Purdue provides the world with engineers who have designed, built, tested, and flown the many vehicles that have changed the face of both flight and space exploration during the 20th century and at the start of this second century of flight. The wonderfully rich history of the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics is due to the excellence of our faculty, students, and alumni. Our future hinges on the continuation of that excellence. Our goal is to lead the nation and the world in aerospace engineering education and research.

Through Ever True: The Campaign for Purdue University, which includes Purdue Engineering’s strategic growth initiative, the School has an urgent need to endow professorships that will attract the very best talent to our faculty, as well as retain our top talent. The need is urgent because our faculty is the cornerstone on which our program is built.

The best institutions have the most engaged and talented faculty who innovate in education and lead the nation and the world in research. Endowed professorships enable us to retain our most distinguished and accomplished faculty members and to recruit the world’s best in the competitive world of higher education. The funding from endowed professorships enables faculty to engage in high-risk but high-payoff educational and research initiatives, which push the frontier and advance the aerospace industry and modern society. This funding can also mean opportunities for collaboration with scholars around the world, upgraded laboratories, or specialized, cutting-edge equipment and supplies that enhance teaching and research efforts.

Building this base of talented faculty enriches the academic environment in education and in research, which ultimately attracts the best and brightest students to Purdue.

Because funding for endowed professorships is not tied to state legislative appropriations, it provides for stability and continuity for the faculty and for the School. It also enables the School to apply dollars that would have been spent on salary toward other needs. One endowed professorship could touch hundreds of lives because the related initiatives in education and research will involve many students, and the outcomes could affect many more.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
You have an opportunity to make a difference. Join the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics in investing in excellence through endowed professorships during this campaign. An endowed professorship is one of the highest academic awards that Purdue can bestow: a permanent recognition for all faculty members who will hold that professorship, and also a permanent resource for them in the education of our students and in research that pushes the frontier — a gift that you give now and lasts forever.
ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

Available options include named distinguished professorships, named professorships, and a brand-new opportunity. The “Rising Star” faculty endowments acknowledge the achievements of mid-career assistant and associate professors who have distinguished themselves among their peers but are not yet candidates for full-term named professorships.

PROUD HISTORY, BRIGHT FUTURE

Since its formation, the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics has graduated nearly 8,000 students who have gone on to play key leadership roles in industry, government, and academia. We look forward to continuing our excellence and impact in advancing flight, earth observation, and space exploration in the second century of flight for the benefit of humankind.

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