ILLUMINATE: TO ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING OF THE WAYS THAT RELIGION SHAPES THE WORLD

• Professorships: Enable preeminent scholarship in areas such as Hebrew Bible, African Christianity, African American religions, religions and the practice of peace, Buddhism, and modern Jewish thought ($4M–$6M endowments);

• HDS One Harvard Fund: Support interdisciplinary teaching, research, and curriculum development, as well as faculty and student collaborations across Harvard ($1M endowment/$50K current use);

• Religious Literacy Project: Advance multi-pronged effort to enhance the public understanding of religion in contemporary global, national, and local contexts ($250K current use);

• Women’s Studies in Religion Program: Enable exploration of the critical role that women play in global religion ($3M endowment for named directorship/$10K min gift to Constance Buchanan Endowment for research associates);

• Science, Religion & Culture Program: Support efforts to solve problems at the crossroads of science and religion ($1M endowment/$10K annual support).

ENGAGE: TO CREATE SPACES FOR CRITICAL DIALOGUE ON RELIGION, CULTURE, AND WORLD ISSUES

• Andover Hall Renewal
  • Rename and transform Andover Hall, the center of the School’s effort to empower scholars and leaders for a religiously complex world, while significantly improving the sustainability of campus ($25M current use);
  • Create new named spaces including an interfaith chapel, high tech auditorium, and student commons (varied giving levels);

• Center for the Study of World Religions
  • Create and name multi-religious space ($5M current use);
  • Support visiting scholars ($75K current use);

• Andover–Harvard Theological Library
  • Preserve and disseminate resources critical to the study of religion at the HDS library ($1M endowment/$10K current use);
  • Name the head librarian’s position ($2M endowment).

SERVE: TO EMPOWER LEADERS WHO WORK FOR A BETTER WORLD

• Student Support
  • Create unique field education, experiential learning, travel, and other opportunities to educate leaders who bring creativity, imagination, and meaning to the world’s most pressing challenges ($500K endowment/$25K minimum current use);
  • Provide aid that allows students from around the world to attend HDS and serve where they are most needed after graduation ($250K+ named fellowship/$200K endowment for international field education).

• Dean’s Fund: Enable the School’s leader to pursue new initiatives that expand the boundaries of the study of religion ($25K+ current use).