

# Economics

► The University of Rochester is known worldwide as a leader in the study of modern economics. Led by a diverse faculty of distinguished scholars, the Department of Economics offers a rigorous course of study for undergraduate and graduate students, one that is dedicated to promoting an understanding of economic analysis tools and how to apply them to contemporary issues.

The program is flourishing. Over the last few years, record numbers of undergraduates have declared economics as their major. Graduate students come from all over the world, drawn by the department's renowned reputation. Rochester's impact on the economics profession is significant, too, with alumni progressing into distinguished careers in academics, finance, and government.

## Continuing a Legacy

Rochester's Lionel McKenzie was one the leading economists of his time. In the 1950s he was



instrumental in creating an economics PhD program at Rochester and he transformed the teaching of economics at all levels. By the 1990s, the department was ranked in the top 10 by the National Research Council. Today, McKenzie's legacy continues. Seasoned faculty, some of whom

were hired by McKenzie, join talented young faculty to offer students a world-class education. He and his wife, Blanche, established the Lionel and Blanche McKenzie Family Fellowship Fund to provide fellowships to graduate students in the department.



*“Rochester has a small-school feel while having the resources of a major university. I have been fortunate to explore economics in great depth here, and through the support of my mentors, I have learned the ideals of great leaders, the importance of pursuing your passions, and the value of connecting with peers, colleagues, and the community.”*

**Michael Dymond '13**

economics major, mathematics and Spanish minors

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## Transformational Gifts

An anonymous donor established two endowed funds through her estate. One fund supports two professorships and the second fund established a scholarship fund for economics majors. Such gifts make a significant difference in the quality of teaching and learning.

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## How You Can Help

Gifts to the economics department support the pursuit of excellence and help create academic and research opportunities for students and faculty. Consider the following giving opportunities:

### Scholarships and Fellowships

Supporting students is one of the highest priorities at Rochester. Establish an undergraduate scholarship to help students achieve their academic potential. Or provide funding for graduate fellowships, research grants, or conference participation.

### Professorships

Endowed professorships help to attract and retain faculty of exceptional talent and are visible honors recognized across the University and by other top educational institutions. Investing in endowed professorships helps strengthen academic programs and ensures



that students are educated and stimulated by great faculty.

### The Stockman Conference

Established in memory of Professor Alan Stockman, this annual conference invites recent graduates back to Rochester to present research papers to current graduate students and faculty. It is one of the most important and unifying intellectual activities within the department. Gifts will help sustain this vital program.

### Programs

Faculty and students thrive when they have opportunities to interact with the best and brightest in the field. Establish a gift to bring in guest speakers to give lectures or workshops. Or host a visitor for a semester and provide an opportunity for faculty and students to gain insight from an external scholar. Endowments for programs like these truly make a difference in the education of Rochester's students.

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