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ONE OF OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES at the School of Engineering is finding ways for even more of our extraordinary and diverse undergraduates to extend their studies to include an engineering master's degree. Some 40 percent of Stanford Engineering undergraduate students currently pursue what is known as a coterminal, or "coterm," degree. By staying an extra year at Stanford they receive their bachelor's and master's degrees simultaneously. Doing so enables students to increase their depth in the field of engineering and take full advantage of the many formal and informal learning opportunities at Stanford.

There is a big hurdle to expanding this program. The majority of Stanford undergraduates are supported by need-based financial aid. However, that funding ends at the completion of their bachelor's degree, and Stanford generally does not offer need-based financial aid for graduate students. Accordingly, access to that fifth-year coterm program is a "wealth selector." Students with the greatest need for financial aid are typically the least able to participate in the program. By our estimate, another 20 percent of our students are qualified and would like to pursue the coterm.

A pilot need-based coterm fellowship program that was launched in the 2013-2014 year has already helped almost 100 additional engineering students complete their coterm degrees. By making the coterm program financially accessible to more of our best students, your gift will have a profound impact: Stanford draws an exceptional and diverse undergraduate student body that includes many impressive first-generation college students,

and significant numbers of talented students with all aspects of ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity. We are proud of our ability to attract students to our undergraduate programs without them being limited by financial barriers. With need-based financial aid funded through fellowship support, many additional students from more diverse backgrounds will be able to participate in our master's program. We will be able to expand the educational opportunities for our diverse undergraduate population and provide a pipeline of better-educated students into industry and engineering PhD programs around the country. In addition, the presence of these students in our graduate programs will improve the experience and outcomes for all of our students.

Your support will help more students stay at Stanford for their master's degree. These students will be better prepared to get their first job — and the expanded educational opportunity will enrich their entire professional lives, enabling them to become stronger engineers and leaders, and ultimately better equipped to tackle the world's most urgent challenges.



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COTERMIAL FELLOWSHIPS

- For a limited time, the School of Engineering will provide a 1:2 match for endowed gifts of \$800,000 and more.
- An endowed fellowship with a preference to support coterm students can be established with a gift of \$250,000 or more.
- The annual payout from an endowed fund supports graduate students during the academic year.
- Donors help level the playing field by expanding the educational opportunities for undergraduates and increasing the diversity of the engineering master's program while investing in the future of the engineering field.
- Student recipients share their appreciation and stories of their Stanford experience through letters. Face-to-face meetings between donors and students can often be arranged.
- Donors receive an annual financial report on endowment performance.
- Donors become lifetime members of the Dean's Circle. They receive an invitation to an annual event where they interact and network with peers, faculty, and students while learning about the school's latest achievements and challenges.

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