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### **Chapter Vision Statement**

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The vision of ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter is for Washington State to be a world leader in scientific excellence and innovation for the betterment of humanity. We are a thriving chapter of members who support research scholars at the University of Washington and Washington State University through well-funded fellowships.

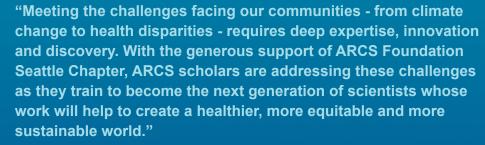
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ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter stands in solidarity with the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities. We are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We commit to use our platform as a catalyst to create lasting change. You may read our full statement of support at www.seattle.arcsfoundation.org



"Washington State University continues to be grateful for the commitment of ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter to advance graduate science education. ARCS fellowships give WSU an edge when recruiting and retaining top doctoral candidates. These efforts align with WSU's strategic plan and the Drive to 25, our goal to become one of the nation's Top 25 public research institutions."

Kirk Schulz — President, Washington State University



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"We are honored to support scholars whose foundational research and tangible outcomes will have a broad impact on society now and into the future."

Margaret Niver McGann— President, ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter



## Advancing Science Together

## **Ways to Give**

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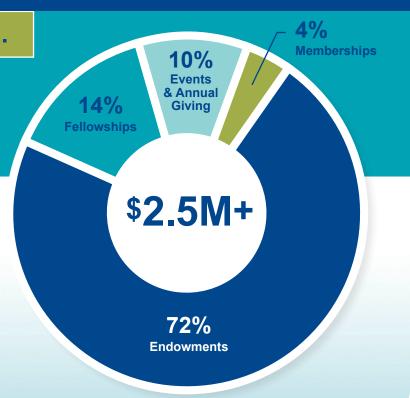
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"I find it exciting to visit with my scholars to see through their eyes what they are learning and accomplishing."

Susan Swindells
ARCS Member & Endowment Donor



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## **Since 1978...**

**ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter Data since 1978** 

\$22M+









Since 1958...

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supported



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in ARCS Scholar
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## Advancing science for our future through Planned Giving

"An ARCS Endowment Planned Gift is a gift that keeps on giving. I am thrilled to support ARCS Scholars in perpetuity, as we encourage cutting edge work in science and technology."

**Alice Weymuller,** ARCS Member (pictured left)



Washington Research Foundation gave \$1.65M to support ARCS Endowments at the UW and WSU

"Graduate students make crucial contributions to advancing research and innovation at our universities. WRF funding for ARCS Scholars through the years recognizes their scientific excellence and dedication, and we are delighted that this endowment will continue to do so in the future."

Meher Antia, WRF Director of Grant Programs

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other species.

The UW's Genome Sciences department, new

to ARCS this year, strives to address leading-edge

and applying new genetic, genomic, proteomic, and

taking advantage of the vast genomic information now

available for humans, model organisms and a host of

Recruiting top scholars is key to this work. "We try to

assemble an incoming class that can succeed in the

program, with opportunities to do research that will

further their careers and our department goals at the

same time," says Professor Maitreya Dunham, PhD.

"It's important to bring in a vibrant group of students

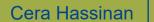
"And what ARCS does best is emphasize the same

and support them in their thesis work," she adds.

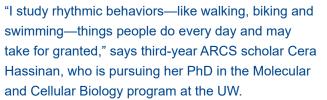
questions in biology and medicine by developing

computational approaches. These scientists are

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**UW Scholar 2019-2022** Molecular and Cellular Biology



Such behaviors, created by neurons talking to one another, evolve and change throughout the course of a lifetime. Cera cites the way a toddler walks, versus an adult, as an example of this. "The brain of a toddler is different from that of an adult: over time neurons refine the way they communicate," she explains. "I want to understand how that communication changes over time.'

Cera's work could also help create a basic understanding of how communication between neurons get disrupted, providing valuable clinical insights about neurological disorders, like Parkinson's disease, that disrupt movement.

A member of the Crow Creek Sioux tribe with her maternal family originating in South Dakota and her paternal family based in Cairo, Egypt, Cera says the ARCS fellowship was a major factor in her decision to do her research at UW. "Being in community with my family is tremendously important to me, and ARCS helps me have access to them," she shares, adding, "A lot of grad students of color, and specifically Natives, have a hard time seeing their families. ARCS allows me to go home."



## **UW Departments**

ARCS Seattle Chapter supports the UW students

College of Arts & Sciences

Applied Mathematics Astronomy

Biology

Chemistry

Mathematics Physics

Speech & Hearing Sciences Statistics

College of Engineering

Aeronautics & Astronautics Bioengineering (Jointly with School of Medicine)

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Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD)

School of Nursing Nursing Sciences

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School of Pharmacy Health Economics and

> Outcomes Research Medicinal Chemistry Pharmaceutics

School of Public Health

Biostatistics Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences

things that we really care about. They're also aligned

with our values in wanting to attract a diverse group

of students. We really appreciate that aspect of

"We want to help students make the best

possible choice, and these are students

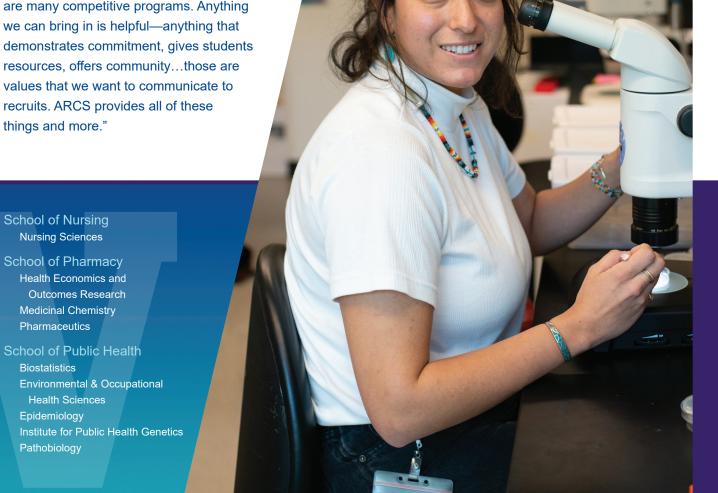
with many options," Dr. Dunham continues.

"Our program is very competitive, with an

acceptance rate of less than 10%, but there

Epidemiology

Institute for Public Health Genetics Pathobiology



"My ARCS fellowship was invaluable in providing support during my academic training. I was able to afford the cost of relocating as well as other unexpected expenses. I loved my time as an ARCS Fellow and appreciated the friendliness and generosity of donors. Now I have the opportunity to work with incoming ARCS scholars and serve as a mentor on their scientific journey."

Atom Lesiak, Ph.D., Director of Education Outreach. Genome Sciences





Director of Graduate Program in Molecular Plant Sciences
Washington State University

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Molecular Plant Sciences



colleges in an interdisciplinary environment that provides students with great flexibility and growth opportunities. Students and faculty work in tandem to understand the characteristics and mechanisms of plants, and use that knowledge to develop new medicines, safe and abundant food, and innovative agricultural systems to feed our global population.

Not surprisingly, WSU's program is highly competitive. But that competition goes both ways. And ARCS has made a difference for top scholars who are deciding among the country's top programs.

"It's a dance," comments Dr. Neff. "Fit is very important, and ARCS has been absolutely critical in attracting world-class scholars from across the United States."

Dr. Neff believes strongly that what attracts those scholars is far more than the financial reward offered by an ARCS Fellowship. "It's the prestige of the fellowship, having it on your CV—and the connections available through ARCS. That's the real value."

"From start to finish it takes seven to eight years to develop a new variety of wheat. It's the same to improve an existing variety," says third-year ARCS Fellow Andrew Herr, who is earning his PhD in molecular plant science at WSU's winter wheat breeding research program.

"The more we can shorten that window, the better." he continues. "We want to improve yield, disease resistance and flour quality as fast as possible providing farmers with the best product. With wheat prices skyrocketing right now, we need to act quickly to aid in global food stability and availability."

Andrew is using drone imaging and remote sensing in his pursuit to help develop the next best variety of wheat for farmers to grow in their fields. "Using a multispectral camera, which sees infrared and near-infrared, we can identify the health metrics of the plant," he says.

"ARCS was," says Andrew, "the cake-topper in my decision to move to Washington. The excellent WSU faculty, the opportunity to work with my advisor, plus ARCS...it was a no-brainer."

Andrew and his wife just might stay. "We like the area, and when I'm out driving I can see my research all around me."

### **WSU Departments**

Washington State University Fellowship Support Areas

The Seattle Chapter supports WSU students in these departments and schools:

College of Agriculture, Human & Natural Resources Science

Animal Sciences Crop and Soil Sciences Entomology

Molecular Plant Sciences Plant Pathology

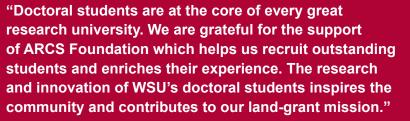
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### **Endowments**

An ARCS Foundation Endowment gift of \$100,000 or more supports ARCS Scholars in perpetuity at either the University of Washington or Washington State University. Through the extraordinary generosity of the donors listed below, ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter has been able to establish 62 Named Endowments since 1990, with over \$16 million in assets.

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Photo on opposite page: ARCS Member Marcia Lewis (right) with Scholar Meagan Asche (center), WSU Entomology,

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Established in 2018 in honor of Dorothy Lewis Simpson (1924 - 2018), this award recognizes an ARCS Scholar with exceptional qualities of leadership, intellectual curiosity, and dedication to the greater good.

#### **Kelly Mack**

Computer Science and Engineering University of Washington

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We are proud to name Kelly Mack as the 2022 Dorothy L. Simpson Leadership Award recipient.

Kelly earned her BS degree in Computer Science from the University of Illinois, and she is now a PhD student the UW Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science and Engineering with an emphasis on accessibility and adaptive technologies for people with disabilities. Her research

includes developing automated techniques to address accessibility issues for students with varying disabilities in the same classroom. For more information on her research visit:

While Kelly is passionate about creating accessible technology, she also wants to change the culture on how people think about disability and inclusion in the classroom. As an advocate, she has led discussions on disability inclusion across campus and has

mentored coders on how to design disability - friendly projects. Congratulations Kelly!

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