Established in 1968 by a group of women dedicated to advancing science education, the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the ARCS Foundation has supported generations of promising young scientists at five leading universities in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. As one of the ARCS Foundation’s first chapters, the organization has been integral to the national foundation’s extraordinary success in raising funds for scholarships, awarded to graduate and undergraduate students pursuing degrees in science, engineering and medical research. ARCS Scholars have gone on to conduct groundbreaking research, develop thriving new enterprises, and inspire the next generation to pursue careers in science.

The Metropolitan Washington Chapter has been a steadfast partner to Georgetown since 1973, playing a vital role in sustaining and enhancing scientific study at the university. Chapter members have taken a personal interest in the research of ARCS Scholars, ranging from physics to neuroscience, and have enabled these students to join a network of distinguished professionals in their field. The chapter’s awarding of scholarships to Georgetown undergraduates, beginning in 2012, has further highlighted the central place of science in a liberal arts education. Providing support to young scholars at a critical stage in their development, the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the ARCS Foundation is helping to ensure our nation’s continued leadership in scientific and technological innovation.