

# **Comprehensive Giving Guide**

## Our Legacy of Scientific Excellence

Fisk University has a distinguished legacy of scientific achievement, particularly in physics and chemistry. Pioneering scientists connected to Fisk have made significant contributions to scientific knowledge and broken barriers in academia and research.



**Alfred O. Coffin, Ph.D.**

First African American to earn a Ph.D. in  
biological sciences (1889)



**Elmer Imes, Ph.D.**

Second African American to earn a Ph.D. in  
Physics, whose work contributed to early  
understanding of molecular structure

The Allied Sciences Building will honor this legacy while providing a foundation for the next generation of scientific breakthroughs by Fisk students and faculty.

# Project Highlights

- **State-of-the-art laboratories** for research and teaching in biology, chemistry, physics, and computer science
- **Modern classrooms** with the latest educational technology
- **Collaborative spaces** to foster interdisciplinary learning and innovation
- **Faculty offices** to support mentorship and academic excellence
- **Science gardens** to enhance the campus environment
- **Sustainable design** incorporating energy-efficient features and environmentally responsible materials

# Ways to Give

There are multiple ways you can support the Allied Sciences Building campaign:

## One-Time Gift

Make an immediate impact with a one-time donation. Gifts of any size are welcome and appreciated.

## Multi-Year Pledge

Spread your contribution over multiple years, allowing you to make a more significant impact while managing your philanthropy.

## Matching Gifts

Many employers match charitable contributions, potentially doubling or tripling your impact. Check with your human resources department.

## Planned Giving

Include Fisk University in your estate plans, creating a legacy that will benefit generations of students.

## Stocks & Securities

Donate appreciated stocks or securities for potential tax advantages while supporting the campaign.

## Corporate Partnerships

Companies can engage through sponsorships, naming opportunities, and collaborative research initiatives.

## Endowments & Funds

Establish named endowments or funds that provide ongoing support

for faculty positions, student scholarships, research initiatives, and program development.

# Naming Opportunities

As an esteemed partner in this initiative, you will have the opportunity to name specific areas within the building, aligning your legacy with the next generation of STEM leaders.

| Space                     | Description                                           | Investment   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Building Naming           | Naming rights for the entire Allied Sciences Building | \$15 million |
| Large Research Laboratory | Cutting-edge research facilities                      | \$1 million  |
| Teaching Laboratories     | Hands-on learning in the sciences                     | \$750,000    |
| Atrium/Main Floor Lobby   | Central heart of the building                         | \$750,000    |
| Large Classroom           | Primary instructional space                           | \$500,000    |
| Faculty Offices           | Heart of mentorship and academic excellence           | \$200,000    |
| Science Gardens           | Ornamental gardens enhancing the environment          | \$25,000     |

# Future Scientist Circle

Join our community of individual donors committed to building the next generation of leaders in science and healthcare:

## Lab Assistant: \$1,000

Name listed on digital donor wall and welcome letter from a STEM student

## Research Advocate: \$2,500

All previous benefits plus invitation to a private donor update webinar with Fisk science faculty

## STEM Builder: \$5,000

All previous benefits plus name listed in the printed program at the Allied Sciences Building Opening Ceremony

## Innovation Partner: \$10,000

All previous benefits plus personalized video message from a student or faculty member

## Discovery Leader: \$25,000+

All previous benefits plus private campus tour, recognition in Fisk's annual Philanthropy Report, and donor spotlight

## Discovery Leader Plus: \$25,000+

All previous benefits plus naming opportunity for an area in the Allied Sciences Building

# Project Timeline

The Allied Sciences Building project will progress through several key phases:

## Phase 1

Campaign Launch & Initial  
Fundraising

## Phase 2

Building Completion &  
Move-In

## Phase 3

Grand Opening  
Celebration

*"The Allied Sciences Building represents not just an investment in Fisk's campus, but an investment in the future of scientific discovery and healthcare innovation. By training the diverse scientific workforce of tomorrow, we are addressing critical needs in our society while continuing Fisk's legacy of excellence."*

— **Crystal Churchwell Evans, Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs**



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How long will the construction take?**

The Allied Sciences Building construction is anticipated to take approximately 24 months from groundbreaking to completion.

### **How will my gift be recognized?**

Donors will be recognized in accordance with their giving level. This may include digital recognition, printed materials, naming opportunities, events, and personal acknowledgments.

### **Can I designate my gift for a specific purpose within the building?**

Yes, donors may direct their gifts toward specific areas or programs within the Allied Sciences Building. Please contact our development team to discuss your interests.

### **Are gifts to the Allied Sciences Building tax-deductible?**

Yes, gifts to Fisk University are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor for specific guidance.

### **How will my gift impact students?**

Your gift will directly enhance the educational experience of Fisk students by providing access to modern facilities, equipment, and learning spaces that will prepare them for successful careers in STEM fields.

## Tax Benefits of Giving

Beyond the impact of your gift on Fisk students, your contribution may provide significant tax advantages:

- Income tax deductions
- Avoidance of capital gains taxes on donated appreciated assets
- Reduction of estate taxes
- Income stream through certain giving vehicles

Please consult with your financial advisor for specific guidance on maximizing the tax benefits of your charitable contributions.

# Contact Information

## For More Information

We would be delighted to discuss how you can support the Allied Sciences Building campaign in a way that aligns with your philanthropic goals.

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