Distinction
Leadership
Influence
Siebel Scholars
Foundation
Founded in 2000 by the Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation, the Siebel Scholars program recognizes the most talented students at the world’s leading graduate schools of business, computer science, bioengineering, and energy science, forming an active, lifelong community among an ever-growing group of leaders. Each year, more than 90 exceptional students are selected as Siebel Scholars based on academic merit and receive a $35,000 award toward their final year of studies.

Over the last 20 years, the Siebel Scholars program has funded $45 million in grants to top universities including Carnegie Mellon University; École Polytechnique; Harvard University; Johns Hopkins University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Northwestern University; Politecnico di Torino; Princeton University; Stanford University; Tsinghua University; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, San Diego; University of Chicago; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; University of Pennsylvania; and The University of Tokyo.

Today, over 1,400 of the world’s brightest minds are Siebel Scholars. This formidable group of executives, entrepreneurs, researchers, and philanthropists directly influences the technologies, policies, and economic and social decisions that shape the future.

Empowering a community of leaders
Siebel Scholars comprise a vibrant community of accomplished business, computer science, bioengineering, and energy science leaders. Every year, the dean of each participating school selects Siebel Scholars from among the top students, based upon outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership. Representing the best and brightest from around the globe, this distinguished group forms a unique professional and personal network—bringing together diverse insights and perspectives from business and engineering disciplines at the forefront of solutions to world-changing social issues.

The Siebel Scholars community actively fosters leadership, collaboration, and increased potential for Siebel Scholars to achieve through their work with an incomparable group of equally talented peers. Siebel Scholars are instrumental in the development and operation of projects undertaken by the Siebel Foundation. From large-scale initiatives to address global energy usage to community-based activities that help answer the need for public health solutions, Siebel Scholars actively advise the Siebel Foundation as it establishes strategies and programs to deliver meaningful social change.

- **2004**: Meth Project initiative launched
- **2008**: Siebel Stem Cell Research Institute founded
- **2010**: Chris Bradford (Class of 2005) recognized by The White House for co-founding the African Leadership Academy
- **2015**: Siebel Energy Institute founded

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Joining forces for a lasting impact

- 1,100 products innovated
- $2.7T assets managed
- 2,650 articles published
- 370 patents authored
- 150 companies founded
Since 2000, Siebel Scholars have convened at conferences for an extraordinary opportunity to examine global issues with heads of state, scientists, lawmakers, and industry experts in search of solutions to some of the world’s most urgent problems.

Participants in past Siebel Scholars conferences have included British Prime Minister John Major, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, former World Chess Champion Garry Kasparov, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt, U.S. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, U.S. Secretary of Defense Dr. Robert M. Gates, and U.S. Secretaries of State Alexander Haig and Condoleezza Rice.

The Siebel Scholars conference program is outcome oriented, and Siebel Scholars play a key role in transforming discussion into action. The 2007 conference on “The Economics of Alternative Energy,” and the 2010 conference on “Energy and Climate,” led to the creation of several initiatives to significantly advance energy efficiency and security. The 2004 conference, “Justice in America,” gave rise to the Meth Project. Since the Project’s inception, teen meth use dropped as much as 65% in some states, prompting Barron’s to place the Meth Project third in its worldwide ranking of the most effective philanthropies. The project also received commendation from the White House as “Most Influential Drug Program.”

The 2002 conference, “Stem Cell Research and the Role of the State in Regulating the Economy,” gave rise to the Siebel Stem Cell Institute—a joint stem cell research institute between the University of California, Berkeley, Stem Cell Center and Stanford Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine—to investigate the root causes of diseases and prospective therapies.

The 2019 conference, “Social Media: What Could Possibly Go Wrong,” focused on the mechanisms and implications of social media, including an examination of the science of manipulating humans, exploring potential dangers on critical domains such as privacy, security and public health as well as ethical and political consequences. Siebel Scholars along with leading researchers and academics collaborated on possible solutions necessary, if any, to regulate the risks before they cause irreparable harm to democracy and humanity.
Vision and Core Values

Siebel Scholars are examining some of today’s most pressing problems and advancing solutions. The principles underlying Siebel Scholars’ efforts are social responsibility, entrepreneurship, and lifelong community.

**Social Responsibility:** Siebel Scholars collaborate on solutions to critical social issues—with a focus on areas that are under-served and have the highest impact on society—through open, non-partisan exploration of ideas.

**Entrepreneurship:** Siebel Scholars apply business, computer science, bioengineering, and energy science expertise to drive breakthrough discoveries and fuel innovation.

**Lifelong Community:** Siebel Scholars form relationships with their peers and seek opportunities to provide community support through professional and social connections.