

Transforming the Face of Education for All Learners:

The UC Davis School of Education



The Vision

Education's promise as the great equalizer is one of our nation's most cherished ideals. Yet the paths to educational equity remain far from equal. Nationwide, students and educators face persistent opportunity gaps stemming from systemic barriers to educational access and success—be they economic, racial, language or learning challenges.

No place more fully illustrates the scope of this urgent challenge than California, the state with the nation's largest, most diverse population and system of public education. And no institution is better positioned to respond to this challenge than the UC Davis School of Education.

Engaging deeply within these gaps—with a distinctive focus on changing educational systems from the inside—is key to what sets the School of Education apart from other institutions. We have a bold vision to take this work to the next level of impact, leading the way toward an enriched and more equitable K-16 educational environment.

Within the School of Education, the Transformative Justice in Education (TJE) Center's work is at the heart of this vision. From internationally recognized research, to teaching that puts discoveries into practice, to school partnerships that disrupt racial and social inequities, TJE is improving educational outcomes for students and their communities.

Collectively, these priorities will catalyze powerful system change—beginning with our own students preparing for leadership as tomorrow's change makers, and extending outward into classrooms and communities across our state, nation and world.

We invite you to partner with the School of Education in igniting a bold vision for the future.

Your philanthropic investment can:

Endow a faculty chair that enables the school to recruit or retain a world-class, equity-focused scholar

Support practitioners-in-residence who expand the school's impact in achieving more equitable learning outcomes in California and beyond

Fund speaker series, forums and conferences that convene thought leaders and showcase best practices in educational equity

Support students by creating opportunities for the next generation of leaders and change makers—including scholarships, undergraduate internships and graduate fellowships

Provide vital program support for student diversity recruitment initiatives and learning experiences focused on restorative justice

Transforming Opportunities for Students, Restoring Communities

Imagine

Imagine an educational community without limitations or barriers. A welcoming space where learners of every background find a level playing field and equitable access to educational opportunity. A supportive place where educators, students and community members work side by side to build social and cultural systems that foster equity and justice for all.

Through engaged scholarship, policy guidance and community partnerships focused on building a more equitable educational culture, the Transformative Justice in Education Center is making a powerful difference in our nation's schools and in our broader communities.

Just a few recent examples of TJE's far-reaching impact include:

- Working with school districts and community organizations in California and across the country to facilitate conversations about race, class, gender and privilege
- Engaging more than 2,000 undergraduates annually through programs, course offerings, distinguished speakers and other events focused on educational equity
- Collaborating with UC Davis School of Law, UCSF and UCLA to conduct a statewide study of school climate, culture, discipline and safety—the largest study of its kind in California
- Scaling up its work—with funding from the Spencer Foundation—to create a nationwide network of university scholars in the area of transformative justice teacher education
- Convening scholars from across the U.S. and from as far away as New Zealand and South Africa in speaker series and symposia focused on confronting educational inequities

These efforts and many more have empowered thousands of participants to work toward building stronger, welcoming and more just communities. Just imagine what we can do with the philanthropic support to take our impact to the next level.

An Invitation

With your support, the School of Education will deepen our impact and broaden our reach in addressing opportunity gaps and systemic barriers. **Together, we can shape a brighter future for all students.**



“Restorative justice practices are about accountability in its highest form—they’re about fulfilling the promise of educational excellence and equity for every learner.”

- Dr. Maisha Winn, Co-founder and Faculty Director, TJE Center

UC Davis: Advancing educational equity in the region, state and nation

- 46% of undergraduates are first-generation college students
- Ranked No. 3 in the nation among top colleges doing the most for low-income students
- Top-10 ranking among U.S. universities for research, social mobility and public service outcomes

School of Education: Local impact, global reach

- California's go-to source for K-16 policy guidance
- 36th of 259 U.S. graduate schools of education (top 14%)
- 11,000 K-12 students annually reached by teaching credential candidates

Preparing the next generation of education leaders

- Undergraduate minor – one of the university's largest, with more than 250 students enrolled
- **Teaching credential and master's programs** – nearly 300 students enrolled annually
- **CANDEL Ed.D. program** – doctorate in educational leadership
- **Ph.D. program** – doctoral degree in education