We Are Called
The Campaign for Yale Divinity School

Grounded in the academic excellence that distinguishes this university, Yale Divinity School inspires leaders that inspire the world. With a history of service to church and world, Yale Divinity School is poised to model innovative responses to a rapidly changing society.

In recent years, we have witnessed the vulnerability of our global community. In 2020, the four converging crises of the pandemic, the economic downturn, the reckoning with racism, and the environmental challenge have demonstrated just how much change is needed to make the world a better place. Today, Yale Divinity School is preparing leaders committed to defending humanity and our planet by finding solutions to our shared problems.

Faith and intellect guide our study of religious traditions and their repercussions. We start from ancient sources arrive at current dilemmas. Along the way, we challenge ourselves to investigate how faith is, or should be, practiced. Our exceptional faculty cultivate convictions and nurture inquiries, calling students into deep and lasting relationship with the Word and the world.

**Student Support: Endowed Scholarships**

Fully funding student financial need is critical to strengthening YDS’s capacity to train students for leadership in the academy, church, and society. This continues to be one of our top fundraising priorities. While Yale Divinity School has achieved this milestone, the ability to cover the cost of tuition for 100% of our students with financial need, tuition is only 56% of the costs associated with attending YDS.

"I am grateful for your willingness and ability to fund this scholarship, as it has granted me the ability to be stretched intellectually, grow spiritually, and be obedient to the great responsibility set before me."

– Omena McCoy, M.Div.
Furthermore, concern over student indebtedness remains an important subject for Dean Sterling.

Our greatest asset is our students. Now more than ever, YDS students need your help to focus on their vocation and liberate them from the stress of educational debt. Producing great leaders takes great resources. Your faith and financial leadership are crucial to our students’ success. Each endowed scholarship enables YDS to enhance its scholarship support. Your gift shapes tomorrow’s leadership of the church and world by preparing them for lives of ministry and service.

Giving Opportunities
Endowed Scholarship | $50,000+
A gift of $50,000 or more will create a permanent scholarship fund, invested in Yale Divinity School’s endowment. Once the scholarship is fully funded, its expendable income will be awarded to a qualified recipient each year. The recipients(s) of this fund would be known in perpetuity as Donor Name Scholars, or another name of your choosing.

Annual reports will keep you apprised of the identity, activities, and achievements of the scholarship recipient, as well as the fund’s ongoing financial performance. If you choose to have the recipients of your scholarship made aware of your generosity, you will join the many Yale Divinity School alumni and friends who enjoy direct correspondence with their scholars as they complete their studies.

As an incentive to our generous donors, YDS is proud to announce a 50% match on gifts of $50K+ to new and previously established endowed scholarships.

By directing gifts to Student Support, you can help shape tomorrow’s leadership of the church and world and prepare students for lives of ministry and service. Thank you for your consideration.

$52,714
Total Cost of Attending YDS

37%
Percentage of Expenses Not Covered by Financial Aid

$70,000+
Average Debt Upon Leaving YDS

To Learn More
For Humanity is Yale’s most ambitious fundraising campaign yet, guided by a mission to improve the world for future generations.

For more information about how you can help give to Yale Divinity School Student Support, please contact:

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