

### Campaign Giving Opportunities

ACLS is pleased to recognize donors who choose to make a significant contribution to its Centennial Campaign. Donors may create a lasting tribute at ACLS by creating an endowed fund, or they may choose to support a program for a defined term through a current use gift. Support may be pledged and paid over terms up to six years, unless otherwise indicated. Included below are a selection of ACLS naming opportunities and the required minimum gift. Donors may choose to make the gift in their own name, or to honor a family member, friend or mentor.

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#### Named Endowments

##### Endowment of the Position of ACLS President: \$2 million

ACLS is the preeminent representative of American scholarship in the humanities and related social sciences, and its President is a highly visible and influential presence internationally. Endowing the position will help ensure that ACLS can offer competitive compensation year after year to attract and retain talented and influential leaders with the vision and skill to guide the organization and advance the humanities.

##### Endowed Fellowship: \$1 million

ACLS fellowships are widely associated with excellent and innovative humanities research. For a gift of \$1,000,000, ACLS will designate an "ACLS [donor name] Fellowship [in Field]." Donors may indicate a preference for academic field, in consultation with ACLS. ACLS's President will select the fellow from eligible applicants to the central ACLS Fellowship program who have been selected by ACLS's peer reviewers to receive awards. An endowed fellowship may be established with an outright or planned gift.

##### Endowed Fund: \$100,000–\$500,000

With a gift of \$100,000 or more, donors may establish an endowed fund at ACLS. There are several options for the fund's purpose. For example, it could:

- be designated for use at the president's discretion, allowing the president to invest in special projects and respond to opportunities. ACLS does not currently have such a resource.
- partially support a fellow in a given field.
- be designated as general operating support to help underwrite ACLS's most pressing needs.

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#### Naming Opportunities – Current Use, Term Gifts

##### Centennial Fellowship: \$250,000–\$50,000

ACLS will designate a named fellowship for a specific term with a gift of \$50,000 or more. Donors may indicate a preference for academic field in consultation with ACLS. ACLS's President will select the fellow from eligible applicants to the central ACLS Fellowship program who have been selected by ACLS's peer reviewers to receive awards. Fellows will be designated as ACLS [donor name] Centennial Fellowship [in Field]. Contributions of \$50,000 are recognized with a named fellowship for two years. Contributions of \$125,000 and \$250,000 are recognized with a named fellowship for five and ten years respectively.

##### Project Incubator/Accelerator Grants - \$225,000

This new category of award provides \$5,000 to support 15 promising projects each year. The goal is to help scholars from teaching-intensive and less-resourced institutions conduct research to develop their projects so that they are competitive for ACLS Fellowships in the future. We seek a commitment of \$75,000/year for three years.

##### Travel Stipends for Early-Career Scholars - \$150,000

We hope to supplement ACLS Fellowships for Assistant Professors (or equivalent) with travel stipends of about \$2,000. These fellows are awarded \$40,000 for six to twelve month terms, and some fellows struggle to finance the travel their research requires. We seek a commitment of \$50,000/year for three years.

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#### Annual Giving – Current Use

Each year, ACLS receives funding for our operating costs, which in turn support the research of scholars across the nation and around the world. This research enhances our knowledge and understanding of history, culture, and ideas. You may choose to support one of the following funds with a current use gift:

**The ACLS General Fund** supports the work of ACLS overall.

**The ACLS Fellowship Fund** directly benefits our fellows.

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#### Legacy Giving

##### 1919 Society

To recognize those who have invested in ACLS and have realized the important legacy a planned gift creates, ACLS has established the 1919 Society. Named for the year of our founding, the 1919 Society and its members celebrate ACLS's many decades of achievements as the foremost proponent for academic humanities in the United States. At the same time, 1919 Society members recognize the importance of providing financial support to help ACLS extend its essential role in keeping humanistic knowledge vital during the next century and beyond. Everyone who has notified ACLS of an estate intention, such as a bequest or a beneficiary designation on a retirement fund, is recognized as a member of the 1919 Society.