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Flexner Circle (\$500-\$999)

Benefits include:

- Donor's name on a specially designed bookplate in an IAS library book
- Priority ticketing for the Institute's Edward T. Cone Concert Series
- Listing in the Institute's Annual Report as a leadership donor and Circles member

Aydelotte Circle (\$1,000-\$1,499)

Benefits include:

- All of the above as well as
- Institute ID card providing access to the IAS Dining Hall for lunches and dinners (normal meal fees apply)

Oppenheimer Circle (\$1,500 and more)

Benefits include:

- All of the above as well as
- Invitations to Friends of the Institute events, such as the Holiday Party and Annual Picnic hosted by the Director
- Use of the Institute's guest house, Marquand House, for overnight accommodations (as space is available, normal housing rates apply)

For further information on making a leadership gift and on the benefits of joining one of the Circles, please contact Linda Geraci at llg@ias.edu or (609) 734-8259.

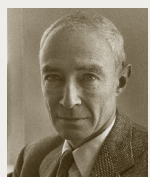
The first three Directors of the Institute for Advanced Study served a total of 36 years, from its founding in 1930 to 1966.



Abraham Flexner (1866–1959), more than any other individual, conceived and developed the idea that found expression as the Institute for Advanced Study. Flexner was the Institute’s first Director from 1930–39. A prominent figure in American education reform, he expressed his philosophy in “The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge”. The Institute exists today largely due to his vision and enthusiasm. He was prescient in seeing the need for an institution that crosses disciplinary boundaries; that provides scholars and scientists of proven achievement the opportunity to pursue research driven by their own intellectual curiosity; that selects only on the basis of ability: a true academic village—a community of scholars.



Frank Aydelotte (1880–1956) served as Director of the Institute from 1939–47, including World War II. He was highly regarded by the Faculty and was considered a peacekeeper during a significant phase in IAS history. During his term, the Institute was host to the Economics and Financial Organization of the League of Nations from 1940–45. He oversaw the installation of the first Member housing, and just before the end of his directorship, the Electronic Computer Project began at the Institute under the direction of Professor John von Neumann. Aydelotte is celebrated for his leadership of Swarthmore College, serving as President from 1921–40.



J. Robert Oppenheimer (1904–67) served as Director from 1947–66. His charismatic leadership of the Institute in the post-war era was transformative. Credited with making the Institute a world center for the development of high-energy physics and field theory, he facilitated significant Faculty appointments in the Schools of Mathematics and Historical Studies. He is well known for his leadership of the Manhattan Project and he chaired the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1947–52. In the 1948–53 “Report of the Director” he wrote, “The Institute, in short, is devoted to learning, in the double sense of the continued education of the individual and of the intellectual enterprise on which he is embarked.”

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- \$1,000 (Membership in the Aydelotte Circle)
- \$500 (Membership in the Flexner Circle)
- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- Other _____

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- I am associated with a matching gifts company. Enclosed is the completed form.
- I would like to contribute securities or other appreciated assets. To do so, please contact Linda Geraci at (609) 734-8259 or llg@ias.edu.
- Please send me information on Charitable Gift Annuities, Trusts, Bequests, and other forms of planned giving.
- I have arranged for a gift to the Institute in my will.

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