



## ARCS Metro Washington Chapter

*Advancing STEM in Our Nation's Capital*

Education is the doorway to science.  
Science is the key to our future.

### WHAT IS ARCS?

**A**chievement **R**ewards for **C**ollege **S**cientists (ARCS) Foundation® is a national, all-volunteer, women's organization with a mission to advance science and technology in the United States by providing financial awards to academically outstanding U.S. citizens studying to complete degrees in science, technology, engineering, math, and medical research.

Since its founding in 1958 in Los Angeles, CA, ARCS has grown to a national organization of 15 chapters that has provided Scholar Awards totaling over \$148 million at 52 leading universities to more than 12,000 Scholars.

### WHAT IS ARCS METRO WASHINGTON?

ARCS Metro Washington Chapter (ARCS MWC) was founded in 1968 and is the second oldest of the fifteen chapters. The chapter supports outstanding researchers at five partner universities in the Washington metropolitan area:



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WASHINGTON  
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WASHINGTON, DC



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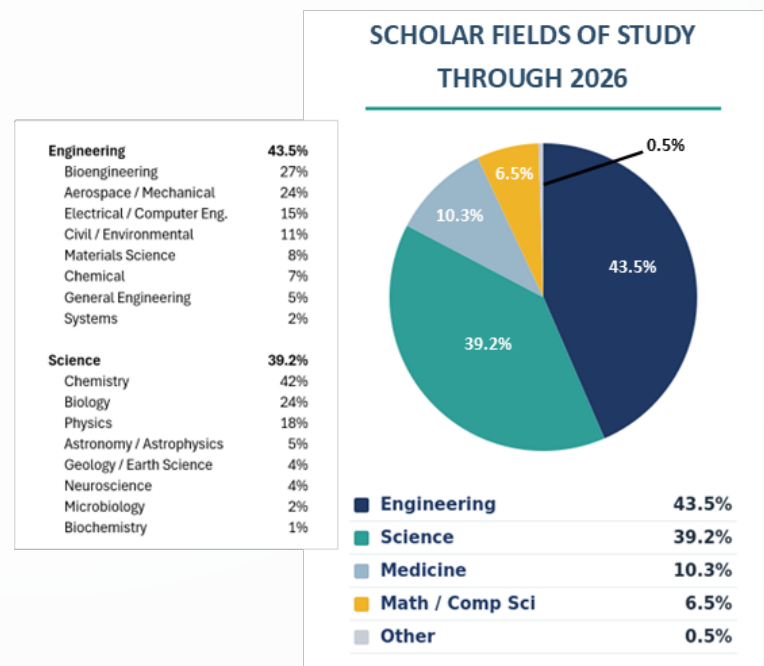
## HOW DOES ARCS MWC CARRY OUT ITS MISSION?

ARCS MWC makes annual awards of \$15,000 to Graduate Scholars and \$5,000 to Undergraduate Scholars attending the five partner universities mentioned above. Members of ARCS are all volunteers who donate their time, efforts, and financial support. One hundred percent of every dollar raised for Scholar Awards goes directly to our Scholars. ARCS provides a way for individuals, foundations, corporations, and civic organizations to combine their resources and efforts to support American scholars, helping ensure a better future for all. ARCS Scholar Awards for scientific and engineering education are among the largest of any private membership organization in the United States.

ARCS MWC Scholars must be U.S. citizens who demonstrate exceptional academic abilities, conduct scientific research, and maintain a 3.5 GPA as a full-time student. Scholar Award recipients are selected by their university and subject to ARCS MWC approval. The income from our \$1.6 million Endowment Fund is dedicated solely to supporting ARCS MWC Scholar Awards.

## OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

Since its inception, ARCS MWC has given over 825 Metro Washington Scholar Awards totaling \$9.3 million. These Scholar Awards have impacted the advancement of science in the following areas:



Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## VOICES OF OUR SCHOLARS AND SCHOLAR ALUMS



*"Funding from ARCS enabled me to expand my research from behaviorally focused questions to the actual mechanisms of social perception. The award allowed me to be relieved of my student teaching load affording me the opportunity to dedicate myself more fully to my research and the flexibility to travel to facilities at a different research institute at Virginia Tech. I am deeply grateful to ARCS Metro Washington Chapter and all who support my work. You have greatly strengthened my research."*

**Clara Stahlmann Roeder O'Connor, 2025-26, ARCS MWC Chapter Scholar PhD Candidate, Biology and Biomedical Engineering, University of Virginia**

*"The ARCS award significantly impacted my research, my career trajectory, and through its early support for our global ophthalmology innovation program, will impact the lives of many vulnerable patients globally."*

**Dr. Kunal Parikh, Asst Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine 2015-17 ARCS MWC Roche Scholar Alum, Johns Hopkins University**



*"Thank you to ARCS for its incredible legacy of supporting advanced education and fostering innovation. Over its history, ARCS has been nothing short of a disruptor in higher education, empowering scholars to make profound contributions to national security, human prosperity, and the advancement of knowledge."*

**Dr. Gurpartap (GP) Sandhoo, Deputy Director at the Space Development Agency (SDA), 1995-97 ARCS MWC Scholar Alum, George Washington University**

*"Investing in people at the beginning of their research careers will have great impact going forward. This is more impactful than recognition at the end of a career."*

**Peter J. McDonnell, MD, Alan and Marlene Norton Director, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Medicine, 2019 ARCS Alumni Hall of Fame Recipient, 1981-82 ARCS MWC Scholar**



## ARCS MWC Eagle Honoree Remarks (Annual STEM Leader Award)



*"To the ARCS Foundation Metro Washington Chapter—thank you! For your commitment to science, for your investment in people, and for understanding that national strength begins with human talent. We do not inherit the future; we build it! And we will only build it if we invest in the people capable of carrying it forward."*

**The Honorable Deborah Wince-Smith, Founder and CEO of the Council on Competitiveness, 2026 ARCS MWC Eagle Honoree**

*"I am excited to announce that ARCS Metro Washington and the Global Autoimmune Institute have entered into a 10 year partnership. The GAI-ARCS MWC partnership will annually channel funds to support one PhD Scholar performing research in one or more fields that advance GAI's goals under the umbrella of autoimmune disease: Cutting-edge research in immunology and autoimmunity, multidisciplinary approaches to diagnosis and treatment, and improved patient-centered education and communication."*

**Sandy Werness, Executive Director, Global Autoimmune Institute**



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## JOIN US IN EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Get involved in supporting the nation's future STEM leaders through donations or becoming a member.

*"As Co-Presidents, we are very proud of our ARCS MWC Scholars who fulfill the ARCS mission to advance U.S. competitiveness through their amazing research. Moreover, our chapter makes this all happen through the contributions of our volunteers, an outstanding group of women leaders!"*

**Julie Hohl and Jane Riddle, 2025-27 Co-Presidents,  
ARCS Foundation Metro Washington**

### SCHOLAR SPONSORSHIP & OPPORTUNITIES

#### **\$100,000 Donation to Endowment Fund**

Graduate Scholar once every 5 years  
into perpetuity

#### **\$15,000 Donation**

Graduate Scholar for 1 year

#### **\$5,000 Donation**

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with three consecutive \$5,000 gifts,  
a Graduate Scholar

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