

## Howard University establishes Knight Chair in Race in Journalism and appoints Nikole Hannah-Jones



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Dear Stephen,

Knight Foundation has a long tradition of funding endowed chairs at our nation's leading universities, so that distinguished journalists can bring their practical experience to the classroom. When Howard University approached us to establish a Knight Chair in Race and Journalism to train the next generation of Black journalists, we felt they were the right university at the right moment to do this because of their tradition of academic excellence and training of American leaders.

Knight's \$5 million investment to establish the chair at Howard — our first in over a decade — includes \$500,000 for the chair to help launch a symposium to strengthen journalism teaching across America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

We are delighted that Howard has named distinguished journalist Hannah-Jones as the inaugural Knight Chair in Race and Journalism. Howard also announced that another iconic American writer, Ta-Nehisi Coates, will join the university faculty, and that the MacArthur and Ford Foundations, along with an unidentified donor, had committed \$5 million each to the university, bringing the total to \$20 million.

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Knight endows academic chairs, not individual professors. Nevertheless, we note with great pleasure and pride that Hannah-Jones was appointed based on her outstanding career that's been recognized by journalism's Pulitzer, Polk and Peabody awards, a MacArthur Fellowship, and her election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Knight has now endowed 26 Knight Chairs and professors in journalism at 23 universities,

positions filled by top professionals who use their newsroom experience to prepare journalism students for real-world success.

Please join me in welcoming Hannah-Jones and Coates to the Howard faculty. I encourage you to learn more about our Knight chairs and professors and support their important work.

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