The Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) includes a wide variety of academic disciplines and areas including elementary education, English education, foundations, history education, middle grades education, reading, research, and special education. Support would enable the curriculum and instruction department to continue to support outstanding graduate and undergraduate students as they pursue their programs of study. Additional gifts would help us to support faculty and student research by providing further information for professionals in other academic disciplines within our department. We are committed to providing a wide variety of initiatives related to preparing teachers for important work in school settings. The department’s major initiatives are working with academically gifted students (AIG activities), providing support for college students with learning disabilities (Project STEPP), providing technology support for learners with individualized learning needs, and providing dissemination of knowledge through the *Journal of Curriculum and Instruction (JoCI)*, an electronic open source journal.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT SUPPORT

• Undergraduate scholarships and graduate student fellowships
• Assist qualified graduate students via student tuition remissions, graduate fellowships, and assistantships
• Support for students to attend conferences and make presentations
• Outstanding Student Leadership Awards for undergraduate students (one per program area)
• Graduate assistantships
• Support for supervision and advising cohorts

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND FACULTY RESEARCH

• Support for faculty research and refereed presentations and publications
• Endowed professorships for all program areas

OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• AIG Conference (speaker fees, operating expenses)
• Faculty professional development opportunities to support curriculum development in all program areas to promote online instruction and development of further technology skills

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS

• AIG Camp (operating expenses, participant fees)
• Project STEPP (continue to build $4 million endowment, support for operating expense)
• Technology needs for Irene Howell Assistive Technology Lab
• Support for the electronic publication Journal of Curriculum and Instruction (support for executive editor, operating expenses)

C&I FACT The Department of Curriculum and Instruction received approval of the entire curriculum for the new PhD in curriculum and instruction with specialization in elementary education, literacy, and special education. Additionally, the department gained approval of a new deaf-blind certificate and implemented a new certificate in autism.

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