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# A Community of Giving: Shape the Future of Geoscience With Your End-of-Year Support to the GSA Foundation

December is a time of giving thanks and giving gifts. At the GSA Foundation, we are grateful to you, the members of the GSA, who make gifts to support GSA programs.

The mission of the Geological Society of America Foundation is to develop and provide funds to support the goals and programs of the GSA. Your donations strengthen GSA—and impact both lives and the future of the geosciences.

Donations to the GSA Foundation support students like Yueyi Che. The recipient of an On To the Future (OTF) Award to attend GSA Connects in 2021, Yueyi says, "Receiving the acceptance letter from OTF was one of my happiest moments, and I hope more students can have the wonderful experience that I had ... Your donation can help this community keep growing for years to come."

A PhD student at UC Irvine, Yueyi is also a GSA Foundation supporter. It means so much when past award recipients want to make a difference for future generations of explorers.

In the past five years, the GSA Foundation has provided more than $7 million in funding to GSA programs. These resources help GSA maintain thriving awards for research, scholarships, conference participation, and other priorities of the Society. Many of the GSA Foundation's 120+ funds target geoscience students and connect them with GSA's programs and networks, often spurring lifelong engagement with GSA—and building a bright future for the geosciences.

You can direct your gift to whatever aspect of GSA's work resonates most for you. Some donors give to their Division or Section; others support the Greatest Needs Fund to provide flexible funding for emerging priorities; still others give to one of the GSA Foundation's 120+ funds.

Darrel Cowan, who was a GSA Foundation Trustee for 10 years and helped establish the Lauren A. Wright & Bennie W. Troxel Research Award, notes, "I support the GSA Foundation because I know it supports the programs of the Society. GSA has been my home society since I was a graduate student. I published my first paper in the bulletin, I gave my first talk at a GSA section meeting, and a GSA grant supported my PhD research."




Yueyi Chi, 2021 On To the Future Award recipient.

Darrel is a professor emeritus at the University of Washington and further supports the GSA Foundation as one of the leaders of its Death Valley Rendezvous. He says, "My students have been awarded GSA funding for their research in turn. This has led to a real personal appreciation for what GSA provides to the geoscience community. I know what GSA does, I benefited from it, and I want to help continue that support."

We hope you will be inspired by the generosity of Yueyi, Darrel, and thousands of other GSA members. And if you are already a supporter, we are grateful.

Your contributions help shape the future of geoscience and will help the field thrive for generations to come.

All donations make a difference. Please scan the QR code to make an end-of-year gift now, or contact GSA Foundation Executive Director Sean O'Brien, PhD, at sobrien@geosociety.org to learn about more ways to give. Gifts to the GSA Foundation are fully tax-deductible under U.S. law.

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