



HENRY DAVID THOREAU FOUNDATION PRESS KIT

In this press kit, you will find information to ease communication around working with us, as well as links and downloadable assets for press and outreach. We always encourage visiting thoreauscholar.org or contacting us for the most updated information.

Our Story

Back in the 1990s, our co-founders, George Galvin and John Hoffman, conceived the idea of providing funding to those seeking solutions to complex environmental issues. After nearly 60 years of running a private, nonprofit vocational school on Beacon Hill, they decided to close their school, yet were determined to deploy their school's assets for continued educational benefit. As avid boaters and beach lovers, they also wanted the school's legacy to benefit the natural world. It's difficult to imagine now, but at that time, establishing an undergraduate environmental scholarship and grant organization seemed radical. After many meetings and with a great team assembled, we formally began the Henry David Thoreau Foundation in 1998 and selected our first faculty grantees. Our first Henry David Thoreau Scholarships were awarded in 1999. Our foundation's work centers on environmental leadership. Some funders focus on graduate research, policy change, or election campaigns, but we zero in on the often overlooked and underestimated leaders of the environmental arena—college students. As of September 2023, we have 33 Thoreau Scholars and 185 alumni, and we have provided 65 faculty grants to 27 colleges and universities. With about a quarter century of work under our belt, we have funded and supported an entire generation of passionate scholars and visionary faculty grantees. Our total dollars deployed quickly approaches \$10 million. Although much has changed since the late 90s, our purpose remains clear: select and inspire those scholars and grantees capable of leading the way in the face of challenging environmental issues. Our mission is in good hands—our foundation's legacy being written in real time by curiosity, commitment, and hard work.

Contact Details

Henry David Thoreau Foundation
265 Medford Street, Suite 102
Somerville, MA 02143
Tel: (617) 666-6900 / Fax: (617) 666-0345

Dr. Jennifer Galvin, President / jennifer@thoreauscholar.org
Jackie Miller, Senior Administrator / jackie@thoreauscholar.org

Important Links / Logos + Social Media

Website: <https://www.thoreauscholar.org>

Logos: <https://bit.ly/HDTlogos>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ThoreauFdn>, @ThoreauFdn

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/15452687>

LinkedIn (private group): <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1963069/>

Facebook (private group): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thoreauscholar>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thoreaufoundation/>, @thoreaufoundation

When posting content on social media, consider these guidelines for inclusive language:
<https://www.linguisticsociety.org/resource/guidelines-inclusive-language>

Trademarks

The following terms are trademarks of the Henry David Thoreau Foundation:
Henry David Thoreau Scholars™, Henry David Thoreau Scholarship Fund™, Henry David Thoreau Scholarships™, Henry David Thoreau Foundation™, Henry David Thoreau Environmental Digest™, Henry David Thoreau Society™, Henry David Thoreau Society for the Environment™