



We Are Called

The Campaign for Yale Divinity School

Student Support: Endowed Scholarships

Grounded in the academic excellence that distinguishes our university, Yale Divinity School inspires leaders who 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, converging crises of the pandemic, the economic downturn, the reckoning with racism, and global environmental challenges have demonstrated just how much change is needed to make the world a better place. Today, Yale Divinity School prepares 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 and arrive at current dilemmas, challenging ourselves to investigate how faith is, or should be, practiced. Our exceptional faculty cultivate convictions and nurture inquiries, calling students into a deep and lasting relationship with the Word and the world.

Fully funding student financial need is critical to strengthening Yale Divinity School's capacity to train students for leadership in the academy, church, and society. While YDS has achieved the milestone of covering the cost of tuition for 100% of our students with financial need, tuition is only 56% of the costs associated with attending YDS.



Andre Gilford '24 M.Div. worked as a public high school teacher of history and English language arts for five years before beginning his studies at YDS. An ordained Baptist minister, Andre plans to pair his vocations as a minister and educator by working as a youth minister and potentially pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum.



Karis Ryu '23 M.A.R., now a Yale religious studies Ph.D. student, plans to become a historian and interdisciplinary scholar, working in a university setting or in nonprofit work with religion, America, and/or Korea. Karis also writes fiction and nonfiction and hopes to complete a novel someday.

Our goal to meet 100% of student need with endowed funds specifically designated for this purpose will enable unrestricted endowed funds to be used for other institutional priorities.

Producing great leaders takes great resources. YDS students need your help to focus on their vocation and liberate them from the stress of educational debt. 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

Your commitment of \$50,000+ - \$800,000 (payable over five years) will establish an endowed scholarship fund. Once fully funded, the expendable income will be awarded to qualified student recipients each year. Donors are stewarded as members of the Mary Goodman Circle, and each year we will share your endowed fund's financial performance as well as a brief update on the student(s) which your fund supports. Endowed funds are available at various levels of support:

- Comprehensive Endowed Scholarship: \$800,000
- Designated Endowed Scholarship: \$250,000
- Social Justice Endowed Student Support Fund: \$250,000
- Divinity Endowed Scholarship: \$50,000

Now through June 30, 2025, your commitment will leverage the following match and challenge grant programs:

Dean's Matching Gift Incentive Program: When you establish a new endowed scholarship fund of \$50,000, that fund will receive an additional \$25,000 added to the principal of their endowed fund through the Dean's matching gift program. Please contact Rod Lowe for details.

\$53,848

Total Cost of Attending YDS

36%

Percentage of Expenses Not Covered by Financial Aid

\$52,502

Average Debt Upon Graduation from 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 support Yale Divinity School Students, please contact:

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