



The Dean's Scholarship Fund

Supporting Excellence



The University of Sydney
FACULTY OF MEDICINE



Message from the Dean

“What could be better than encouraging and enabling young people to fulfil their potential? Helping medical students to become the doctors and researchers that the community and nation desires, is one of the most important and rewarding contributions we can make to the future of medicine and healthcare. I invite you to support our scholarship program.”



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Student Financial Assistance Scholarships

Bright, motivated and able medical students should be able to complete their studies to their best of their ability – regardless of their financial circumstances.

For many of our students, though, the reality is different. Having already completed one degree, medical students are older and often still studying well into their late 20s or 30s. Many live away from home, paying rent for expensive accommodation in inner-Sydney suburbs. Some have family commitments.

The course workload is heavy, but often students have no alternative but to work significant part-time hours to make ends meet. On top of this, there is the burden of mounting HECS debts.

The Faculty is well aware of the financial pressure on many of our students. We would like to expand the number of Financial Assistance scholarships so talented students can achieve at their highest level.

Eligibility will be assessed annually and scholarships awarded between \$2,000–\$5,000 per annum.

“Receiving the scholarship has provided huge relief to me financially as well as having broadened my medical experience by allowing me to afford and enjoy the rural placements required by my degree.”

Ryan Downey

Ryan Downey graduated MBBS 2007.

He received a Financial Assistance Scholarship awarded by the Medical Graduates Association.



Elective Term Scholarships

One of the aims of the University of Sydney's medical program is to encourage students to expand their horizons and to appreciate that they are part of a broader, global medical community.

Students in third and fourth years of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees study in hospitals in the Faculty's clinical schools. They can, if they choose, elect to complete a rotation in a rural or regional area of Australia, including in Indigenous communities. They can seek placements in developing countries, Europe or North America.

For many, elective term placements are their first opportunity to experience medicine away from Sydney, to face new challenges and broaden their understanding of different people and places.

These beneficial experiences, however, are not possible for all students. Those with financial commitments – and often growing debts – may not be in a position to pay for travel expenses or cover even very basic accommodation costs.

We would like to be able to assist those who wish to pursue one of the elective term placements but who need financial assistance to do so.

Elective term scholarship: from \$2,000–\$5,000

“For my medical elective, I spent eight fantastic weeks at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, a large hospital for North East Tanzania in the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. My experience was invaluable in terms of what I learned medically, the cultural and social experience and how I developed personally and professionally. I am incredibly grateful for the Dr Catherine Hamlin Elective Term Scholarship, as without this help it would simply not have been possible to fund this trip.”

Sarah-Beth Emerson MBBS 2007

Indigenous Health Scholarships

Attracting and supporting talented Indigenous students to study medicine or pursue careers in public health is a national health challenge. Training more Indigenous health professionals has the potential to make an enormous contribution to improving the health of Indigenous Australians.

We also want to attract and support non-Indigenous students who wish to make a career in Indigenous health. For the foreseeable future, the Indigenous population alone cannot generate the number of health professionals needed to reduce the gap in life expectancies between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.



Indigenous Health scholarships will be offered to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in the University of Sydney Medical Program or Public Health courses. They will also be available to other students studying Indigenous health and will be awarded on the basis of need and merit.

The scholarships will assist with study and living expenses and would range from \$2,000–\$5,000 per year.

Merit Scholarships

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney has nationally and internationally recognised teaching and research programs but global competition for the brightest minds is increasingly intense. Attracting talented, high achieving students and supporting them as they investigate and pursue their ideas has the potential to provide benefits felt well beyond this University.

Merit scholarships are awarded to University of Sydney Medical Program students to recognise and reward outstanding academic achievement.

Up to \$5,000 per annum.



“Winning the John Harris Scholarship has made me aware of the support there is for me to succeed. It has encouraged me and given me confidence to know I am on track.”

Sonia Asfari

Scholarship Support



"I had to work for most of the time I was studying for my degree so I understand how difficult it is for young people in the Medical Program today."

Billie Greening

Dr Billie Greening
MBBS 1956

Dr Dorothy "Billie" Greening donated \$100,000 to support a scholarship for students facing financial difficulty. She was inspired by an article she read in *Radius*, The Faculty of Medicine and Medical Graduates Association magazine, which told of the number of medical students who need to work long hours to support themselves while studying.

Naming of Scholarships

Naming a scholarship after a family member or an esteemed colleague is a wonderful way for their memory to be valued in perpetuity.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of establishing a named scholarship, please call the Development Office on +612 9036 7185 or +612 9036 6528

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