SUPPORTING CAL POLY ENGINEERING FOR 27 years

The Gene Haas Foundation has been an influential leader of Learn by Doing in Cal Poly’s College of Engineering for three decades. Since 1989, the foundation has been an important partner in fostering a progressive, hands-on learning environment that positively impacts Cal Poly Engineering students – both during their time here on campus and long after they graduate.

We are grateful for the indelible footprint the Gene Haas Foundation has created at Cal Poly and look forward to an enduring partnership that will mold future generations of innovative, industry-ready graduates and manufacturing professionals.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
The Gene Haas Foundation’s commitment to Cal Poly can be seen in all corners of our College of Engineering. From your generous in-kind gifts, to your sponsorship of student scholarships, laboratory spaces, events and more, the foundation has influenced the minds and careers of countless students and faculty who have a passion for manufacturing. Your valued leadership has helped foster an environment where enterprising students are encouraged to face new challenges, develop solutions and grow into the innovative global leaders the engineering industry needs for the 21st century.
Thank you for sharing in our Learn by Doing vision, and for your partnership. You have inspired generations of graduates who are igniting a renaissance in U.S. manufacturing.
Sincerely,
Jeffrey O. Armstrong
President

IMPACTING STUDENTS
As an established Cal Poly partner, the Gene Haas Foundation has demonstrated outstanding leadership through its philanthropy, which empowers our students to seek out enterprising experiences that prepare them for future success as engineers. These investments have a broad impact on our students, the university’s hands-on learning approach, and the industry itself through the development of outstanding leaders through its philanthropy, which empowers our students to seek out enterprising experiences that prepare them for future success as engineers. These investments have a broad impact on our students, the university’s hands-on learning approach, and the industry itself through the development of outstanding leaders.

The Gene Haas Foundation supports Cal Poly students and faculty through:

- **Entrusted CNC machines.** Haas entrusts CNC machines to both our Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Departments. This significant benefit allows students to learn hands-on engineering using the latest state-of-the-art machinery.
- **Scholarship support.** The foundation generously provides annual scholarships to support students interested in careers in manufacturing, providing $100,000 in the past three years alone.
- **Lab support.** Haas has been a leader for our manufacturing program since its inception, contributing funding, equipment, and engineering expertise. In the past three years, the foundation has given $90,000 to support and upgrade three manufacturing laboratories.
- **Tooling and material donations.** Haas regularly donates new tooling and materials that allow our program to focus its resources in other areas. In the past two years, Haas has provided brand new cutting tools valued at approximately $100,000, 80,000 pounds of unused steel and aluminum, and other in-kind gifts.
- **Student projects and events.** Haas has been a consistent partner in Learn by Doing by providing student projects, offering mentorship, and sponsoring events.
- **Internships and Employment Opportunities.** Haas is a steady provider of internships and job opportunities for our students and graduates.

HTECH AT CAL POLY
Haas’ leadership in CNC and manufacturing education is key in boosting industry in the U.S. and abroad. In particular, the Haas Technical Education Center Conferences (HTECH) held annually around the nation provide an opportunity for 250 CNC educators and practitioners to collaborate. Cal Poly had the honor of hosting the four-day event last summer, strengthening the university’s position in the industry and academia as a national leader in manufacturing education and workforce provider.

CAMPUSS INVOLVEMENT
The Gene Haas Foundation provides valuable mentoring and guidance through corporate volunteerism on campus.

Haas has an ongoing presence on campus and an impact on the manufacturing curriculum through participation in advisory boards, by presenting class and tech talks, and by collaborating on projects.

Cal Poly is grateful to Haas and its employees for generously giving their time and energy to serve as role models, educators and mentors to our students.

“I would be hard-pressed to determine the state of the IME department without the unique generosity of this organization or without Gene Haas in particular. We owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude. The Gene Haas Foundation has been a model for how industrial partners can collaborate with educational institutions.”

— JOSE MACEDO, CHAIR INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

“I’m extremely grateful to Haas. The Haas Scholarship allows me to spend less time working to meet expenses, and more time studying. In fact, I think I logged at least 20 hours per week last quarter in the Haas Automation Lab. The scholarship recognition also made me realize that manufacturing is the right path for me.”

— RICHARD GARRISON, MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING— MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ’01

“Learn by Doing was the biggest reason I went to Cal Poly, where students actually turn wrenches and design, build, break and fix things. By working on the Haas VF-2 and HL-2 machining center and CNC lathes as a student, I not only learned about Haas, but gained the experience I needed to land a job at the company and be productive out of the gate.”

— SCOTT GASICH, VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AND PRODUCTS, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ’01