Giving to Nicholas School of the Environment

A message from the Dean...

I continue to be amazed by the enthusiasm you show for the Nicholas School in so many ways. Each year, thousands of you support the school through your time, talent and treasure. You empower the school to develop innovative academic programs, develop ground-breaking research, and continually enhance the student experience. With your support, we are proud to send forth environmental leaders and change-makers throughout the world. Thank you!

Stanback Dean
Toddi Steelman
PhD '96, P'25

What Does Your Gift to The Nicholas School of the Environment Do?

- Empowers the boldest thinkers in environmental science
- Transforms teaching, research, and discovery to create new solutions
- Helps build community through programs at the Marine Lab, Grainger Hall and the Duke Forest
- Forges purposeful partnerships locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- Equips environmental leaders around the globe to extend Duke’s impact
- Provides opportunities for ground-breaking research and equips faculty and students to address critical challenges facing our world

Distribution of Nicholas School Contributions

- $11.5M in 2022
- 53% Programs & Faculty Support
- 3% Financial Aid
- 31% Endowment
- 13% Annual Fund

Donations to the Annual Fund

More than 2,300 gifts to the Annual Fund provided flexible support for financial aid, new initiatives, research opportunities, and programs. Our unique, immersive curriculum gives students the hands-on experience they need to think on their feet and turn vision into reality, wherever their field.

- $100,000+ Nicholas School Champions
- $25,000+ Blue Sky Vanguard
- $10,000+ Blue Sky
- $1,000+ Summit Society
- < $1,000

More than 80% of admitted students received financial aid

Over 260 alumni volunteers devoted countless hours to the Nicholas School

16% of admitted students were first-gen students

3 new faculty members joined the Nicholas School

Celebrating your impact!

Sparking philanthropy in more Nicholas Alumni!

“I give back to Nicholas because I am grateful and hopeful. I am grateful for the experience I received — the Nicholas School enriched my mind and heart through a community of inspiring professors and students with a common goal, striving to protect and enhance the health of our planet. I am hopeful because I believe that the Nicholas School will continue to equip and enable students to change the world, make significant contributions and make lasting impacts for us and future generations.”

—Romi Gottfrid M.E.M’97

Research Highlights:
Nicholas School research spans more than 40 disciplines in 16 broad-based focal areas, all made possible by the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations. Visit https://duke.is/n3k44 or scan the code below to explore the impact of your generosity.