2018 Award Recipients
Recognizing an increase in children requiring special education services, the College of Education’s Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education program (IECE) is providing scholarships to students pursuing IECE certification.

Once certified, these students will work as developmental interventionists, public pre-kindergarten teachers, kindergarten teachers and early care administrators.

The $50,000 grant will attract more students to the University of Kentucky, raising UK’s profile as a preeminent educational institution, and to the special education field, where they can gain skills needed to become a successful behavior analyst, supporting families of children with high-intensity behavioral needs.

College of Engineering

Through its $50,000 grant to the Department of Computer Science, we are preserving the past while funding students’ futures. The Digital Restoration Initiative allows students to ‘virtually unwrap’ ancient scrolls using a technology pioneered at the University of Kentucky.

Students will develop and apply computational methods, launch and lead a major international open source project, travel to partner institutions, write research papers and present the results of their work to an international team of collaborators.

They will gain professional and technical experience while supporting the advancement of ‘virtually unwrapping’ artifacts of historical and cultural significance throughout the world.

College of Education
A $40,500 grant will support social work students who are working toward their degree at the Southeast Kentucky campus located at the Center of Excellence in Rural Health located in Hazard, Kentucky. Students are required to participate in field practicums, but many times these students are working considerable hours. Students will receive a stipend to allow them to complete their field experience with social service agencies in eastern and central Kentucky without sacrificing their own employment. This supports both the academic efforts of the students as well as the communities and vulnerable populations served by local agencies.

The University of Kentucky Chorale was invited to perform for the 75th anniversary of D-Day in Paris, France. This $50,000 grant will enable 40 students to travel to Paris in summer 2019 to perform multiple concerts in and around Paris to commemorate the Invasion of Normandy. This experience will allow students to meet World War II veterans, see battle sites, participate in a wreath-laying ceremony and visit the American Cemetery in Normandy. It also allows the students showcase their talent on an international stage.
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Women and Philanthropy

It’s always so hard. I wish we could help them all. Families with behavioral issues never rest… students who have never experienced the world haven’t yet lived.

- UK Women & Philanthropy member

In our 10 years of awarding more than $2 million to University of Kentucky students, departments and programs, it never gets easier to select deserving recipients. As the member above said, we wish we could help them all, but this year’s six grantees are a good start. The UK Women & Philanthropy Network started with a simple goal – we knew that by combining the time, talent and resources of a group of caring women, we could strengthen the fabric of our university, enriching the lives and experiences of everyone the university serves. Through our individual annual $1,000 contributions, we have furthered research, granted scholarships, funded creative programs and trained future leaders. The projects we support are making a difference in the Commonwealth and across the globe, improving people’s lives. We are proud of the change we are making through our combined giving and look forward to hearing these recipients’ success stories.

Sincerely,

Jessica Johnson Parrish ’72
Tonya Bumm Parsons ’90

UK Women & Philanthropy Network Co-Chairs
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Sanders-Brown Center on Aging

Alzheimer’s Disease is the single greatest healthcare challenge facing the nation and world. This award will encourage more women to continue their careers in the sciences, and encourage students to stay in the Alzheimer’s field and contribute to the development of cures.

The $25,000 grant will provide travel scholarships for female graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to attend a research conference. This will allow them to network with other researchers, learn about trends and advancements and to meet potential grant funders from the National Institutes of Health, Alzheimer’s Association and others.

We must train and retain more Alzheimer’s researchers to meet this great need.

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