

Advancements in technology have changed the face of academia significantly by opening an endless world of opportunity to students and faculty alike. Now, providing students with technology is as crucial as providing them with books; however, technology also comes with a cost, which can be a financial burden to many students.

I am writing to ask for your help in reaching **two goals that will help our students succeed:**

- 1) provide the necessary tools that will enable the Luther College Library to continue as a leader in learning technology, and
- 2) provide students with free access to the tools necessary to flourish in their university studies.

GOAL 1: Purchase 5 iPads and 5 laptop computers for the Luther College Library.

The Luther College Library currently has 5 iPads available for one-week loans by students on a first-come, first-served basis. The iPads are in very high demand and are continually on loan with an additional 5-10 loan requests made daily by students that library staff have to turn away. At this time, the Library has no laptop computers available to loan to students.

With your support, the Library would be able to purchase an additional 5 iPads and 5 laptop computers available for loan by students. This would enable the Luther College Library to provide the same high level of student service for which it has become so well known. And it would provide a valuable service to students who can't afford such technology.



"An iPad gives me immediate access to information and programs required for my studies as I work towards my goal of applying for a professional program in medicine. Free access to iPads through the Luther College Library reduces my financial stress as tuition continues to increase, and provides me with the flexibility to study anywhere as I am constantly on the go working three part-time jobs on top of taking a full course load."

Maria F. Garcia Vargas, Fourth-Year Luther Science Student

GOAL 2: Purchase Equipment that will enable Podcast training and assignments.

Luther College courses are constantly evolving to better engage, prepare, and enhance the skills of our students. One such new method is through the use of podcasts. Think of podcasts as recorded radio shows! Class assignments might now include a podcast in the form of an interview, presentation on a new topic or a discussion panel. In place of writing a paper, students research and prepare scripts prior to recording and editing their assignment, and gain a new skill set in the process.

Your gift would provide all students including students taking Luther College courses access to a Podcast Studio in the Luther College Library, a ground-breaking technology and the first on campus to be accessible to all students. Portable recording kits would also be made available for use in their assignments.



"In using a medium students are familiar with and excited about, they will be more engaged and ideally invest more time and effort into creating thoughtful, quality content. Students will not only become better writers through these assignments, but will also be able to add their podcasts to a portfolio that will be useful for their careers or graduate school applications."

Scott J. Wilson, Writing Across the Disciplines Coordinator

The cost to achieve the above two goals including purchasing iPads, laptop computers, Podcast Studio equipment, and portable recording kits is \$15,000.

Please consider making a donation today. **Your gift will provide all students free-of-charge access to the tools they need in order to succeed in their university studies.**

Thank you for supporting Luther College at the University of Regina where students are encouraged to "think deeply, act passionately, and live faithfully." Your gift will make a significant difference in the lives of our students!

Sincerely,



Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78)
President

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