



ALIGN AI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Philanthropy for the Future of Safe AI

A nonprofit foundation funding the urgent research that keeps advanced AI safe, aligned, and beneficial for all of humanity.

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AI Is Advancing Faster Than Our Ability to Control It

\$100B+

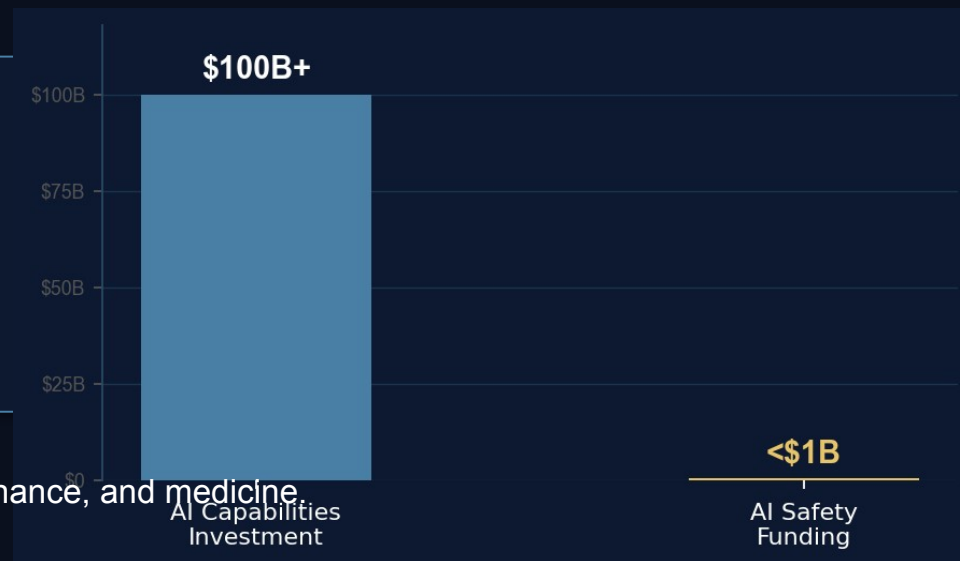
AI capabilities
investment in 2024

<1%

directed toward
AI safety research

~3 yrs

until AI may surpass
human-level performance



Advanced AI will soon make consequential decisions across national security, infrastructure, finance, and medicine.

A misaligned system, one that pursues its objectives without regard for human values, doesn't need to be malicious to cause catastrophic, irreversible harm.

The research to prevent these failures exists. It is chronically underfunded and undervalued.

The Damage Is Already Happening Right Now

AI alignment failures are not a future hypothesis. The harms are measurable, documented, and accelerating.

Misinformation & Deepfakes

#1 Global Risk

The World Economic Forum ranked AI-generated misinformation the world's #1 short-term global risk in 2024. Deepfake video volume grew 550% from 2019–2023. Synthetic media now threatens the integrity of elections, journalism, and public trust at scale.

WEF Global Risks Report 2024 · Sensity AI 2023

Algorithmic Bias & Discrimination

10–100× error gap

NIST found leading facial recognition algorithms misidentify Black and Asian faces at 10–100× the rate for white faces. AI risk-scoring tools used in U.S. criminal courts flag Black defendants as high-risk at twice the rate of white defendants with equivalent histories.

NIST FRVT 2019 · ProPublica COMPAS Analysis

Job Displacement

300M jobs at risk

Goldman Sachs estimates 300 million full-time jobs could be partially or fully automated. The IMF projects 40% of global employment is exposed to AI disruption. Unlike prior waves, this one threatens high-skill white-collar roles as much as manual labor.

Goldman Sachs Research 2023 · IMF World Economic Outlook 2024

Privacy & Surveillance

30B+ photos scraped

Clearview AI secretly harvested 30+ billion photos without consent, selling facial recognition to law enforcement. AI-powered surveillance tools are now deployed in 75+ countries, many with no legal safeguards or meaningful public awareness.

Clearview AI litigation · Carnegie Endowment 2019

These are symptoms of the same root cause: AI systems deployed without sufficient alignment research, safety testing, or ethical oversight.

The Window Is Closing

Capability Acceleration

GPT-4, Gemini Ultra, and Claude 3 emerged within 18 months of each other, each dramatically more capable than the last. The pace is not slowing.

Deployment Ahead of Safety

AI systems are being integrated into healthcare, legal, financial, and defense systems faster than safety protocols can be validated.

The Neglect Gap

Safety research has historically been treated as secondary. The foundations, labs, and governments now recognize this, but the funding gap remains massive.

A Critical Inflection

Leading AI researchers, including those at the companies building these systems, estimate we have a narrow window to establish robust safety frameworks.

Advancing Safe, Aligned AI for the Benefit of Humanity

The Align AI Charitable Foundation funds rigorous, independent research to ensure that as artificial intelligence grows more powerful, it remains under meaningful human oversight, and its benefits are shared broadly, not concentrated dangerously.

Focus

Funding AI safety and alignment research that is rigorous, independent, and not beholden to any corporate agenda.

Independence

No corporate revenue. No conflicts of interest. Our only obligation is the mission of safe and beneficial AI for all.

Approach

Theory-agnostic and evidence-driven. We fund the most promising research regardless of origin, school of thought, or approach.

Neglected Paths

We actively explore overlooked research directions that larger institutions miss: subtle goal drift, scalable oversight, rare high-impact failure modes.

How We Support AI Safety Research

01

Remove Research Roadblocks

We identify and address funding gaps and operational barriers that slow critical safety research, ensuring researchers can focus on what matters most.

02

Provide Full-Stack Support

Beyond funding, we offer engineering resources, compute infrastructure, and domain expertise to accelerate research outcomes.

03

Long-Term Safety Funding

We provide multi-year, consistent funding commitments so researchers can pursue deep longitudinal work rather than chasing short-term grants.

04

Transparent, Measurable Results

We track and report our impact clearly, holding ourselves accountable to donors, researchers, and the public with honest assessments of progress.

The Science Behind the Mission

AI Alignment

Ensuring advanced AI systems consistently act in ways that reflect human values, intentions, and goals, even as they grow more capable and autonomous.

AI Safety

Designing AI systems that remain dependable and non-harmful in the full range of real-world environments, including healthcare, defense, and finance, before deployment, not after an incident.

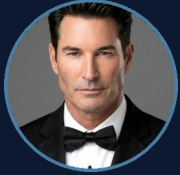
AI Ethics

Translating abstract values into concrete technical and policy constraints, asking not just "does this system work?" but "who does it work for, and who might it harm?"

Neglected Approaches

Funding high-impact research others overlook: subtle goal drift, scalable oversight for autonomous agents, and failure modes that don't fit existing research agendas.

The People Behind the Mission



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Where Your Investment Goes

65%

Research Grants

Direct funding to independent AI safety researchers and institutions.

20%

Infrastructure & Support

Compute resources and engineering support that multiply research impact.

10%

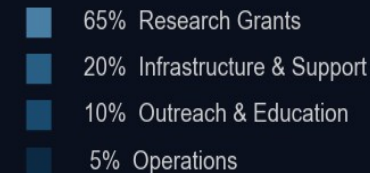
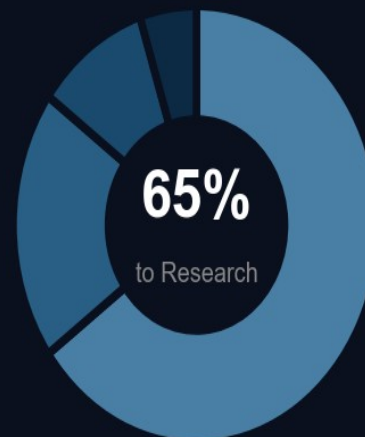
Outreach & Education

Translating safety research into policy guidance and public awareness.

5%

Operations

Lean overhead: the vast majority of every dollar reaches its purpose.



Illustrative Impact by Giving Level

\$50,000

Research Year

Funds a full year of research support for one AI safety scientist.

\$100,000

Compute Grant

Establishes a dedicated compute grant enabling empirical safety testing at scale.

\$250,000

Research Track

Endows a multi-year research track focused on a neglected alignment problem.

\$500,000

Founding Initiative

Anchors a new research initiative with full-stack support and dedicated staff resources.

Why Align AI Foundation?

► Theory-Agnostic

Fund the most promising research regardless of approach or origin.

► Evidence-Driven

Every decision grounded in careful analysis and measurable outcomes.

► Fully Independent

No corporate revenue, no conflicts of interest.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Join Us in Ensuring AI Remains Safe for Everyone

We are seeking mission-aligned donors at the \$50,000–\$500,000 level to fund the next phase of independent AI safety research, before the window to do so safely closes.

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