



# **The UC Davis Library**

### Reimagining knowledge and discovery for a digital age



For generations of Aggies, the Library is the heart of UC Davis: the central hub that supports the academic success of every student, and the vital source of knowledge and scholarly resources that are the lifeblood of the university.

At the same time, the UC Davis Library is a place of constant change. Continually evolving to meet the needs of the students, faculty and staff it serves, it plays a central role in the university's ability to anticipate and adapt to the digital era's seismic shifts in research, learning and data capabilities.

With over 10 million physical and digital holdings in its vast collections, the Library preserves and manages world-class resources that document the university's rich history and showcase its defining strengths—from its deep roots in agriculture and winemaking to innovations in biomedical and environmental sciences.

The Library is also expanding its work beyond stewardship of UC Davis' distinctive collections. Both in-person and online, it provides tools and expertise that support researchers in deriving new discoveries from the Library's resources, connecting people and ideas across and far beyond the university.

As rapid advancements in technology, data science and informatics transform the academic landscape, UC Davis has a vision to revolutionize the ways that scholars and learners access and engage with information—wherever their research and education take them.



#### An Invitation

We invite you to join us in realizing this bold vision for the Library and the communities it serves. Together, we will build on the distinctive collections and cutting-edge research that set UC Davis apart, while amplifying their impact and maximizing their reach in a digital world.

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## Philanthropic Priorities

In an academic landscape that shifts daily, the Library plays a vital leadership role in empowering the university community to be agile and purposeful—whether that means:

- connecting a first-generation student with tools they need to navigate a sea of information
- providing digital platforms and analytical capabilities that accelerate the pace of discovery and interdisciplinary collaboration
- addressing diversity gaps in data science
- or supporting faculty, staff and students who need to pivot quickly between physical and virtual learning and research environments.

Philanthropic support is critical to powering this mission. With the partnership of alumni and university friends who share in our commitment, we will work collaboratively and innovatively to enrich the collections that reflect UC Davis' defining strengths, while continually expanding the ways we access, navigate and share these resources in a digital world.

We invite you to join us in realizing a two-pronged vision for advancing the Library's leadership:

Enhance the distinctive collections that support UC Davis discovery and innovation

- Help publish UC Davis research freely to the world through the library's Open Access Fund \$1,000 AND ABOVE
- Support free textbooks and other open educational resources to enhance learning while helping to reduce student debt \$500 AND ABOVE
- Rescue valuable digital scholarship at high risk of loss due to changing technology
  \$25,000 TO \$500,000
- Help digitize UC Davis' historical archives to give them new life online
  \$5,000 TO \$250,000

Advance digital scholarship that accelerates how knowledge is created, accessed and shared

- Fund fellowships for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in data science and digital scholarship—skills in high demand for today's workforce
  - \$250,000 TO \$1,000,000
- Support student workshops on the basics of data science, GIS and computational research to complement any major \$1,500 TO \$250,000
- Endow the UC Davis DataLab to help students and scholars across the university use data science for research and problem solving \$1,000 AND ABOVE
- Support the University Librarian and Vice Provost of Digital Scholarship's Innovation Fund to respond to new opportunities \$500 AND ABOVE
- Create technology-rich spaces that support the way students learn, collaborate and do research in today's academic environment \$25,000 TO \$1,000,000

