

The Center for Engaged Compassion

Drawing on Our Shared Humanity To Create a More Equitable World

The understanding that our lives are intertwined is nearly universal—from the Buddhist concept of interdependence to the southern African philosophy of Ubuntu, global wisdom traditions remind us of this ground truth. This fundamental thread connects us across cultures, drawing us toward global compassion.

Decades of scientific research show us that compassion supports resilience in the face of challenge, builds connection and cooperation, and fosters a sense of shared humanity—all of which are necessary for our collective progress and survival. Yet relatively little basic research is effectively translated to the real-world contexts where it is most urgently needed by our local and global communities.

With philanthropic partnership, the **UC Davis Center for Engaged Compassion** will be a global hub where research on compassion, interdependence and shared humanity is applied to advance the goals of global equity and justice.

Working across disciplines and in partnership with community-engaged organizations, we will integrate knowledge from basic psychological, contemplative and neuroscientific research to spark meaningful change within civic, governmental and legal systems.

From collaborating with lawmakers to create science- and trauma-informed immigration policies, to leveraging the neuroscience of compassion and intergroup perception to develop more effective conflict resolution strategies, to uncovering how our interdependence can support environmental justice, the Center for Engaged Compassion will work to bridge the gap between what is known and what is needed to address humanity's most pressing concerns.



Greater Together

Philanthropic support plays a vital role in expanding the breadth of compassion research at UC Davis. We invite you to consider the following opportunities to partner with us for even greater impact:

\$5 MILLION NAMING GIFT to endow the Center for Engaged Compassion, ensuring a lasting source of support for its research

\$2 MILLION TO ENDOW OUR DIRECTORSHIP, supporting the center's long-term leadership

\$250,000 TO ENDOW A RESEARCH FUND, amplifying the impact of center scholarship

CURRENT-USE GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT, advancing programmatic priorities