Giving Opportunities

Corporate, foundation and philanthropic partners are crucial to our success. We invite you to consider the following opportunities to invest in the next generation of STEM leaders, or we would be pleased to work with you to tailor a custom gift or sponsorship.

Paving Pathways to Success

Sponsor immersive UC Davis recruitment programs
Choose from a variety of programs that allow community college students to experience what it’s like to be an Aggie.

$2,000 - $20,000 PER PROGRAM

Sponsor Transfer Bridge summer programs
Provide stipends for student scholarships or sponsor a complete summer program.

STIPEND SPONSORSHIP:
$2,500 PER STUDENT OR $75,000 - $150,000 PER COHORT

PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP:
$150,000 - $200,000

Supporting Student Excellence

Fund pre- or post-transfer scholar awards
Support the academic success of students who are pursuing acceptance to UC Davis or are new to an Avenue program.

$1,500 - $5,000 PER STUDENT

Enhance student success programming
Increase access to high-demand resources like tutoring and workshops.

$25,000 - $50,000

Prepare career-ready leaders
Make a gift to support paid internships of all kinds or paid research opportunities in UC Davis faculty labs.

$3,500 - $10,000 PER STUDENT

Foster extracurricular professional development
Make an immediate impact with a gift that provides real-time funding for a wide range of student opportunities, including conference participation and professional society membership.

$25,000 - $50,000

Naming opportunities are also available. Gifts may be made for immediate use or pledged toward the Avenue programs’ endowment.

For more information on supporting our programs, including opportunities to establish new Avenues, please contact UC Davis STEM Strategies, stemstrategies@ucdavis.edu

California is home to the country’s largest STEM workforce. As our world faces pressing challenges to equity, sustainability and quality of life, STEM fields urgently need the diverse skill sets, life experiences and perspectives of leaders who started their higher education journeys in community college. Computer science, primary health care, environmental management, biotechnological engineering—are just a few areas in which the next generation’s innovative ideas will be key to building a more resilient and just world.

The UC Davis Avenue model was created in 2016 by the UC Davis STEM Strategies team within the Office of the Provost. It amplifies transfer student success by providing academic, financial and comprehensive support that helps eliminate barriers to enrolling and thriving at a four-year university. Making a seamless transfer from community college to a four-year university can be a complex and costly process, but comprehensive support can make all the difference, particularly for low-resource students.

With the partnership of supporters who share our vision of diversifying and advancing STEM initiatives, the Avenue programs within UC Davis College of Engineering, College of Biological Sciences, and School of Medicine are modeling what it means to promote access to opportunity at every stage in a student’s trajectory, from community college to professional careers. Through uniquely holistic, individualized support, we foster the academic and social equity that results in transfer STEM change makers to reach their greatest potential.
AvenueB
Breaking barriers to careers in the life sciences

Launched in 2020 through a generous donation from the Genentech Foundation, AvenueB promotes educational equity and access to competitive career pathways for students transferring from community colleges to the UC Davis College of Biological Sciences.

Like other Avenue students, AvenueB scholars demonstrate leadership qualities and a service mindset in addition to academic aptitude. They are pursuing degrees in growing industries like biotechnology and pharmaceutical development as well as specialties, like restoration ecology and environmental development, that will be essential to our adaptation to climate change. Other students are preparing for careers in health care, research or teaching—fields in which diverse leaders can be particularly influential agents of change.

From the beginning, AvenueB cohorts provide a strong sense of community and stability for students who are new to life at a major public university. Each scholar completes preparatory activities prior to classes at UC Davis, and after transferring, AvenueB students take part in relevant outings, social events, and undergraduate pathways of opportunity into industry, ensuring that our students continue to access one-of-a-kind preparation to become tomorrow’s top minds in technology and engineering.

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AvenueE
Expanding pathways into tech and engineering

Launched in 2017 with the support of founding corporate partner Chevron, AvenueE works to recruit, retain and graduate a diverse population of transfer students who go on to successful careers in engineering or computer science. Based at the UC Davis College of Engineering, AvenueE is committed to helping students who show promise in these fields reach for new horizons as inspired, innovative and impactful leaders.

California hosts the world’s largest hub of technology innovation, and there is huge demand in this burgeoning sector for more diverse talent and leadership. AvenueE is poised to transfer students from anywhere in the state—helping them reach their fullest potential and graduate ready to meet the needs of industry. We recruit students from a wide variety of backgrounds who demonstrate leadership and dedication to improving access to opportunities for women and others who have been historically underrepresented in engineering and computer science. Our students are passionate about the importance of diversifying these fields and understand that diverse teams test better outcomes for all.

Without AvenueE, I would have faced detrimental hurdles in my transition to UC Davis. The program opened doors to opportunities that furthered my academic and professional growth, such as research work through the VIP program, presenting at national scientific conferences, clinical experiences, and participation in MSEP, a med school prep program. My AvenueE peers have become my second family, and I’m so excited to be on my path toward medical school. ”
- Jade Parkett, AvenueB Scholar

Fresh, new perspectives are vital to innovation in engineering and tech. AvenueE is cultivating career pathways for diverse leaders and thinkers who will be the engineers of the future. Chevron is proud to support the success of this powerful pipeline program.”
- Rhonda Marie, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Chevron

With industry investment, in just five years AvenueE has doubled in size while exponentially growing its impact. Industry partners play significant roles in our program, not only as potential employers but as professional mentors, internship providers and program advocates who can speak to the skills and expertise that distinguish top job candidates. As they consider their post-graduation paths, AvenueE students gain hands-on work experience and receive invaluable guidance from professionals active in engineering, technology and computer science fields. Corporate and philanthropic support for AvenueE broadens pathways of opportunity into industry, ensuring that our students continue to access one-of-a-kind preparation to become tomorrow’s top minds in technology and engineering.

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AvenueM
Improving equity and access to care for medically underserved communities

Launched in 2022, AvenueM is distinctive for being the first Avenue track to open pathways from community college all the way through medical school. A $25 million grant from our state partner made it possible to begin developing this robust pre-med pathway focused on diversifying the physician workforce and growing the number of people in health professions in areas of Northern California with few primary care resources. By strengthening relationships across educational, clinical and research settings, AvenueM is disrupting the dominant culture in medicine and reducing barriers to entry, ensuring that our students are prepared to use their planned transfer to a four-year university program. AvenueM then provides wraparound support to these undergraduates as they explore a variety of academic and professional opportunities and prepare to apply to the UC Davis School of Medicine.

Support from partners who share our passion for health equity will make a critical difference in diversifying the medical field and increasing equitable access to care in California. We encourage you to join us in making this newest Avenue program an early success.

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AvenueM will provide new opportunities and experiences for students from backgrounds that are currently underrepresented in health care, and it will help Northern California health care providers meet the needs of our increasingly diverse communities.”
- RECEIVE VIGNITE, PHYSICIAN IN CHIEF, Kaiser Permanete Sacramento

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