


Stanford



A person is seen from the back, wearing a silver bicycle helmet and a large, tan-colored backpack. They are wearing a blue and red plaid shirt and light blue jeans. The backpack has a small red and white logo on the side. The person is standing in a grove of tall palm trees, with sunlight filtering through the leaves. In the background, a building with a red roof is visible.

In 1891, former California governor and U.S. senator Leland Stanford and his wife Jane opened the doors of a new university. The objective: to provide opportunities that their only son, Leland Jr., never lived to enjoy.

A scenic view of the Stanford University campus. In the foreground, a paved road with yellow lane markings leads towards the center. A white golf cart is driving on the road. To the left, a palm tree trunk and fronds are visible. To the right, a large palm tree stands prominently. In the background, the main building of the Stanford University Museum of Art is visible, featuring a large mural on its facade. The building has a red-tiled roof and arched windows. Beyond the building, rolling green hills and more palm trees are visible under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

Stanford has always been a
positive force in the world—
a university founded “to promote the
public welfare by exercising *an influence*
on behalf of humanity
and civilization.”

Today, Stanford’s energy and impact are
propelled by the diverse thoughts, approaches,
backgrounds and identities that come
together here *to shape the*
course of human history
and fulfill the dreams of promising
students from around the world.



A photograph of a Stanford University campus scene. In the foreground, a paved path with a yellow line runs diagonally. To the right, a black lamppost stands next to a green bush. In the background, there are trees and a person walking. The scene is bright and sunny, with shadows cast on the path.

See yourself as a **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Stanford's academic culture propels and supports your intellectual curiosity. By bringing together some of the world's most accomplished scholars—Nobel laureates, MacArthur Fellows and Pulitzer Prize winners—innovative programs and a pioneering spirit, Stanford provides the resources, encouragement and support you need to connect ideas and help generate new knowledge for the world.

From your first days on campus in Thinking Matters classes and Introductory Seminars, you'll discover ideas and directions that will help you shape an academic program to match your passions and interests. Through a range of resources like small classes; generous funding for your research; and teachers, mentors and advisors who share their groundbreaking insights, you'll know that Stanford is committed to your success.



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

from three schools

As Stanford's largest school, the School of

HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

anchors the education of all Stanford undergraduates, emphasizing interdisciplinary study and challenging students to think critically about the world and their roles in it.

Committed to understanding
our dynamic planet, the School of

***EARTH, ENERGY
& ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCES***

brings field learning and data
science together to teach
sustainability for the future.

Stanford's School of ***ENGINEERING***
combines the resources of its departments,
institutes and labs to take innovative,
multidisciplinary approaches to solving
society's problems.



A woman with curly hair and a man with glasses are sitting at a table, looking at a piece of paper together. The woman is on the left, wearing a dark blue jacket, and the man is on the right, wearing a grey sweater over a red shirt. They are both smiling and appear to be engaged in a collaborative activity. In the background, there is a chalkboard with some writing and a wooden lattice structure.

THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

engages you in rigorous and interdisciplinary exploration. Alongside world-renowned faculty members, you will take on important issues from across the humanities, the arts and the natural and social sciences. Stanford's culture of intellectual curiosity and free inquiry leads to endless discovery—you'll be in the front row as knowledge is generated and new approaches to solving intractable problems are advanced.

MIND FUEL

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

African and African
American Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Archaeology
Art History
Art Practice
Biology
Chemistry
Classics
Communication
Comparative Studies
in Race and Ethnicity
Asian American Studies
Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies
Comparative Studies
in Race and Ethnicity
Jewish Studies
Native American Studies
Creative Writing (minor)
Dance (minor)
Digital Humanities (minor)
Division of Literatures,
Cultures and Languages*
Comparative Literature
French
German Studies
Iberian and
Latin American Cultures
Italian
Medieval Studies (minor)
Middle Eastern Languages,
Literatures and Cultures
(minor)
Modern Languages (minor)
Portuguese (minor)
Russian, East European and
Eurasian Studies (minor)
Russian Language (minor)
Russian Language
and Literature
Russian Language, Literature
and Culture (minor)
Russian Studies
Spanish
Translation Studies (minor)

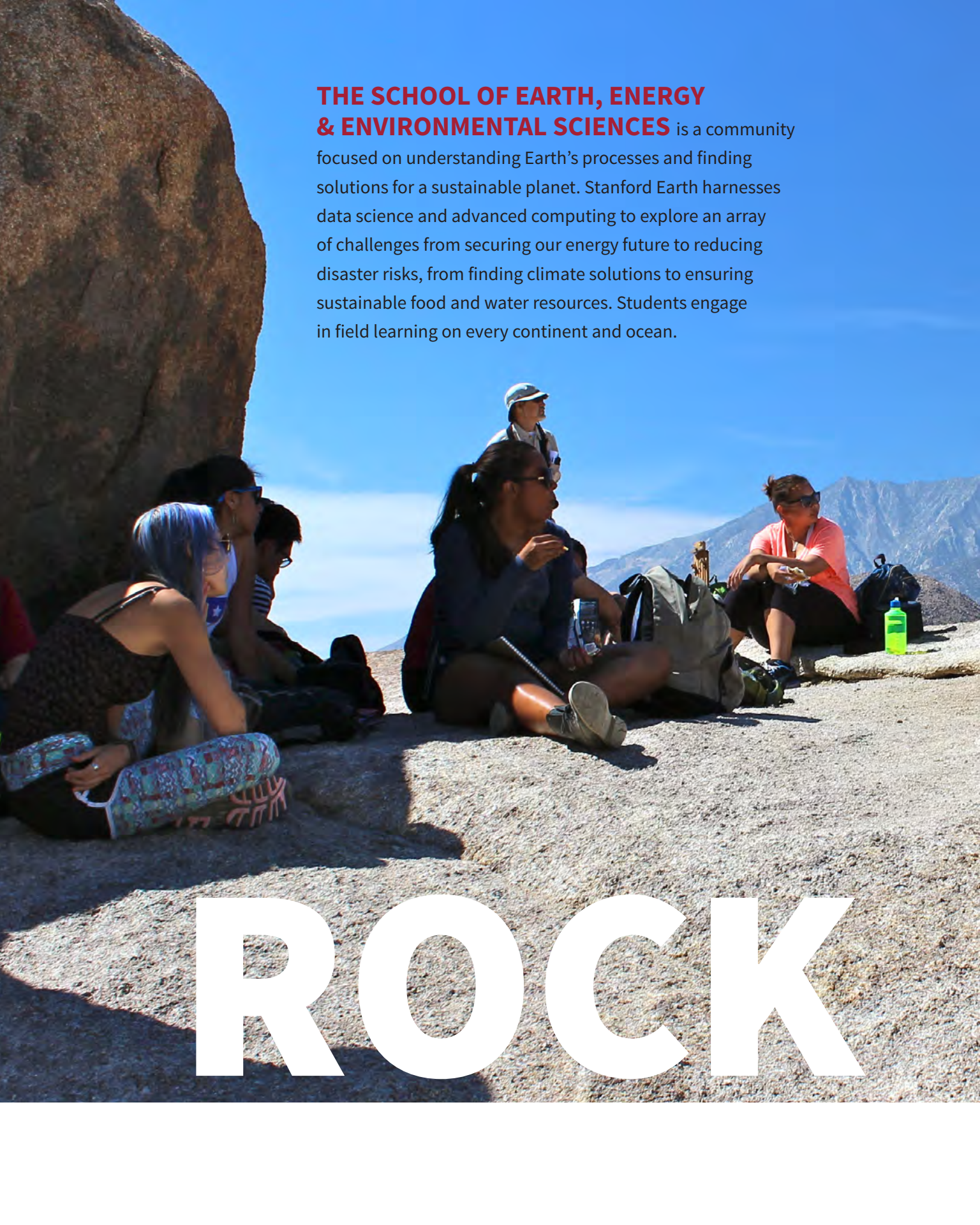
East Asian Languages
and Cultures

Chinese
East Asian Studies
Japanese
Korean (minor)

Economics
Education (minor)
English
Ethics and Society (minor)
Feminist, Gender
and Sexuality Studies
Film and Media Studies
Global Studies (minor)
African Studies
European Studies
Iranian Studies
Islamic Studies
Latin American Studies
South Asian Studies

History
Human Biology
Human Rights (minor)
International Relations
Linguistics
Mathematical and
Computational Science
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Philosophy and
Religious Studies
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Policy
Religious Studies
Science, Technology
and Society
Sociology
Statistics (minor)
Symbolic Systems
Theater and
Performance Studies
Urban Studies

*Students are able to study more
than 40 languages through the
Stanford Language Center.



**THE SCHOOL OF EARTH, ENERGY
& ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES** is a community
focused on understanding Earth's processes and finding
solutions for a sustainable planet. Stanford Earth harnesses
data science and advanced computing to explore an array
of challenges from securing our energy future to reducing
disaster risks, from finding climate solutions to ensuring
sustainable food and water resources. Students engage
in field learning on every continent and ocean.

ROCK



PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Earth Systems

Biosphere

Energy, Science & Technology

Environmental Geoscience

Human

Environmental Systems

Land Systems

Oceans, Atmosphere
and Climate

Sustainable Food
and Agriculture

Energy Resources Engineering

Geological Sciences

Geophysics

Sustainability (minor)

SOLID

On an immersive weekend field experience, students travel to the Alabama Hills—a combination of granitic and metamorphosed volcanic rock that is geologically related to the Sierra Nevada mountains.



BY

THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

offers many labs, centers, institutes and programs that afford students unsurpassed opportunities to do high-level research with cutting-edge faculty. From better batteries and adhesives to energy-saving vehicles and prosthetic limbs, the technologies born at Stanford have transformed the world as we know it. Stanford engineers are catalysts for life-improving change.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Aeronautics and Astronautics
Architectural Design
Atmosphere/Energy
Bioengineering
Biomechanical Engineering
Biomedical Computation
Chemical Engineering
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Physics
Environmental Systems Engineering
Individually Designed Major in Engineering
Management Science and Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Product Design

DESIGN



In Stanford's Volkswagen Automotive Innovation Lab (VAIL), interdisciplinary teams work to advance vehicle technology and improve automobile safety, sustainability and performance.

EXTROspection

As an undergraduate student, you will broaden your worldview by examining cultures other than your own. Whether you want to go for a few weeks or multiple months, the Bing Overseas Studies Program facilitates immersive academic experiences around the world that more than half of Stanford undergraduates pursue.



Shown are the Lagunas Altiplanicas in San Pedro de Atacama, surrounded by mountains and active volcanoes, visited during the Santiago program.



Stanford students enjoy a weekend trip to colorful Burano, Italy, while on the Florence study-abroad program.



LARGE

in every medium

With so many Stanford students participating in art making, it's not surprising that the visual arts should occupy a stunning, interdisciplinary space on campus. The 96,000-square-foot McMurtry Building brings the study of art history and the practice of studio art together with programs in documentary film and video, film and media studies and design; an art and architecture library; and presentation and performance spaces. Here you can hone your creative and critical faculties, exhibit your work and become part of the conversation surrounding historical and contemporary visual culture.



An ovation
for the
ARTS

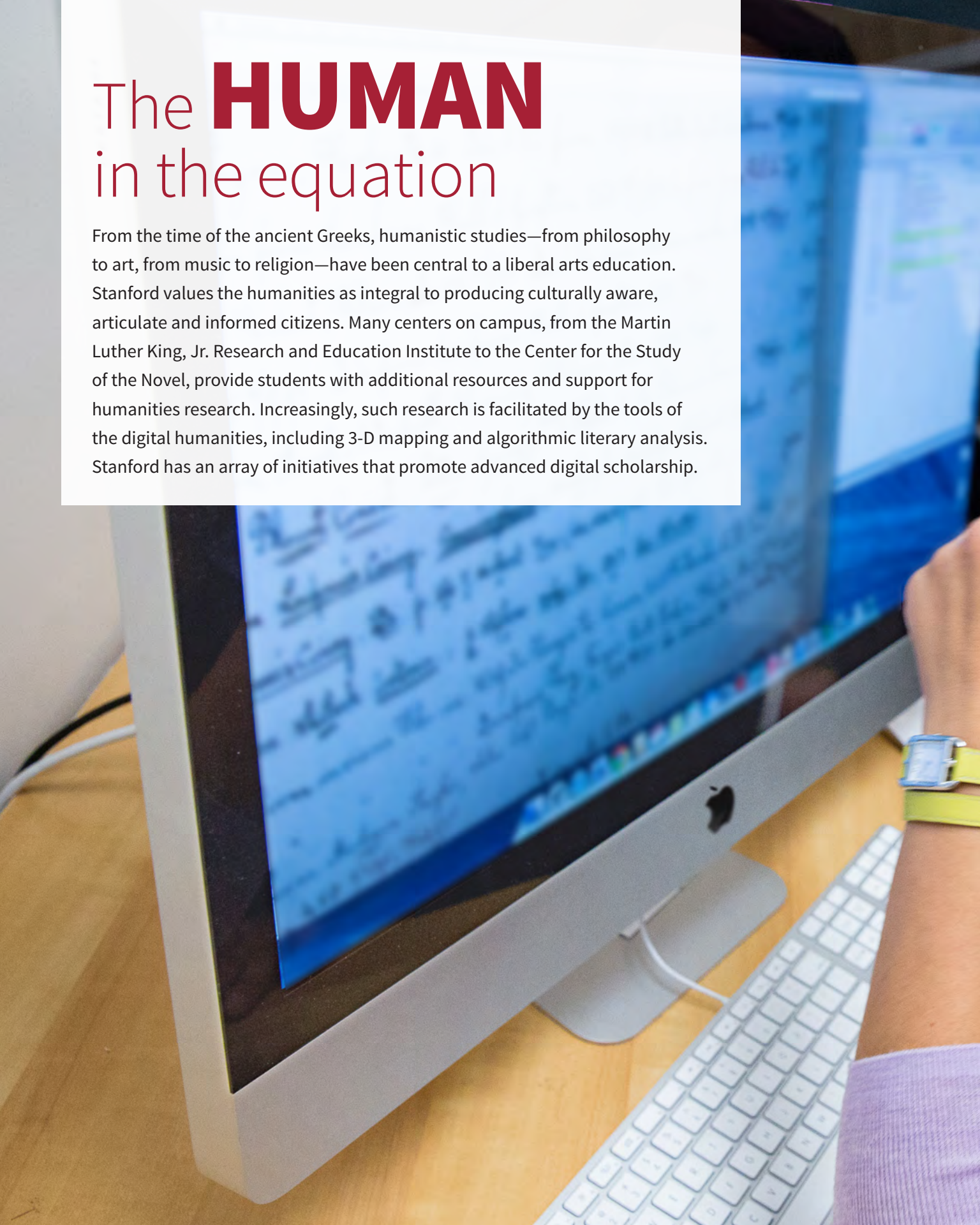


At the entrance to campus, flanking Palm Drive and near the Oval, Stanford's arts district is thriving. In recent years, Bing Concert Hall, the Anderson Collection at Stanford University and the McMurtry Building have joined Cantor Arts Center, Frost Amphitheater, Memorial Auditorium and Stanford Art Gallery to create a concentration of world-class arts resources. Whether your interests run to nontraditional dance performance, innovative chamber music generated by the Stanford Laptop Orchestra or experimental theater, you'll have an opportunity to play a role in Stanford's vibrant arts scene.



The **HUMAN** in the equation

From the time of the ancient Greeks, humanistic studies—from philosophy to art, from music to religion—have been central to a liberal arts education. Stanford values the humanities as integral to producing culturally aware, articulate and informed citizens. Many centers on campus, from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute to the Center for the Study of the Novel, provide students with additional resources and support for humanities research. Increasingly, such research is facilitated by the tools of the digital humanities, including 3-D mapping and algorithmic literary analysis. Stanford has an array of initiatives that promote advanced digital scholarship.





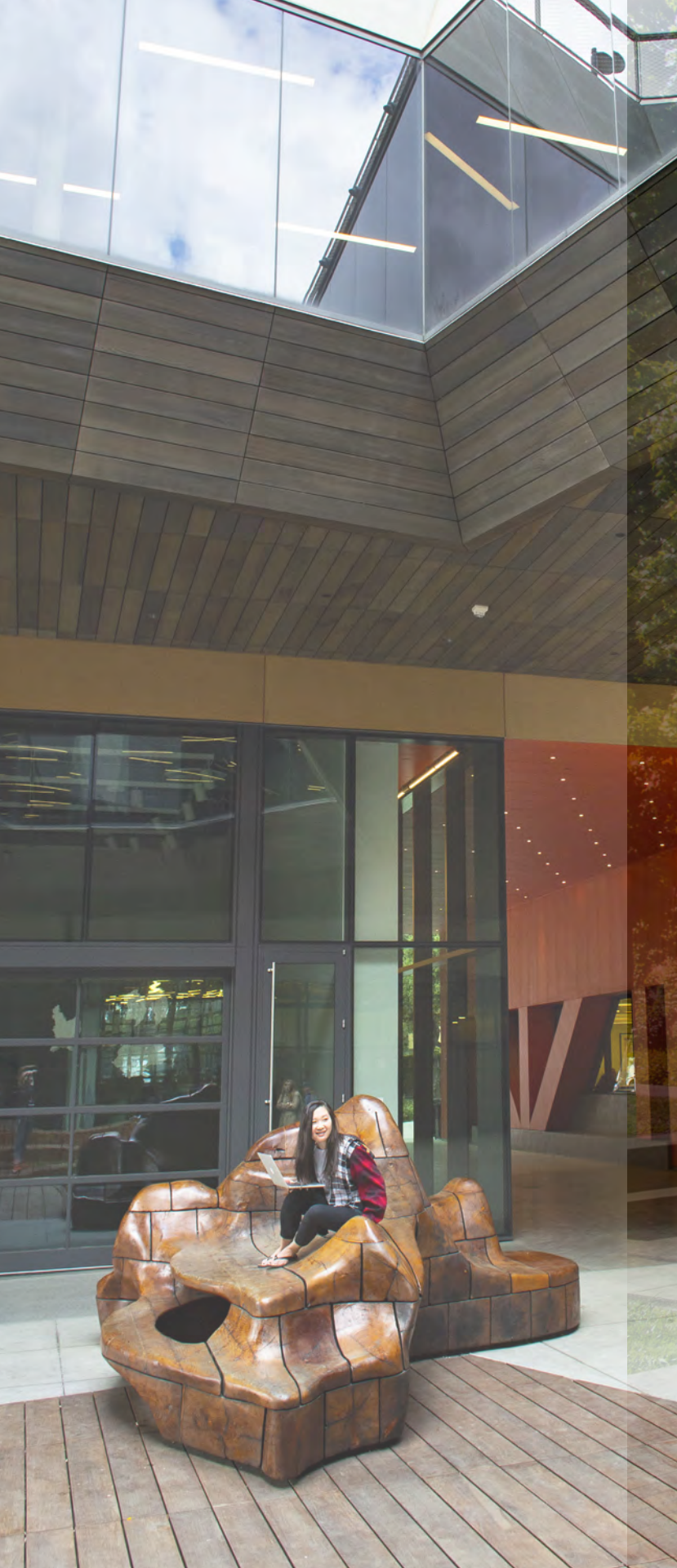
Undergraduates assist with research projects at the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA), which facilitates digital research based in humanities scholarship.



Your
GARAGE



At Stanford, you don't have to be an engineer to change the world through innovative design. The Stanford Product Realization Lab, open to all students, provides the tools and resources to make just about anything. Here, as students realize their designs in three dimensions, they find that their ability to create influences their ability to imagine, and that their visions lead to products that could have a genuine impact on society.



STUDENT ideas Stanford FUNDS

With millions available every year in undergraduate research grants and scholarships, Stanford students have enormous opportunities. They can join trailblazing faculty in labs, libraries, studios and in the field on projects that intersect with their interests, or they can pursue independent research with guidance from a faculty mentor. Either way, Stanford offers an extraordinary level of funding for travel and supplies, as well as stipends to help you go almost anywhere your initiative leads.





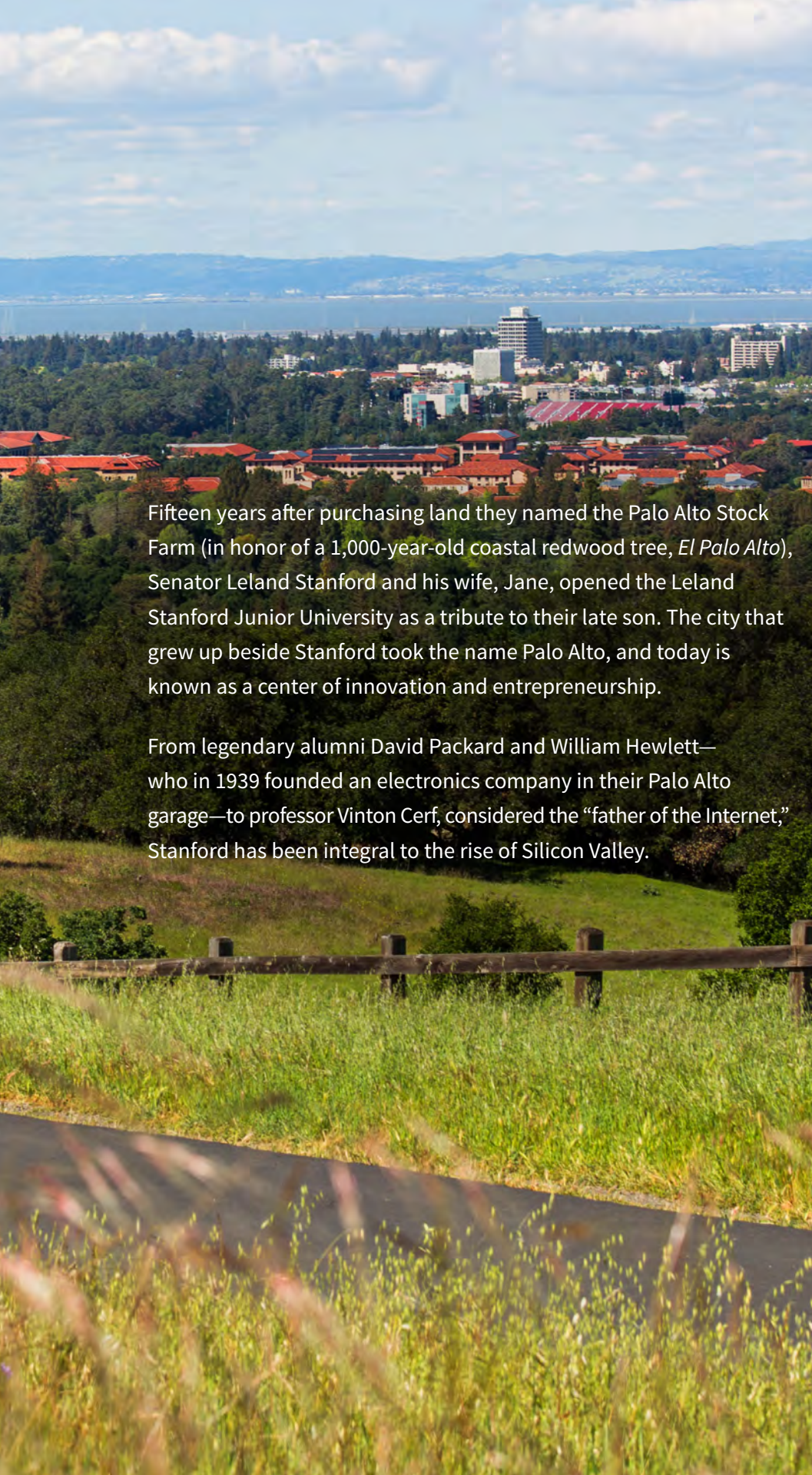
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CALIFORNIA
ACRES

ENDLESS BLUE SKIES





Tall tree
**LONG
SHADOW**



Fifteen years after purchasing land they named the Palo Alto Stock Farm (in honor of a 1,000-year-old coastal redwood tree, *El Palo Alto*), Senator Leland Stanford and his wife, Jane, opened the Leland Stanford Junior University as a tribute to their late son. The city that grew up beside Stanford took the name Palo Alto, and today is known as a center of innovation and entrepreneurship.

From legendary alumni David Packard and William Hewlett—who in 1939 founded an electronics company in their Palo Alto garage—to professor Vinton Cerf, considered the “father of the Internet,” Stanford has been integral to the rise of Silicon Valley.



Palo Alto's attractions include the Stanford Theatre, founded in 1925, which specializes in classic films.

RETREAT



OUTDOORS... and in

The 3.5-mile loop trail into the foothills at the edge of campus is hiking and jogging heaven; it's capped by the Dish, the 150-foot wide radio telescope trained on the skies day and night.

This carefully restored habitat is home to woodpeckers and western bluebirds, live oak and California buckeye—and within sight are golden eagles and vistas that extend to the Santa Cruz Mountains and north to San Francisco.

Windhover, a stunning indoor retreat space, is a tech-free zone that fills with natural light and is home to yoga classes and a labyrinth walk. A “place away” on campus, it invites the Stanford community to unplug and unwind, and escape the stressors of full schedules and high achievement.



Brief ride **MAJOR CULTURE**

Catch the Caltrain at Palo Alto Station and you can be in San Francisco—one of the nation's most distinctive cities—in less than an hour. From Golden Gate Park to Chinatown, Haight-Ashbury to Fisherman's Wharf, this hilly collection of neighborhoods, restaurants, museums and parks makes an ideal day trip from campus.





CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Kimball Natural
History Museum

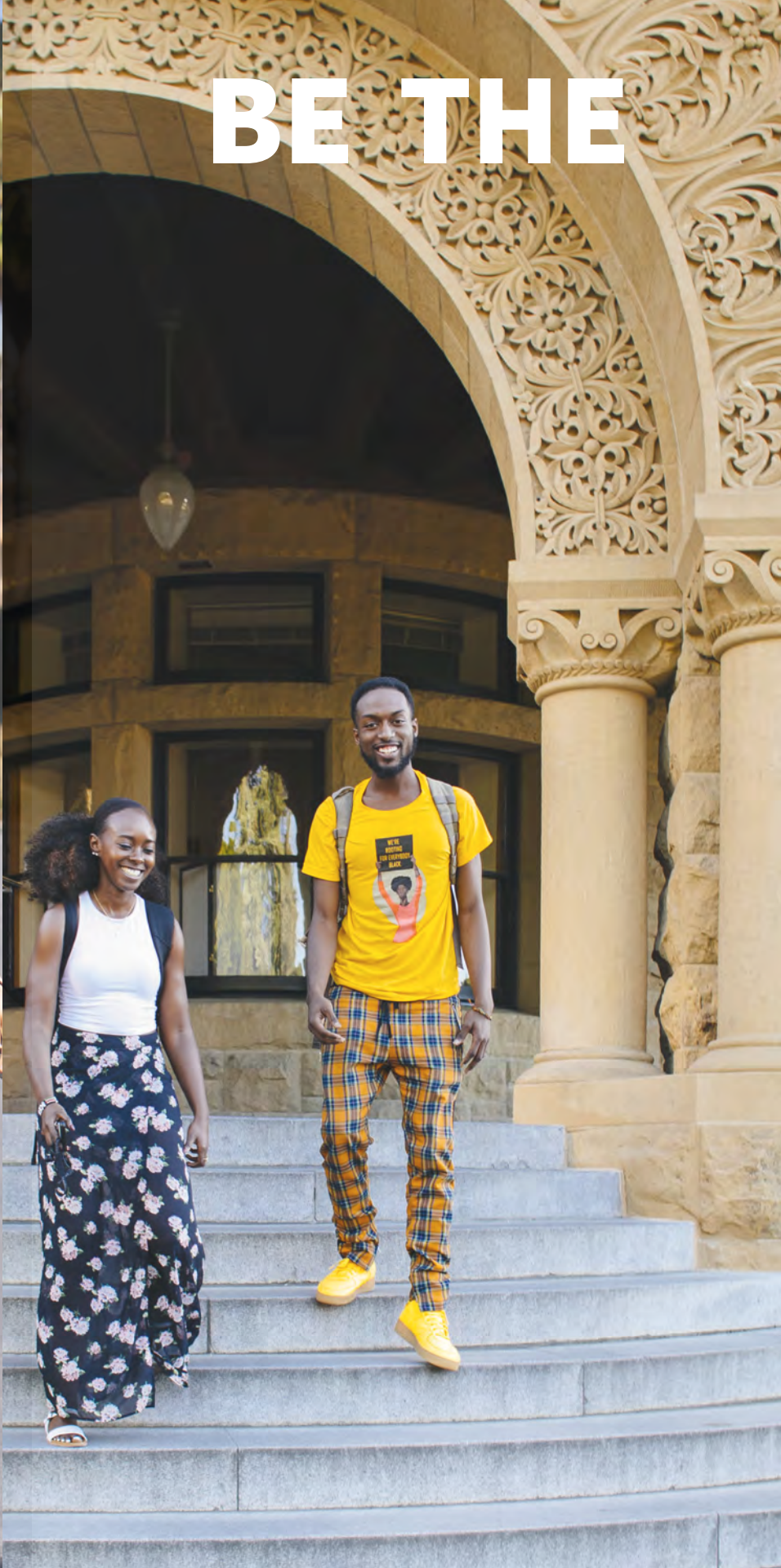
Morrison Planetarium

Steinhart Aquarium

Institute for Biodiversity Science
and Sustainability

Center for Science Engagement
and Learning





BETHE

DIFFERENCE

you
already
are

Part of what makes Stanford great is this: aside from their keen intelligence, energy and drive, there is no one kind of Stanford student. From students who are first in their families to attend college to international students, from students with disabilities to students who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community, our students bring nearly every combination of background, identity, orientation and socioeconomic circumstance to Stanford.





At the **CENTER**

Resources for all students—but of particular interest to the Asian American, Black, Chicano and Latino, and Native American communities on campus—Stanford's ethnic community centers provide intellectual, social and cultural hubs for informal gatherings, as well as for meetings of volunteer student organizations and scheduled events. Here you'll find an added sense of family within Stanford.



A large, multi-story brick residence hall with white window frames and a prominent tree in the foreground. The building has a classic architectural style with multiple windows and a gabled roof. A tall, dark lamp post stands on the left side of the frame. The scene is set on a green lawn under a clear blue sky.

LIVING WELL

As a Stanford student, you will be guaranteed housing for four years—and a home at the heart of your educational experience. With themed-house, apartment, suite-style and small-group living options, you can tailor your residential situation to meet your needs. Residential academic programs can further enhance your understanding of the world—and of your housemates—by bringing some classes right to your doorstep. In Structured Liberal Education (SLE) or Immersion in the Arts: Living in Culture (ITALIC) courses, offered in residence halls, you will live and learn in a community with professors who come to you, and with classmates who will further the discussion when classes are finished.



Small-group houses on the Row serve about 1,600 upperclass undergraduates, with choices of self-ops (with a house cook), co-ops (in which students prepare meals themselves) and Greek houses.

A photograph of two young boys in red shirts playing on a green lawn. One boy is in the foreground, leaning over a purple tray with small white squares. The other boy is behind him, looking on. In the background, there is a brick wall and a metal railing. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

On the ground with a **360° VIEW**

Stanford is deeply committed to making a positive difference in the world, reflected by the four-part Cardinal Service initiative coordinated by the Haas Center for Public Service. Through Haas, you can explore ways to create a more just and sustainable world through service, scholarship and community partnerships.

Regardless of your financial circumstances, you can participate in internships, service projects and classes that have a positive public impact, and use your Stanford education to build a career that does the same.



Through Preschool Counts, a Haas Center for Public Service Education Partnerships (EdP) program, Stanford students tutor and mentor historically marginalized preschoolers, helping them develop their love and understanding of math.

Smaller footprint **GREATER GOOD**

At the forefront of the groundswell of interest in sustainability nationwide, Stanford's students and administration have committed to creating a more environmentally aware and sustainable campus. Through student-led groups such as Students for a Sustainable Stanford (SSS) and the collective Green Alliance for Innovative Action (GAIA), and through courses held at the six-acre O'Donohue Family Stanford Educational Farm on campus, pictured here, you can contribute to the effort.







Home of **CHAMPIONS**

At Stanford, you don't have to wait for the Olympics to enjoy world-class competition. The Cardinal's outstanding Division I student-athletes have a tradition of bringing home at least one national championship per year and have long been recognized with the Directors' Cup as the most successful overall athletic program in the nation. There's a culture of excellence in every classroom, field, pool, court and stadium at Stanford.

MEN'S

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Fencing
Football
Golf
Gymnastics
Rowing
Sailing
Soccer
Swimming
& Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Water Polo
Wrestling

WOMEN'S

Basketball
Beach Volleyball
Cross Country
Fencing
Field Hockey
Golf
Gymnastics
Lacrosse
Lightweight
Rowing
Rowing
Sailing
Soccer
Softball
Squash
Swimming
& Diving
Synchronized
Swimming
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Water Polo





Build your **CARDINAL CIRCLE**

The Stanford experience begins at enrollment and doesn't end at graduation. Stanford graduates join hundreds of thousands of worldwide alumni—people who volunteer on Stanford's behalf; attend free lectures; engage with hundreds of classes, clubs and online communities; take travel/study trips led by Stanford faculty; catch up at Reunion Homecoming; and enjoy the home base of the Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center when they're on campus.



Try it on: it's
ADJUSTABLE





No matter what degree you pursue, you will leave Stanford Stadium at Commencement confident that you have the knowledge, skills and experience to adapt to any job or career—including those that don't yet exist—or anywhere postgraduate study may lead you. Whatever form your future takes, you are sure to take Stanford's bold, pioneering spirit with you.

A photograph of a long, arched hallway with stone columns and hanging lanterns, leading to a bright exit. The hallway is dimly lit, with light streaming in from the far end, creating a sense of depth and perspective. The columns are made of rough-hewn stone, and the ceiling is dark wood. Several heart-shaped lanterns hang from the ceiling. The floor is a light-colored, polished surface.

Resources and **ESSENTIALS**

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMICS

School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences
earth.stanford.edu

School of Engineering
engineering.stanford.edu

School of Humanities and Sciences
humsci.stanford.edu

LIVING AT STANFORD

Office of Accessible Education
oae.stanford.edu

Residential and Dining Enterprises
rde.stanford.edu

Residential Education
resed.stanford.edu

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Asian American Activities Center
a3c.stanford.edu

Black Community Services Center
bcsc.stanford.edu

El Centro Chicano y Latino
elcentro.stanford.edu

Native American Cultural Center
nacc.stanford.edu

Queer Student Resources
queer.stanford.edu

The Markaz
markaz.stanford.edu

Women's Community Center
wcc.stanford.edu

EXTRACURRICULAR LIFE

Bing Overseas Studies Program
undergrad.stanford.edu/programs/bosp

Division I Athletics
gostanford.com

Haas Center for Public Service
haas.stanford.edu

Student Organizations
sal.stanford.edu/get-involved

ADMISSION PHILOSOPHY

Stanford practices holistic admission, focusing on academic excellence, intellectual vitality and personal context. We are interested in learning about who applicants really are through these parts of the application:

- Transcripts, which describe academic program and achievement
- SAT/ACT tests, which provide a universal index
- Recommendations, which help us get to know students in the classroom and their community
- Extracurricular activities, which tell us how students spend their time outside of the classroom
- Essays, which allow students to tell us who they are and what makes them unique
- Optional interviews, which help us get to know students better

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The Clery Act: Stanford complies with the Jeanne Clery Act and publishes crime statistics for the most recent three-year period. View the full report at <https://police.stanford.edu/pdf/ssfr-2019.pdf>.

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