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Stanford Engineering seeks to endow a department chair for each of its nine departments.

As the department leader, each chair oversees the full range of scholarly endeavors within their department. Collectively, the department chairs work with the dean to develop a vision for the school.

The discretionary income made available by the endowment will be used by each chair to advance the strategic goals of the department. For example, income can be used to recruit outstanding faculty, develop a new curriculum, seed academic entrepreneurship or purchase critical equipment. These endowments also strengthen each department’s ability to leverage support from outside funding sources.

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