

# Philanthropy: Every little counts



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Since graduating from ETH Zurich in 2004 with a Master's degree in industrial manufacturing and engineering, Daniel Uhlmann has built a successful career in the automotive industry. He lives in St. Gallen and has two children. When he turned 35, he began making donations to ETH's Excellence Scholarship programme, starting at 50 Swiss francs a year and gradually increasing the sum as time went by.

Uhlmann is just one of many young people who are embracing philanthropy.

Small donations add up – and together they can make a big difference. The community of ETH benefactors is growing steadily year by year, boosting the amount of targeted support available for outstanding students and projects. Over 5,000 individuals have already signed up, most of them alumnae and alumni, professors and staff members. All of them deserve our gratitude.

"You don't have to be a Rockefeller to support research and teaching at a top university," says Uhlmann. "I'm proud to be doing my part to tackle major future challenges, help young people attend university, and foster equality of educational opportunities."

**Daniel Uhlmann**

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