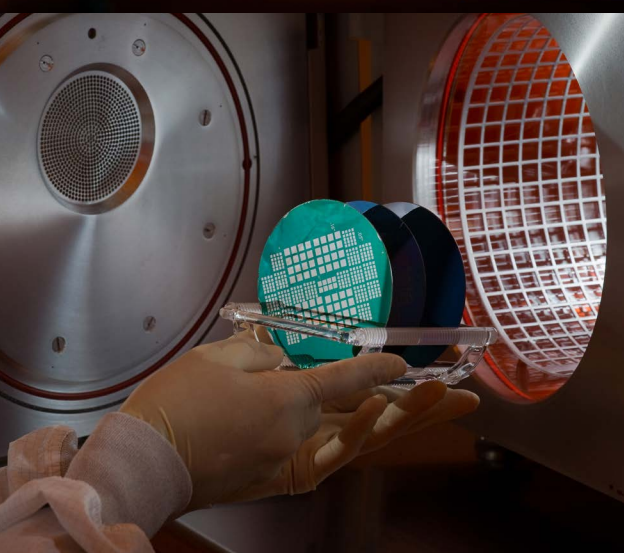




Foundation Relations

The Foundation Relations team aims to build strong, lasting relationships between foundations and the University of Notre Dame to advance our mutual goals. We work to align each foundation's mission and philanthropic interests with the University's programs and research. **Together, we forge partnerships that create positive change in the world.**



Role of Foundation Relations

Cultivation

- Exploring new foundation partnerships
- Fostering interest in a project or program
- Building rapport with foundations

Ideation

- Communicating relevant foundation funding opportunities
- Identifying novel research and scholarship on campus

Concept Alignment

- Gauging foundation interest in projects or programs
- Facilitating conversations with foundation officers

Proposal Development

- Reviewing and editing letters of inquiry and proposals to align with foundation priorities

Stewardship

- Preparing grant reports
- Sharing project updates with foundations
- Engaging foundations with funded projects or programs

Benefits of Partnering

- Receive up-to-date information on foundation priorities and interests
- Learn strategies to maximize your proposal's chance of success
- Access examples of successful, previously funded projects
- Connect with Notre Dame colleagues who have established relationships with specific foundations
- Gain insights on the best ways to engage with foundations and submit competitive proposals

Track Record of Success

Foundation Relations has supported proposals to over 150 unique foundation and non-profit funders. Recent examples include:

- **June 2025** - \$10,053,809 grant from the John Templeton Foundation to support, "Love and Social Transformation: Empowering Scholars and Social Innovators to Develop the Love Ethic" led by the Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Center for Virtue Ethics.
- **April 2025** - \$470,213 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for a College of Science project titled, "A Generation of Native American Earth and Environmental Data Scientists."
- **January 2025** - \$3,704,518 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. in support of the Robinson Community Learning Center and its Talk With Your Baby program.
- **October 2024** - \$1,132,990 grant from the Frontiers Research Foundation to the College of Science to study planetary health innovations for disease, food, and water challenges in Africa.
- **July 2024** - \$759,354 grant from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to support research on Translational Validation of Glucose-Responsive Insulin in Porcine Models in the College of Engineering.



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