The University of Arkansas has a rich history in undergraduate and master's programs in geosciences. The Department of Geosciences continues on a path of ambitious growth and expanded partnerships, and works toward the full implementation of the state's only Ph.D. program in geosciences. A fully realized Ph.D. program will grow and strengthen the department's undergraduate and graduate studies through enhanced course offerings, research opportunities, and recruitment efforts for world-class scholars.

A fully-funded Ph.D. program requires three phases of fundraising, each of which is focused on a critical aspect of the department: faculty support, student support, and program support. The university’s academic leadership supports the Ph.D. initiative and alumni continue to help drive its advancement. Today, more than ever, the department’s external stakeholders energize its competition for excellence.

**PHASE 1 Faculty Support**

In 2011, Maurice F. Storm and the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation endowed the Maurice F. Storm Endowed Chair in Petroleum Geology.

**PHASE 2 Student Support**

**Goal: $2 Million**

**Ph.D. Fellowship Endowment**

Gifts towards student support will be allocated towards a pooled endowment fund for nine Ph.D. fellowships that will allow the department to recruit and retain leading doctoral students who will create a standard of excellence for the entire program, mentor and teach graduate and undergraduate students, and conduct innovative research.

**PHASE 3 Program Support**

Program support will provide comprehensive operational support to the Department of Geosciences and will support areas including travel, research, and engagement with local, regional, and national companies in the industry. This endowment will advance the teaching, research, service, and career development efforts of the entire department by focusing on graduate-level activity.
People have asked why I would give so much to a university and I explain that I’m really giving to the students. It’s amazing how quickly things grow and change around a campus, and people may be surprised to learn about the ways they can help.

~ Maurice Storm, B.S. ‘82

PLEDGE FORM

I want to contribute to Phase 2 (Student Support) in the Department of Geosciences. Please direct my contribution to the Ph.D. Fellowship Fund in the amount indicated:

☐ $10,000  ☐ $5,000  ☐ $2,000  ☐ Other _________

Pledges may be made over a five-year period.

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☐ Please send me a reminder in the month(s) of ________________________________________________________________

MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES

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Fellowship Challenge: This gift of $1,000+ is allocated to the Ph.D. fellowship fund and will be matched 100%.

Please acknowledge and credit this gift as follows:

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