

# About Us

Established in September 2000, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation is dedicated to advancing environmental conservation, scientific research, and patient care, as well as helping to improve the quality of life in the San Francisco Bay Area—Gordon and Betty Moore's home for more than 70 years.

The Foundation is devoted to the inspirational vision articulated by our founders, “creating positive outcomes for future generations.” This vision guides our mission: “to achieve significant, lasting and measurable results in environmental conservation, science, patient care, and the San Francisco Bay Area.” A set of core values—impact, integrity, disciplined approach, and collaboration—direct the Foundation’s work.

## Our Founders

In 1965, Gordon Moore made a rule-of-thumb prediction, later dubbed “Moore’s Law,” that has become a guiding principle for the delivery of ever more powerful semiconductor chips at proportionally lower costs. Today, this standard continues to set the pace of technology development and progress. Gordon has been committed to technological progress throughout his career as a leader in the new semiconductor industry, first as co-founder of Fairchild Semiconductor, and then as co-founder of Intel Corporation.

Betty met Gordon at San Jose State College where she received her bachelor’s degree in Journalism in 1949. Gordon and Betty were married the following year. While Gordon attended graduate school at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Betty worked for Consolidated Engineering Corporation in advertising and public relations before joining the Ford Foundation.

By establishing the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation together in 2000, the Moores’ philanthropic contributions build on the work they have dedicated to science, the environment, and patient care for decades, both at home and abroad.

## Areas of Focus

- The goal of the Foundation’s new Patient Care Program is to achieve, in collaboration with others, a fundamentally better approach to healthcare in our country that improves quality and safety, reduces costs, and ensures dignity and respect to both patients and those who serve them.
- The Foundation’s Science Program aims to make a significant impact on the development of provocative, transformative scientific research, and increase knowledge in emerging fields.
- The Foundation’s Environmental Conservation Program seeks to change the ways in which people use terrestrial, freshwater and coastal marine ecosystems to conserve critical ecological systems and functions, while allowing sustainable use.
- The goal of the Foundation’s San Francisco Bay Area Portfolio is to help the Bay Area thrive and support the quality of life so that future generations will benefit—as Gordon, Betty, and their family have.

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