

Making a Difference through Life Experiences



Internships are a vital part of the Wellesley experience. They can confirm a professional interest or lead to a surprising new path. Translating theory into practice, internships help students learn to understand themselves and grow academically, professionally, and personally. Last year, 184 students completed Wellesley-funded internships, a 52 percent increase from 121 students in fiscal year 2016, and 83 percent of seniors completed at least one internship during their four years at Wellesley. Students interned with non profit organizations, financial institutions, and advocacy groups in more than 20 countries.

Students interned in more than **20 different countries**

Internships: Overall Engagement and Dollars Awarded in FY17

\$600,460 awarded
18% growth compared to \$509,000 in FY16

184 student interns
52% growth compared to 121 students in FY16

90.8% of class of 2017 graduates stated their internship contributed to their career readiness.

The World of Art

"I was stunned when I left inspired and riveted; the idea of there being such fine art in Wellesley, Massachusetts, was not something I was expecting ... I would consider it a shame if students did not make use of this resource. There are no barriers holding them back, and there is so much to gain from having an understanding and appreciation of art."
—Lilly Strieder '18



"The beauty of the Wellesley campus is truly remarkable. Walking to and from class every day, I make sure to keep my head up and look around. My most peaceful, contemplative moments at Wellesley have been when I've stopped to take in the vibrant landscape, or to walk through the arboretum and listen to the leaves rustle in the breeze. Being able to live and study in such a beautiful place is a gift. Its most influential contribution to my experience is the reminder to pause and appreciate where I am."
—Acadia Weinberg '20

Research and Technology



Clapp Library is home to unique collections that help expand our students' knowledge in a variety of areas. The Archives and Special Collections are the ones most commonly used by students, providing information to 403 individual researchers, 89 classes, and 1,065 students last year. In addition to being the central hub for student research, the library also gives students amazing opportunities to work with and explore advances in technology. The Knapp Media and Technology Center is a significant source of such opportunities, with its interns building virtual reality software applications from scratch and generating 3D models using high-resolution scanners and photogrammetry.

"Whether it be the study of human anatomy or an understanding of the major transitions in our evolutionary past, by getting access to the tools and skills available in the Knapp Center—3-D printing, scanning, virtual reality applications—my students are given an understanding of data acquisition, processing, and representation that otherwise would not be available to them."
—Adam Van Arsdale, professor of anthropology

Student Life and Personal Discovery



Celebrating the diversity of our students, the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is committed to supporting students through religious celebrations, pastoral care, multifaith programs, and mindfulness practices. Wellesley has long believed that education is not just an intellectual journey, but a spiritual one as well. With this philosophy in mind, this program assists with fostering communities in which students can explore who they are and who they want to become as active and engaged citizens.

Our Iconic Campus



Central to the Wellesley experience, our 500-acre campus is one of the most beautiful in North America. The College's founder, Henry Fowle Durant, believed that the women who attend Wellesley should be educated in the midst of beauty. From the lush greenery and winding paths to breathtaking Lake Waban, students find peace and serenity in each corner of campus. This year was declared the Year of Sustainability, during which the College is committed to raising awareness about sustainability initiatives and how to reduce waste, increase recycling, and conserve energy.

"In order to get to know somebody, knowing what they value and what they believe is an integral part of that. We want to create space for students to explore, to figure out who they are and who they want to become for the sake of the world."
—Tiffany Steinwert, dean of religious and spiritual life



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Investing in Women

Your Impact from
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018



A Note of Thanks

Your support of Wellesley enables our students to have access to a world-class education and experiences that will shape the leaders they become. Because of your generosity, students can pursue their passions and discover new ones through experiential learning opportunities. They can learn from and work alongside our distinguished faculty members and foster long-lasting friendships with their peers. All of this is possible because of your belief in these women, and in Wellesley.



This report provides a glimpse into how the endowment helps Wellesley students make a difference in the world. I hope the impact you have made on the students, faculty, and institution as a whole is clear—it's thanks in large part to you that Wellesley has been able to flourish and grow. Thank you for all that you do to ensure Wellesley continues to be a leader in women's education.

Cameran Mason

Cameran Mason '84
Vice President of Resources and Public Affairs

Campaign to advance the Wellesley Effect

A Wellesley education has a tangible, lasting effect on women and the world. This phenomenon is known as the Wellesley Effect. In October 2015, Wellesley College announced the launch of a \$500 million campaign designed to celebrate, strengthen, and advance the Wellesley Effect. Its four priorities represent Wellesley's areas of greatest opportunity and need, and are areas that will allow us to have an even greater impact as our graduates build the 21st-century global community.

Intellectual Community

By providing them with an exceptional education full of inspiring and innovative courses, Wellesley prepares students for any challenges they may face following graduation.

A Sense of Place

Wellesley's idyllic campus is the physical embodiment of the Wellesley experience. It is vital that we refresh our buildings to ensure students have cross-functional and transformative spaces in which to nurture their creativity and friendships.

Affordability and Access

Wellesley is proud of and committed to its promise to offer need-blind admission. We believe all students should have access to a world-class education regardless of their financial situation.

21st Century Impact

Innovative and forward-thinking programs, such as Wellesley's new Career Education model, are essential for providing our students the education they deserve. These programs give our faculty and students the tools they need to shape the future.

To learn more about the campaign and track its progress, visit campaign.wellesley.edu

Academic Excellence

Wellesley's dedicated, accomplished faculty and the innovative and engaging courses they teach are integral to our academic excellence. Faculty members at Wellesley teach just two courses per semester, so they are able to devote more one-on-one time to their students. This allows for better and more frequent collaboration, and helps ensure that our students have everything they need to succeed academically.

17–20
students per
average class size

30
academic departments

50
majors studied

362
total faculty members
(full-time and part-time)

7:1
student-to-faculty-ratio

Fastest-growing majors at Wellesley

1. Computer Science
2. Biological Sciences
3. Classical Civilization
4. Women's and Gender Studies
5. Media Arts and Sciences; Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences

Spotlight on Celebrated Faculty Recipients of the 2017 Pinanski Teaching Prize



Andrew Schultz
Associate professor of mathematics

Professor Schultz is a beloved faculty member who brings challenging mathematical concepts into sharp focus for his students and is admired by his colleagues for his departmental contributions. "His eagerness to answer questions and his ability to present mathematics as a dialogue rather than a lecture ... allowed me to marvel at the subject," said one student. "He instilled within me a passion for abstract mathematics, a feat I did not believe possible."

"While he is an algebraist by training, he came to Wellesley and immediately began teaching and creating courses not only in his own discipline but in more distant fields like numerical analysis," said a fellow professor. Under Professor Schultz's supervision, more Wellesley students than ever have entered the prestigious William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, reigniting Wellesley's participation in the famously difficult contest.

Brenna Greer
Knafel Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and assistant professor of history

Students agree that Professor Greer's teaching makes them stronger writers, more agile in their thinking, and more open to ideas from all viewpoints. She teaches courses on topics such as Cold War culture and politics, the 20th-century Black freedom struggle, and consumer culture and citizenship.

Among her many gifts is her ability to help students become deep thinkers and astute investigators. "She weaves the ideas of scholars, historical events, and the thoughts of her students together to teach us about the world and ourselves," said one student. She encourages her students to "challenge" what they learn and "to find deeper connections" within course materials, said another.

Corinne Gartner
Assistant professor of philosophy

Professor Gartner touches the lives of all her students, majors and non-majors alike, often tapping an undiscovered passion for philosophy and expanding and sharpening how her students understand and interact with the world. She "helped me grow as a philosopher" in and out of class, said one student.

Professor Gartner's students describe her approach to teaching as one defined by responsiveness, inclusivity, and empathy. She "inspires [us] to reach further and believe in [ourselves]" and she "fosters and strengthens [our] ability to engage critically with the world," they said. Perhaps most importantly, she is "steadfastly devoted" to teaching to every conceivable learning style and knowledge base—she listens to her students and adapts her teaching to their needs.

Endowment Facts



Wellesley's endowment is the cornerstone of the College's financial strength—and is fundamental to our promise of continuous investment in women. It provided approximately 38 percent of operating revenue in fiscal year 2017.

On June 30, 2017 (the end of fiscal year 2017), the Wellesley College endowment had a market value of \$1.968 billion. This was an increase of \$183 million from the previous year, when the endowment ended fiscal year 2016 at \$1.785 billion. The long-term investment-pool portfolio earned a return of 13.1 percent (net of investment management fees) during fiscal year 2017.



Total Return by Asset Class Year Ended June 30, 2017.

	Wellesley Return	Market Return	Benchmark/Comparative Index
Public Equity	21.6%	19.7%	Public Equity Blended Benchmark ¹
Private Equity	12.1%	11.3%	Cambridge Associates ²
Real Assets	11.7%	8.5%	Real Assets Benchmark ³
Semi-marketable ⁴	9.6%	9.1%	Cambridge Associates Hedge Fund-of-Funds Index
Fixed Income	(5.4%)	(4.4%)	Fixed Income Benchmark ⁵
Cash & Equivalents	1.3%	0.5%	Citigroup Three-Month T-Bill
Total Portfolio	13.1%	12.0%	

1. Public Equity Blended Benchmark is a weighted average of MSCI ACWI, MSCI EAFE, MSCI EM, and Russell 3000.
2. Private Equity results are measured against the Cambridge Associates Private Equity, Growth Equity, Venture Capital, and Distressed indices.
3. Real Assets Benchmark is a weighted average of the NCREIF Timber, Cambridge Associates Real Estate, and the Cambridge Associates Natural Resources Index (x-Timber).
4. Semi-marketable investments include strategies focused on absolute return.
5. Fixed Income Benchmark is a weighted average of the Barclays 5+ Year Treasury Index and the Citigroup World Government Bond Index.