

Stanford University



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History of Stanford

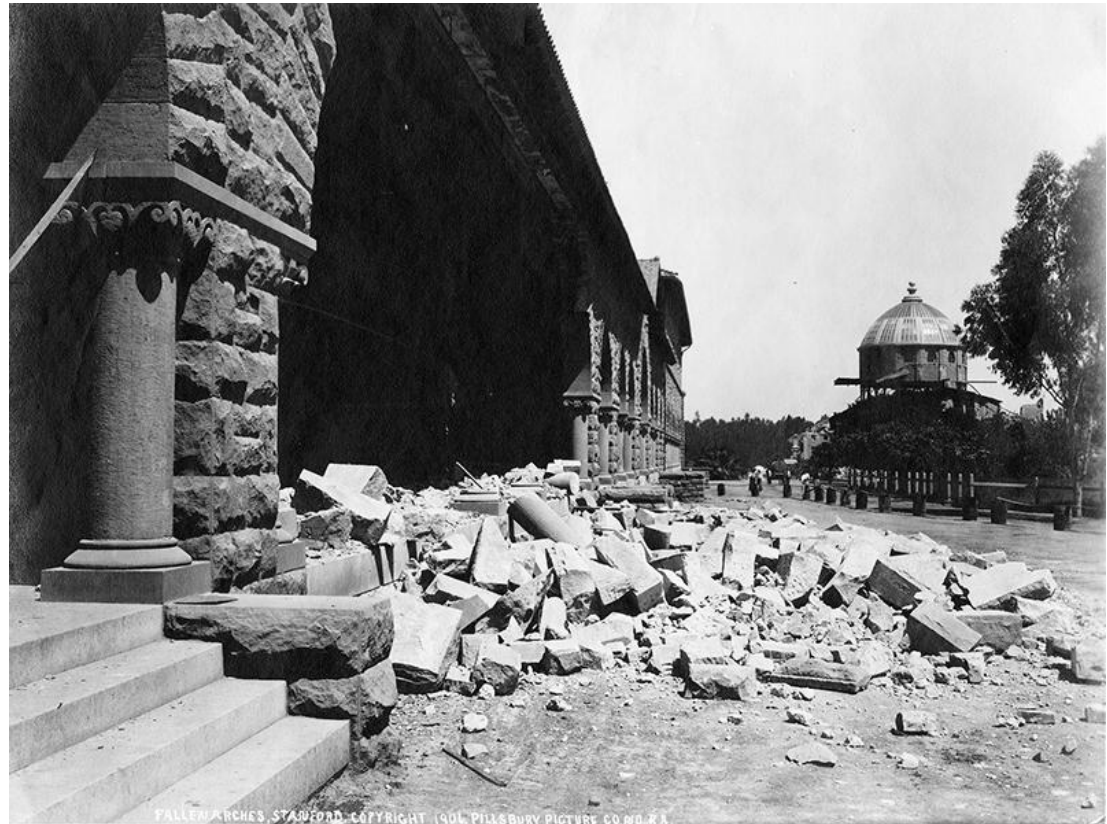
Stanford was founded by Leland Stanford, a railroad magnate, U.S. senator, and former California governor, together with his wife, Jane Lathrop Stanford. It is named in honor of their only child, Leland Stanford, Jr., who died in 1884 from typhoid fever just before his 16th birthday. His parents decided to dedicate a university to their only son, and Leland Stanford told his wife, "The children of California shall be our children."

On October 1, 1891, Stanford University opened its doors after six years of planning and building. The first student body consisted of 555 men and women, and the original faculty of 15 was expanded to 49 for the second year. The university's first president was David Starr Jordan.



THE STANFORD FAMILY
Leland, Jane and Leland Jr.

After Leland Stanford's death in 1893, the university entered a period of financial and legal uncertainties resulting from federal challenges to his estate. During that time, Jane Stanford took over the responsibility of ensuring that the new university would prosper.



1906 EARTHQUAKE

The earthquake did extensive damage to Stanford's new campus, including this collapsed arcade wall along Lasuen Mall.

The 21st century has proven to be a period of rapid change, with growing demands on research institutions like Stanford, which was founded on the idea that teaching and research could and should benefit society.



21ST CENTURY CAMPUS

Stanford's new Science & Engineering Quad places basic scientists side by side with medical researchers and engineers.

Admission

Stanford students come from across the United States and throughout the world, representing different perspectives, experiences and cultures.



Schools (faculty) of Stanford

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Business

Medicine

Humanities
And
Science

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Academic years

	Bachelor	Master	Doctor
Business	-	2 years	4-5 years
Earth science	3 years	1 year	3 years
Education	-	1 year	3 years
Engineering	2-3 years	1 year	3 years
Humanities and science	1-2 years	1-2 years	3 years
Law	-	6 month	2 years
Medicine	1.5-2 years	1 year	3 years

Research

From Nobel Prize winners to undergraduates, all members of the Stanford community are engaged in creating new knowledge, and Stanford brings an innovative spirit to this work of discovery. Stanford people take on audacious problems, bring imaginative new approaches to solving them, and work collaboratively to advance knowledge and make meaningful contributions to our world.



Student Organizations and Student Government

There are about 650 organized student groups at Stanford. The student newspaper is the Stanford Daily. The Associated Students of Stanford University is the representative government for Stanford students. There are about 44 recognized religious organizations, and 88 committed to the arts. Stanford offers six cultural centers: Asian American Activities Center, Black Community Services Center, El Centro Chicano, LGBT Community Resource Center, the Markaz: Resource Center for Engagement with the Cultures and Peoples of the Muslim World, Native American Cultural Center and Women's Community Center.

