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## BECKMAN FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF BECKMAN SCHOLARS

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation is pleased to announce the 25th anniversary of its Beckman Scholars Program, an institutional award program that has, since its inception, supplied greater than \$36 million in funding support for mentored undergraduate research at more than 140 higher education institutions across the country. Through December 2023, the Foundation will mark the milestone with a special campaign involving Scholar spotlights, new social media series, and exciting additions to its online content, searchable under the hashtag *BSPTurns25*.

“Twenty-five years ago, the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation made a commitment to supporting a unique research opportunity for undergraduate students – providing a stipend for student researchers to spend 15 months working on a research project in collaboration with a mentor,” said Dr. Anne Hultgren, Beckman Foundation Executive Director. “The goal? For undergraduates to truly experience the research process, with the time needed to conceive of and complete a complex research project to prepare them to excel in the next stage of their scientific training. Scholars not only answer their research questions, but also learn about their passions and the many ways they can pursue their interest in science. The result? Over 1,500 Beckman Scholars have completed original research projects as part of the program, with alumni going on to impact academia, medicine, and industry.”

### Scholar Spotlights

Coinciding with the milestone campaign is the debut of the Beckman Friday Feature, a magazine-style piece focused on program awardees and their research that will be shared on the third Friday of each month. Question-and-answer blog conversations with Beckman Scholars will highlight the impact of the program on their academic and professional endeavors, and throwback photos, videos, and new slideshows and headers will include over 700 awardees. A rotating “hero” image on the BSP page of the Foundation’s website will display images of Scholars in the lab with callout captions detailing their research and institution.

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### **New Social Media Series**

On [Instagram](#) and [X](#) (formerly Twitter), followers will have an opportunity to get to know their fellow Beckman awardees in a fun and creative way through the Foundation's "A Day in the Life" series and "Science Careers" series, respectively. The former features images supplied by current Beckman Scholars that intermingle personal and academic aspects of their lives, while the latter explores the professional journeys and accomplishments of past Beckman Scholars.

### **Exciting Additions to Online Content**

In addition to a dedicated [campaign information page](#) on the Foundation's website, other online content kicks off in the month of October, including messages from the program's Executive Committee, a by-the-numbers program infographic, advice on selecting a research focus, and a five-part video interview with the Program Administrator.

Shared Dr. Hultgren, "As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Beckman Scholars Program, please join us in taking a deeper look at this program, its impact, and the personal stories of diverse Scholars that got their start in the research lab through this amazing program!"

### **About the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation**

Located in Irvine, California, the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation supports researchers and nonprofit research institutions in making the next generation of breakthroughs in chemistry and the life sciences. Founded in 1977 by 20th century scientific instrumentation pioneer Dr. Arnold O. Beckman and Mrs. Mabel Beckman, the Foundation supports United States institutions and young scientists whose creative, high-risk, and interdisciplinary research will lead to innovations and new tools and methods for scientific discovery. For more information, visit [beckman-foundation.org](http://beckman-foundation.org).

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