



Forging the Future

The Campaign for Hood College

High-Impact Learning: The Liberal Arts in Action

Internships, study abroad, service learning, summer research with faculty—these experiences change students' lives. Hood College has always offered out-of-classroom learning, and many of our degree programs require it. Regardless of a student's major, high-impact experiences:

- Deepen and broaden classroom learning
- Improve confidence, critical thinking and professional development skills
- Support student progression and graduation
- Enable career and self-explorations

Yet, while these rewarding experiences are increasingly vital for every graduate's success, they are not equally available to all Hood students.

Our Vision: Ensure every Hood student has at least one life-changing experiential learning opportunity

Research shows that high-impact learning improves educational outcomes for all students, with greater impact for first-generation and underserved college students. Potential employers and advanced degree programs prefer college graduates who have proven their aptitude and themselves through these experiences.

Our challenge is that many high-impact learning opportunities carry significant costs, for both students and faculty. Internships and research experiences, for example, often occur in the summer, when many students must work full time to earn money for college tuition. Students and faculty incur costs related to travel, housing, and supplies for research. Added to these costs are additional resources to support curriculum development, research, mentorship and additional advising. To encourage our students' full engagement in high-impact learning, Hood offers financial assistance for participating in these programs, but student and faculty interest and need far outpace current College funding.

Recognizing the immense value of high-Impact education, Hood College seeks to enable each and every student to participate in these opportunities. Our bold ambition will only be realized through the generosity of alumni and friends.

Natalie Yeagley '18 gained valuable experience with archaeological field work in Greece. She examined the changing direction of trade and cultural influence in the Aegean Sea region in the Early Bronze Age. For her work, Natalie won the prestigious 2018 Portz Price for the top honor student in Maryland. She is pursuing her master's degree in anthropology at The University of Tennessee.

Forging the Future: Expand access and opportunities

At Hood, we know the value of learning by doing and possess a strong history of high-impact learning. This is rooted in our enduring motto: *Corde et Mente et Manu* – With Heart and Mind and Hand.

Summer Research Institute (SRI)

Hood's highly competitive Summer Research Institute (SRI) awards funding to teams of faculty and students to work collaboratively for eight weeks in the summer on creative projects, conducting research studies, and writing scholarly papers. Students are awarded a \$3,500 stipend, free room on campus and travel support. Faculty receive a stipend of \$3,500 to recognize the significant time commitment. Hood also covers research supplies and other expenses. These collaborative research projects empower each student to secure a desired job or earn acceptance into graduate school.

Brielle Rozmus '19 conducted summer research with Professor Hoda Zaki, examining the effects of voters on politics and civic life. That experience helped Brielle win an internship with the Maryland State Legislature. Both experiences gave this first-generation college student a tangible and significant advantage to secure her current job with a national nonprofit organization.

We were honored to receive a \$100,000 grant from The Hearst Foundations for Hood College's Summer Research Institute in 2018 along with ongoing support from alumni and the Board of Associations. However, even with this increased support, we are able to fund only approximately half of the applicants. Additional support will bring us closer to our goal of funding for every worthy SRI team.

Study Abroad

Some undergraduate majors, such as foreign languages and global studies, require study abroad as part of the curriculum. Increasingly, many professional fields seek students who have obtained a global experience during college, and we know that such experiences are critical to preparing our students to meet global challenges. In order to increase access to such experiences for all students, the faculty have developed shorter, credit-bearing mini-sessions.

To support faculty and student travel, we earmark funds from Hood's Global Studies endowment. Visionary alumni also are expanding opportunities. The Susan Whaley '74 Study Abroad Development Grant, established in 2018, supports two faculty members' travel with grants of \$2,500 each annually. Yet, more support is needed to ensure more students have the opportunity to study abroad and gain this transformational experience.

"I want every Hood student to discover their passion through travel/study abroad, internships or summer research."

*~ Susan Whaley '74
Trustee and campaign chair*

Martha E. Church Center for Community and Civic Engagement

The Martha Church Center – named in honor of Hood's seventh president - was established in celebration of Hood's 125th anniversary by several innovative leadership organizations including the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce and Frederick County Office of Economic Development. It

facilitates civic engagement, enabling students to use their classroom learning to address community needs. Reflection and reciprocity are key concepts for service learning. A modest endowment supports the work of a small number of students and faculty annually, but new funds will spark additional projects, increase student participation, ensure greater social impact and prepare today's students to be tomorrow's civic leaders.

Philanthropic Opportunities

During *Forging the Future: The Campaign for Hood College*, we seek \$4 million in philanthropic support to bring more high-impact learning experiences to students. Endowments provide an enduring stream of funding from interest income, while current-use, expendable gifts support students and faculty immediately.

Join Us

One experience—one pathway opened—can change a life forever. Hood College's students have enormous power and potential. High-impact learning unlocks capacity and transforms futures.

You have the power to bring these life-changing opportunities to Hood College students. Join us to remove economic barriers and to position our students for personal and professional success.

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Forging the Future: The Campaign for Hood College invites alumni, friends and supporters who believe in the College's future to invest in it. We seek \$50 million in philanthropic support to provide more scholarships, ensure that every student graduates world- and work-ready and increase future support for our faculty. We will develop new degree programs that meet emerging needs and create new spaces in which to deliver them. By growing our endowment, we will strengthen Hood College for generations to come.