SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARS

Presidential Scholars and affiliated faculty work across many different fields, and their projects often do not fit the typical mold of grant-funded research. Support from the Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience program enables the independent cross-disciplinary research, educational, and outreach efforts of our Scholars and fosters communication and knowledge sharing within a growing community of faculty, students and postdocs with interests in mind, brain, and behavior.

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SUPPORT A PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR:
$175,000/year, $500,000 for a three-year appointment

- Each year, up to three Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience are selected through a competitive application process, including the submission of an original research proposal.
- Scholars are appointed in the Center for Science and Society and provided with a modest start-up fund for their research.
- Scholars are mentored by at least two faculty members from different departments or schools within the University.
- Naming opportunities are available with endowment.

SUPPORT INTERDISCIPLINARY FACULTY RESEARCH:
$40,000/grant, up to $200,000 for all grants

- Faculty seed grants for interdisciplinary projects in society and neuroscience provide funds for preliminary research with great potential, but unlikely to be supported by other means.
- Up to five grants are awarded each year for cross-disciplinary or collaborative research and teaching initiatives.
- Faculty awardees present their findings at a yearly symposium.

SUPPORT PUBLIC SEMINARS IN SOCIETY AND NEUROSCIENCE:
$10-15,000/seminar, $100,000/yearly series

- Together with Scholars and affiliated faculty, PSSN organizes a seminar series with 6–8 events each year.
- Seminars are open to the public and feature distinguished speakers from multiple fields, each sharing their perspective on a topic of interest in mind, brain, and behavior.
- Past events include: Neuroscience and Education, The Complexities of Choice in the Real World, and The Human Sense of Smell.
- Scholars’ research is showcased yearly at an event open to the public.
- Naming opportunities are available for individual lectures or a full series with endowment.