provides ~$40K per year.

How Endowments Work

An endowment is one whose principal (or original gift) must be maintained in perpetuity by the University, generating income for a donor-specified purpose. The principal, or corpus, of an endowment cannot be spent.

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