Over this past year, our donors and those in our Carleton community like you have shown up to support students at times when they needed it most. Whether it was sending an encouraging message to a graduating student or making a generous contribution to one of many impactful Carleton initiatives, your commitment to do good is inspiring. Your impact during these challenging times reflects that even when we are apart, our collective mission to make a difference brings us together.

- **589** different projects, priorities and funds have been supported
- **55** new scholarships and bursaries were established
- **58** new campaigns were launched through FutureFunder
- **14,709** scholarships and bursaries were awarded to undergraduate students, totaling $28.6M million in funding
- **508** of our monthly donors came together to donate $201,067 to 159 funds

In less than 24 hours on Giving Tuesday, Carleton staff, faculty, alumni and partners came together to raise $1,194,651—which, together with $1M in matching funds, makes a record-breaking $2.19M available for incredible projects for our students.
EDUCATION WITH PURPOSE

Donations provide an opportunity to give not to Carleton but through it—supporting initiatives that contribute to the greater good of the communities we serve. Here is a glimpse at some of the ways donors have helped support students and researchers tackle some of the most prominent challenges and causes of our time.

Accessibility

Striving for accessibility in higher education ensures that individuals have the support and resources available to unlock their full potential. Donors have helped advance this mission by supporting initiatives such as READ and Student Accessibility Champions. The READ Initiative at Carleton helps support projects and research on accessibility across the university to provide and coordinate education and training in disabilities, accessibility and universal design. This past fall, the new Student Accessibility Champions fund emerged to help create unique experiential learning opportunities for student leaders with living/lived experience who will be ambassadors for accessibility here at Carleton.

Athletics

The pride of Carleton Athletics helps to bring our on-campus and broader communities together by spreading the Ravens’ spirit out into our city. Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, our Ravens have shown their dedication and resiliency by training and staying engaged with their teams until their regular seasons resume. The loyal support of our donors continues to inspire our student-athletes by motivating them to fulfill their aspirations academically and in their sport.

COVID-19 Response

As communities around the globe continue to respond and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, our Carleton community came together to offer help to students in need of financial support. In response to this, the Student Emergency Fund was established to provide assistance to students struggling with basic living expenses as a result of COVID-19. This generosity helped ensure students had the financial means to purchase essential life needs such as groceries, medication and clothing.
Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

At Carleton, we are committed to fostering a community that respects, appreciates, values and celebrates people’s differences. Through the collaboration and support of partners and community organizations, a number of Carleton-led initiatives have emerged to advance structural change by empowering students from diverse backgrounds to achieve their full potential. The newest fund to emerge in support of this commitment is the **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Fund** to enhance an institutional culture free from discrimination or harassment on the grounds of age, race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status and disability.

Personal Wellness and Mental Health

Personal wellness and mental health initiatives at Carleton help create healthier communities by working to reduce stigmas, increase awareness and provide access to vital support for those impacted. Initiatives such as the **Carleton Wellness Fund** and **From Intention to Action (FITA)** aim to expand and enhance the programming and resources available to students to help them thrive both personally and academically.

“Thank you for caring about students like me.” Read messages from current students on the importance and need for support of mental health and wellness programs here at Carleton.

FUND FOR GOOD

Thanks to the incredible generosity of **1,131** donors, the Fund for Good has reached its goal of **$1M** in funds raised to support experiential learning opportunities across Carleton. These invaluable experiences help students build a conviction that they can make a positive impact in society and create a better world for our future generations.

“My experience with the Community Partnership Project taught me the importance of time management, organization, and communications. Working with the Youth Climate Lab’s Infiltration Manual has given me the confidence to seek out engagement in local politics as a citizen and resident, while my work on the social media campaign has opened the world of communications.”

Emerald Leece, 3rd-year student in the English program, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Community Partnership Project participant

See where experiential learning has taken our Ravens locally and globally by visiting: [https://alumni.carleton.ca/fund-for-good/](https://alumni.carleton.ca/fund-for-good/)
Why do you choose to give to Carleton?

I give to Carleton because I believe that those who have benefited from a university education should do whatever they can to support the university that helped them succeed in life. Just as I benefited from the generosity of my parents’ generation, I feel it is my duty to contribute to the success of my childrens’ generation.

What is the inspiration behind your giving as a monthly donor?

Monthly giving is a painless way of contributing to Carleton. I hardly notice the monthly credit card deductions but, over the course of a year, they add up to a significant donation to Carleton.

Student Philanthropy Association

The Student Philanthropy Association (SPA) Ambassadors foster a culture of philanthropy and community impact, by bringing our students together through unique engagement opportunities. This spring, they launched the Ravens’ Reflections campaign to encourage students to thank someone who made a positive impact during their time at Carleton. For each reflection submitted, the Carleton University Alumni Association contributed $10 to the Wellness Fund in support of making mental health & wellness initiatives more accessible for students from diverse backgrounds.

Here are some of the inspiring messages submitted as part of Ravens’ Reflections:

“You’ve shown me everything that I can do for Carleton, and also what it can do for me. You just radiate positivity all day every day and I am so grateful that I’ve had someone like you around me. You are exactly what I hope to be at Carleton.”

-Vanja

“Thank you for supporting me through my academic journey since my first year at Carleton. You always give me the best advice for dealing with stress and I can’t thank you enough for all your help on my assignments. I couldn’t have done it without you.”

-Olivia

2021 Spring Graduation Celebration

We continue to celebrate all of our Ravens who will soon become a part of the Carleton alumni community! For many of our graduates, your generosity and passion for higher education helped make this milestone possible. To further support and celebrate the achievements of our students, we launched an initiative to encourage our community to send messages of support to wrap up a challenging academic year. It is so heartening to see members of Carleton’s community come together to share advice, helpful tips and words of wisdom with students as they prepare for the next step in their

“Do not compare yourself to others. Try your best, study hard and make YOURSELF proud.”

-Mohamed, Civil Engineering ’19

“You did it! You have shown up, despite the uncertainty and challenges, and worked hard! I hope you take a moment to pause and reflect on this past year and all the wonderful things you have accomplished.”

-Kajal, Bachelor of Public Affairs & Policy Management ’16

View the messages of support here: https://alumni.carleton.ca/messages-of-support/