# **HERE FOR EVERY** Join us in ensuring access to education for the world's

VOICE brightest students.



This is our moment to step forward and lead the movement to close the economic gap that puts education out of reach for so many of the world's most promising students.

With your partnership, we will open Smith's gates to the best minds. We will create opportunities that did not exist before. We will educate the next generation of women who will—with the benefit of their Smith education and the power of their voices—lead the conversations that will lift communities, change policies, disrupt convention and create a more just and equitable world.

Together, we will ensure that cost is never an obstacle for any Smithie.

Together, we will give voice to students of all backgrounds.

\$48,117

average needbased grant

\$22K average loan debt as part of Smith's aid package

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### An investment in women to:

### Achieve Excellence

A commitment to Smith is an investment in the world's best and brightest students.

### **Expand Opportunity**

Financial aid has the power to change the trajectory of a life.

### **Create and Sustain Change**

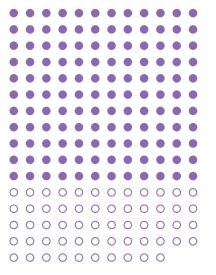
Together, we'll fuel a vision for a new future championed by those who found their voice at Smith.

Your support is critical. Go to smith.edu/access.

"Why are we still talking about this? Because we have a responsibility. There is still so much inherent unfairness in higher education.
We still have work to do."

Kathleen McCartney

**President** 



In the past 12 years, 190 Fulbright Scholars have graduated from Smith.

About 70% of them received need-based financial aid.

 Smith Fulbright Scholars who received need-based financial aid O Smith Fulbright Scholars

# REIMAGINING SUPPORT

Removing barriers to access is something that Yara feels passionately about. As a Smith student, she is conducting a research project about research itself, studying the obstacles that prohibit participation in STEM lab work at Smith, specifically among first-generation students and students of color

A proud recipient of financial aid, Yara already anticipates her project will create a more equitable academic environment within the STEM community at Smith—and beyond.

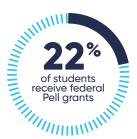
"Scholarship aid is what allows students of all backgrounds to take advantage of this incredible education, without concern about overwhelming loans. Supporting financial aid means promoting equal educational opportunities for everyone."

Yara Faour '22

# A National Leader in **Economic Diversity**



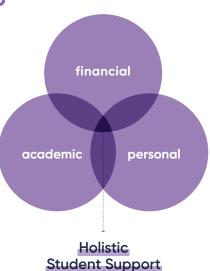




# **Scholarships Are** Only the Beginning

Once they're on campus. Smith students receive comprehensive support, equipping them for success. This includes access to academic centers such as the **Spinelli Center for Quantitative Learning** and the **Jacobson Center** for Writing, Teaching and Learning: personal development resources including the Wurtele Center for **Leadership** and the **Lazarus Center** for Career Development; and numerous special funds available for books, laptops, emergencies, travel and other needs. We ensure all Smithies have the resources they require to prioritize their education.

Learn more at smith.edu/access.



# RETHINKING **OPPORTUNITY**

Patience fell in love with Smith, but assumed it would be too cost-prohibitive to attenduntil a scholarship grant opened up new possibilities. Today, she advocates for international students through an important initiative with Smith's African and Caribbean Students' Association (SACSA).

After winning one of Smith's Innovation Challenge grants, Patience and her co-leaders created SACSA Careers, which provides Smith's international students with critical career development resources while connecting them with international alumnae around the world.

"I am truly grateful and indebted to Smith College donors because being at this school has created so many options for me. I knew that I wanted to be in an environment that would not only challenge me academically but also encourage me to use my voice."



# smith.edu/access

Watch videos, read about more scholarship aid recipients, find out about events near you and discover how you can add your voice to our call for scholarship support.

# **Ways to Give Boldly**

## **Named Endowed Scholarship Funds**

By expanding our access to scholarship aid, we can provide sustainable funding that will strengthen the college and support students from all backgrounds in perpetuity.

# **Annual Giving**

Annual gifts to The Smith Fund's Essential Smith designation are an important source of scholarship aid in any amount.

Named funds may be established to support general financial aid, Ada Comstock Scholars or international students. See **smith.edu/access** for minimums and other details.

#### **Planned Gifts**

These gifts include those created through a will, living trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. Planned gifts also include such giving tools as charitable trusts and gift annuities that can provide an income stream to the donor or a designee.



Smith's Commitment to Scholarships For more information or to give a gift:

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