Roy Eddleman gives $1 million to establish new UCI graduate fellowship

Funds will support student learning and research in quantum science

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“Quantum science holds significant promises for humanity. To realize its fullest potential, we need to provide adequate support to the young scientists who want to pursue careers in this field,” says Roy Eddleman, who endowed a new graduate student fellowship in quantum science at UCI in the amount of $1 million.

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The University of California, Irvine has established a new graduate fellowship to benefit students pursuing advanced degrees in quantum science. The program was made possible through a $1 million endowment from philanthropist Roy T. Eddleman and matching funds provided by UCI’s Graduate Division.

Eddleman’s gift is a follow-on to the $1.5 million he donated to the university in 2020 to enable the creation of the Eddleman Quantum Institute, which focuses on research into quantum processes in nature. Work at the institute, led by William Evans, UCI Distinguished Professor of chemistry, could provide the fundamental building blocks for the next revolution in science and technology through quantum computing.

“Quantum science holds significant promises for humanity,” said Eddleman, founder of biotech company Spectrum Inc. “To realize its fullest potential, we need to provide adequate support to the young scientists who want to pursue careers in this field.”

The fellowship will help fund student learning and research in both chemistry and physics, emphasizing the interdisciplinary goals of the Eddleman Quantum Institute, according to Evans.

“Graduate students are the lifeblood of quantum science research at UCI,” he said. “These brilliant young people are tremendous ambassadors for educational outreach since they are close in age to the next generation of students who will find this field to be attractive.”

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