Bates Fund: the impact of your giving

“Truly transformative experiences are rare, yet providing them is Bates’ mission. I look forward to the day when I am able to fund these opportunities for others — until then, your generosity is important for continuing this legacy.” — Shannon Griffin ‘16

Your gift to the Bates Fund is a gift to your Bates mentors and professors, as well as a gift to students experiencing Bates at this very moment. It is a vote of confidence in Bates and an investment in its future. Help us ensure that the fundamental aspects of a Bates education remain accessible to the most deserving students, regardless of financial resources. Bates depends on you.

The Bates Fund serves as a necessary complement to our endowment, fully dedicated to the present needs of the college. Every gift is transformational and enables the college to enhance the educational experience of students every day.

By giving to the Bates Fund, you provide the next generation with:

- a best-in-class liberal arts experience spanning academic, athletic, and co-curricular programs
- funded internships and student-faculty research opportunities
- access to a global community of supportive alumni, forming a large and ever-growing Bates family
- generous financial aid (more than $35,000 per student on average) for 48 percent of Bates students
- a 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio, with top-in-their-field faculty members
- technology resources to enhance the experience of students and faculty on our campus

Alumni participation of 48% and parent participation of 38% make Bates a national leader in annual giving.

The Bates Fund strengthens the most valuable elements of the Bates experience.

(From the Bates Alumni Survey 2015, Office of Institutional Research)