Working for Change

The Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice was established to help communities, students and scholars work together where vulnerable populations confront systemic challenges. We work with and invest in the University of Arizona and regional communities to improve equity, address environmental challenges and advance innovative research and scholarship.

- Underserved populations in the Southwest
- Resilience, voice, equity and equality
- Food, education, income and public health
- Water, energy, environment and climate
Guided by Values

LISTENING
We believe that people who live and work in communities every day best understand what those communities need.

INCLUSION
We know that diverse voices combine for the strongest ideas and strategies in higher education and social progress.

COLLABORATION
21st century solutions require collaborations that overcome and eliminate boundaries to sustainable solutions.

INVESTMENT
We fund promising community organizations, researchers and students working in authentic partnerships.

EXPANSION
By collaborating with community groups from a place of mutual respect, we expand on the land-grant institution mission of the University of Arizona and amplify its scholarship and research.

EMPOWERMENT
We empower people to create transformational change through directed commitments of money, time and trust.

The Haury Program is guided by the values that defined the life and philanthropy of Agnese Nelms Haury, known for her appreciation of indigenous and world cultures, her love of art and science, her personal humility and her boundless generosity.

Learn more at haury.arizona.edu

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Through grant making and other investments, we support University of Arizona (UA) and community organization partnerships developed in pursuit of solutions to society’s most pressing problems.

Foraging Collaborations

SEED GRANTS
The Haury Program awards up to $200,000 in seed grants each year, funding new projects that produce sustainable systems or transformational social impact.

Farmacy Seed Grant
A partnership including the UA College of Medicine, UA College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, El Rio Clinics and Pima County Cooperative Extension helping at-risk families access nutrition education and fresh food.

CHALLENGE GRANTS
Each spring, the Haury Program awards a challenge grant of up to $200,000/year for three years for UA-community partnerships addressing complex challenges.

Arizona STEM Rise Challenge Grant
A partnership between the UA School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences, the Tohono O’odham Nation, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Sunnyside Unified School District, Pima Community College and Pima County 4-H Youth Development to help students to explore STEM subjects through culturally relevant activities.

CAPACITY-BUILDING
We invest in University of Arizona and community programs, education and events that increase dialogue, promote advocacy and build capacity in ways that complement and strengthen our grant making goals.
Fueling Scholarship

The Haury Program supports projects of the UA Green Fund and UA Office of Student Engagement, including internships, research experiences, field work, and service learning projects that give undergraduate students opportunities to directly engage with local communities on socially just solutions to environmental problems.

*Agnese Nelms Haury scholars of the Carson Scholars Program* are University of Arizona PhD or PhD-bound students whose interdisciplinary studies further knowledge and awareness of natural environments and the interactions between environments and people.

*Native American/First Nations Oxford-Haury Scholarships* provide funds to indigenous students from the United States or Canada to pursue master’s studies at the United Kingdom’s Oxford University.

*Faculty Fellowships* invest in outstanding, early- to mid-career UA faculty working in environment and social justice as they build their research and connections to community.

*Distinguished Chairs* honor outstanding senior faculty at the University of Arizona for work related to the environment, social justice and/or the Southwest to encourage continued research and mentorship.

*Visiting Associates* bring new knowledge and fresh perspectives to the University of Arizona campus and Tucson through awards to support service work, research or advocacy in collaboration with UA colleagues and Southwest communities.

Investing in high-quality learning, teaching and research focused on community-building, social justice and solutions to environmental challenges.
Expanding the Land-Grant Role of the University of Arizona

A SYSTEMS APPROACH
The Haury Program adopts a systems approach to problem-solving, viewing issues, research questions and actions as elements that can be leveraged in combination to produce lasting change within complex systems of cultural, socioeconomic and environmental factors. Through this approach, we seek to build resilience, voice, equity and equality across our areas of focus.

AUTHENTIC PARTNERING
Whether between faculty, faculty and students or UA scholars and community organizations, partnerships are at the heart of the Haury Program’s mission and its awards. As we continue to develop this important quality of our philanthropy, we’re guided by what we’ve learned in our first three years:

Authentic partnering is more than participatory research—UA scholars and students work with communities as equal contributors.

Authentic partnering includes community involvement in all phases of a project, from determining needs and questions through design and implementation to evaluation and scaling.

Authentic partnering is good for research—it informs and expands inquiries and leads to greater relevance and broader adoption.

Authentic partnering creates greater impact and more sustainable change.

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Haury Program Snapshot

AWARDS FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

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- Faculty Fellowships
- Distinguished Chairs
- Visiting Associates
- UA-Community Seed Grants
- UA-Community Challenge Grants

OUR FIRST THREE YEARS

18
Student Scholarships
$227,056

12
Faculty Chairs and Fellows
$1,492,000

8
Grants for UA research and UA-community partnerships
$585,044

20+
Change Maker and Resource awards
$162,466

12
Student and experiential learning programs
$85,000

INVESTING ACROSS CAMPUS

10 Colleges
Agriculture and Life Sciences
Education
Engineering
Humanities
Medicine
Pharmacy
Science
Social and Behavioral Sciences
James E. Rogers College of Law
Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

12 Institutes, Centers or Programs
Biosphere 2
Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions (CCASS)
Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS)
Consortium for Arizona-Mexico
Arid Environments (CAZMEX)
Cooperative Extension
Environmental Health Sciences Center
Institute of the Environment
Southwest Studies Center
Tucson Village Farm
Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy
Women in Science and Engineering Program

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Extending a Legacy

During her life, Agnese Nelms Haury (1923–2014) supported a wide range of people and organizations working on social and environmental justice. While she traveled widely and worked in many countries, she maintained a commitment to the American Southwest, the region of her birth and childhood. The Haury estate established a donor advised fund at the University of Arizona Foundation. This fund, one of the largest bequests in UA history, launched the Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice.

Today, the Haury Program builds on Mrs. Haury's legacy by funding university-community partnerships, graduate student scholarships, undergraduate programming, faculty fellowships and distinguished chairs, all aimed at creating positive change for underserved communities at the nexus of society and environment.

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