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Carl and Betty Helmholtz Scholarship Endowment established at International House, Berkeley

Over thirty donors have stepped forward jointly to establish a \$250,000 endowment in the name of Carl and Betty Helmholtz that will provide annual International House room and board awards for an entering UC Berkeley first-year doctoral student, preferably in physics. Through a special matching program established with Cal's Graduate Division, the recipient will also receive University tuition, fees, and a \$5K stipend. Additional contributions continue to be received to further strengthen the fund, which will operate in perpetuity.

The scholarship honors the late Carl Helmholtz, nuclear physicist and former Chair of the UC Berkeley Physics department from 1955 to 1962. The fund also honors Betty Helmholtz, Carl's wife, who provided distinguished service to the International House board for nine years. Each shared a dedication to the mission of International House to foster cross-cultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills to promote a more tolerant and peaceful world. The fund that bears their name will ensure the Helmholtz legacy of contributions to the campus community continues.

The effort to establish the fund was led by Howard Mel, a professor emeritus of Biophysics, who championed the cause and initiated outreach to the more than thirty contributors who collectively shaped the fund.

The endowment is one of ten recently established scholarships created in conjunction with "I-House's" unprecedented \$10 million dollar 75th Anniversary campaign. Each provides significant new resources for the unique cross-cultural experiences International House was established to foster for students around the world and throughout the U.S.

This unique matching fund partnership between campus and the self-supporting non-profit "I-House" is referred as the "Gateway Fellowship Program" as it provides mutual benefit by opening proverbial gateways to both campus and I-House for students with financial need. The partnership enables Cal to better compete for students with other Universities offering "total package" and housing awards, while I-House is assured of continued socio-economic as well as international diversity among its nearly 600 residents. With I-House private room and board costs in the range of \$11,500 annually and Graduate Division matches providing a value of more than \$40,000 for out-of-state or overseas students, donors to such endowments can receive a better than three to one match for their contributions.

Although the I-House campaign formally concludes March 1, 2007, International House hopes to establish further Gateway opportunities before July 1, 2007.

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International House is a residential and program center at the University of California at Berkeley, dedicated to fostering understanding and friendship among the peoples of all nations, races and cultures. Its active program schedule, ranging from cultural festivals to discussions on world issues, enhances global understanding in the community and on the Berkeley campus. International House is a separate and self-supporting non-profit organization with close ties to the University of California, Berkeley.

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