Fuqua’s reputation tomorrow is only as good as our students today. Scholarships are a critical tool in recruiting top students to Fuqua—students who will become leaders of consequence as they go on to pursue their future careers. During the Duke Forward campaign, we will seek to increase the number of named, endowed scholarships we are able to offer, as well as the current funding we are able to devote to scholarship support. Investments directed toward establishing and supporting these critical recruiting tools will make a lasting difference both to the business school and to the individual students who will benefit from a Fuqua education.
Scholarships

We want to enroll the students who are destined to make a mark. We admit students who are smart and ambitious, creative and collaborative, and representative of a broad spectrum of backgrounds and aspirations—students who together make for a rich, fascinating learning environment and whom companies will later clamor to employ.

But these talented students are equally attractive candidates to other top business schools. That means the most promising prospective students not only have their pick of which program to attend, they also often make their choice based on the scholarships that will help finance the cost of their education. With a limited number of endowed scholarships compared to our peers, Fuqua must rely heavily on operating funds to compete for the most gifted candidates.

Donor support for scholarships during the Duke Forward campaign will give Admissions the leverage they need to recruit the most sought-after students, and help ensure that when companies seek to hire the top talent, they’ll find it at Fuqua.

YOUR GIFT OF $100,000 OR MORE can create an unrestricted endowed scholarship that helps Fuqua attract the strongest candidates to all of its programs.

YOUR GIFT OF $250,000 OR MORE can create an endowed scholarship restricted to particular students or programs, such as those interested in health care, finance, or social entrepreneurship.

Loan Assistance

Nonprofit and government organizations play an important role in the global economy—and in the lives of people around the world. To be successful, they need talented, highly-qualified leaders. That’s why Fuqua is committed to helping graduates pursue careers of consequence in the social sector.

Through the Fuqua Loan Assistance Program (LAP), we provide partial loan forgiveness awards to alumni who work for organizations such as the American Cancer Society, RTI International, and Teach for America. Although highly rewarding, these types of jobs usually pay significantly less than corporate positions; LAP makes it easier for alumni to follow their passions and make an impact in public health, the environment, education, and other areas by relieving some of the burden of student loan debt. To apply, alumni must be employed full-time at a qualifying organization and are expected to contribute to their loan repayment. They are eligible to receive assistance for up to 10 years and must reapply each year.

Trends indicate that more business students will be drawn to social sector work. For example, the number of Fuqua students choosing concentrations in social entrepreneurship continues to grow. Peer institutions with similar assistance programs are able to offer higher amounts of aid. To meet a growing need and remain competitive, we are relying on increased contributions from donors.

YOUR GIFT OF $50,000 OR MORE can immediately provide up to $10,000 in assistance annually to one or more graduates for several years, helping these trailblazers put their business expertise to work making a difference.

YOUR GIFT OF $100,000 OR MORE can endow a named loan assistance fund that will give generations of social sector leaders the initial boost they need to start changing our world.

“...The scholarships I’ve received motivate me to work hard and leave a legacy here at Fuqua, just as alumni and donors have left a legacy for us. With fewer financial concerns, I can give 100% of my time and concentration to pursuing my education and taking advantage of Fuqua’s amazing resources.”

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