



**For over a century, USC engineering has made history.
Today, alumnus Ming Hsieh leaves his own distinctive mark.**

Ming Hsieh:

- Founder (1990), CEO, president and chairman of the board of Cogent, Inc., a leading provider of automated fingerprint identification systems.
- USC Alumnus with a BS ('83) and an MS ('84) in Electrical Engineering.
- Recipient of the Mark A. Stevens Distinguished Alumni Award from the USC Viterbi School.

USC Viterbi School of Engineering:

- Celebrating 100 years of engineering excellence.
- Consistently ranks in the top 10 on the *U.S. News & World Report's* list of graduate engineering programs.
- One of only four engineering schools to have two currently active National Science Foundation Engineering Research Centers. It is also the home of the first Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence.
- Faculty includes 26 members of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), four winners of the Shannon Award, one Turing Prize winner, and more than 40 recipients of national junior faculty career awards.
- Electrical Engineering faculty includes 11 NAE members, four of whom are also members of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- Home of the Distance Education Network, the nation's leading graduate engineering e-learning program.

**Presenting the USC Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering:
Endowed with the largest gift ever for an
engineering department, poised to shape the next century.**



One hundred years ago, the first engineering course taught at USC was in electrical engineering. Since then, this prolific department and its alumni have led the technological revolution of the 20th century with ground breaking research in cell phone technology, communications, photonics, devices, and much more. Ming Hsieh's gift provides a solid foundation for the department's next one hundred years. And this is not his first mark on the world. Raised in China, Ming Hsieh worked his way to USC and went on to found Cogent, Inc., which revolutionized automated fingerprint identification. Now, he's setting a record for generosity to an engineering department that boasts 11 National Academy members, 21 IEEE Fellows, multiple IEEE Gold Medal Award winners and 4 Shannon Awards. In other words, the future isn't just bright. It's brilliant.

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