



## Advancing the Transformative Power of Education

### Who We Are

Founded by Trellis Company (formerly TG), Trellis Foundation is a public charitable organization built on a 40-year heritage of supporting students and families in Texas who are pursuing their educational and career dreams. We focus on improving attainment for low- to moderate-income students who may not otherwise have an opportunity to earn a postsecondary credential or degree.

From 2006 to 2016, Trellis Company committed more than \$400 million to help nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions improve the rates of postsecondary completion. The Trellis Foundation's priorities are guided by the experience and expertise of the company's prior funding efforts as well as the institutional knowledge of the organization's work in student debt and decision-making.

### Our Mission

Trellis Foundation supports the innovation and growth of ideas and strategies that positively impact postsecondary attainment and affordability.

### What We Believe

Education – especially some form of postsecondary credential or degree – remains the most reliable method of increasing social and economic mobility. We believe everyone deserves an opportunity to attend and complete college. We support methods that help students afford to enroll in school and stay in school until graduation.

### Why It Matters

Postsecondary education serves both a private and a public good. It promotes equality and lifts individuals and families from poverty. It strengthens communities and creates a positive ripple effect. Our commitment is to improve the access to, and success in, higher education for everyone.