MORE THAN 22,000 STUDENTS—half of them international—apply annually to the University of Maryland Graduate School. They recognize the university’s academic and research excellence, global competitiveness, and distinctive location in a Washington-Baltimore corridor rich with federal agencies and laboratories, cultural institutions and libraries, and boundless professional opportunities. We strive to recruit and graduate the top students from that applicant pool. Our success—and theirs—depends on providing strong financial support. The Graduate School develops that support in two ways: 1) growing campuswide Graduate School fellowships, like those described in this brochure ($13 million in FY 2013) and 2) partnering with the university’s colleges and schools to grow fellowship programs targeted to their specific disciplines. Your support will help us to produce the next generation of outstanding scientists, scholars, and artists.
The university depends on fellowships to recruit top graduate students nationally and internationally and to ensure their success in our programs and in their future careers.

You can make a critical difference by endowing a new fellowship or giving to an existing fellowship. Many opportunities are available.

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- **Research and Travel Awards**
  Enhancing opportunities for students to conduct and present their research, these awards support fieldwork, participation in international research projects, or travel to national or international conferences. Research and travel awards can be funded with a one-time gift of $2,500 or greater, or an endowment gift of $25,000.

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There are many options for establishing named fellowships.

The two most common are outright gifts of cash or property donated over a period of one to five years, and planned gifts coordinated with financial, retirement, and estate planning. For more information, contact Jeffrey Franke at 301.405.4205 or jfranke@umd.edu.