

Donors and Gifts

Your gift - whether you are an alumnus, faculty, staff, parent, student or supporter of CMU - to the College of Science and Technology is an investment in the future of our state and our country. Your contributions benefit students and faculty with financial assistance, academic programs, up-to-date technology and equipment, and research opportunities that push the limits of knowledge.

Generous support every year provides educational opportunities for the next class of students. Less than half of CMU's annual budget comes from state appropriations; other sources, like alumni support, provide the rest.

Gifts also give us the added resources to provide students with a competitive education. We cannot do it without your help.

Scholarships remain a top priority

One of CST's priorities in the ongoing Vision Plan for Central Michigan University has been to increase the number of scholarships to qualified students in the disciplines across the college. CMU traditionally enrolls many first generation college students and others who struggle - even though CMU is one of the most affordable universities - to cover the necessary expenses of a college education.

Changes in the state budget have increasingly placed more responsibility on college students to finance their own education, underscoring the importance of increasing the availability of scholarships. Many of our students must carry one or two jobs in addition to enrolling in their classes in order to stay financially afloat. We empathize with such students and want to do everything possible to lend a hand to the serious, focused students who are in our CST major programs.

Sometimes a scholarship makes the difference whether or not a student can come to CMU or whether a current student can remain in school. Endowed scholarships and awards have been, and will continue to be, among our highest funding priorities.

If funding a scholarship or award is something that interests you, please contact [Gail Moore](#) to discuss opportunities to match your interests with programmatic and student needs.

Choose your interests

Take a moment and explore the many ways you can support the College of Science and Technology. The choice is yours.

Remember, your gifts to Central Michigan University are tax deductible. If you haven't made a gift yet, there's still time.

Please consider giving back. As we move forward to achieve the goal of academic excellence, the college must continue to have additional revenue. Many of the activities that

distinguish CST derive from the important contributions of college supporters. We are very grateful for your past support.

Current Fund-raising Priorities

Current priority projects and opportunities for alumni and friends to support the college include the following:

Ongoing Program Support

Donations in the form of both restricted and unrestricted dollars support the work of the college and allow innovation in programming and the flexibility to respond rapidly to the emerging needs of students. They also allow faculty to conduct ground-breaking research to benefit Michigan and the nation.

Current initiatives include:

- ▶ **A Major Capital Project: CMU Botanical Gardens**
- ▶ **A major equipment fund** to provide state-of-the-art equipment for research and teaching
- ▶ **Scholarships** to support needy and deserving undergraduate and graduate students
- ▶ **Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education** for K-12 students and teachers
- ▶ **Funding** for innovative faculty research, teaching and service
- ▶ **Support for research and teaching facilities** such as the Beaver Island Biological Station and Neithercut Woodland

Endowment Support

There are opportunities to provide endowment support for all of the above programs and many others. Please [contact us](#) to discuss how you can help.