Blue Devils Helping Blue Devils

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD
At a time when the world increasingly needs excellent physicians and medical scientists, Duke University School of Medicine seeks the brightest and boldest students from the U.S. and throughout the world.

We look for promising students with vision, talent, creativity, and a passion for medical learning, leadership, and service—and they look for us. For more than 80 years, Duke has educated generations of medical professionals who make groundbreaking discoveries, transform the face of health care, and help and heal untold numbers of people.

For many of these medical professionals, and for the current and future generations of medical students who will build on their remarkable record of accomplishment, access to the education that fuels success is attainable only thanks to the availability of scholarship funds.
FAST FACTS

$113,000 average debt for Duke School of Medicine graduates
Students come to Duke to make a difference.
Given the expense of a world-class medical education, for many students the generous scholarship support of Duke alumni and other benefactors is the key to making that life-changing opportunity come true. Scholarship funds are
essential to Duke’s ability to attract the best and brightest and educate them to become the clinicians, researchers, and leaders who will take medicine forward into the 21st century and beyond.
Attracting the Best

No promising student with drive and desire should forgo the opportunity to learn, grow, and serve due to modest means. Duke evaluates applicants for admission to the School of Medicine on the basis of their skills and potential, without regard to their ability to pay.

But a medical education at Duke requires a substantial financial commitment, one beyond the reach of most families: total annual cost for an entering medical student currently tops $80,000. As a result, approximately 86 percent of all School of Medicine students receive financial aid from sources other than parents. The average total aid awarded in scholarships, grants, and loans each year at Duke is almost $21 million.

Most of the assistance offered by Duke comes in the form of need-based grants and scholarships, which are largely supported through endowments established by donors.

JAVIER GALÁN

“Your kind generosity has given me a wonderful opportunity, and I do not intend to waste it—rather, I hope to make a tangible and lasting difference in the lives of others. You have set that precedent of making a real and impactful difference. I will always be grateful to you for that.”

MEDICAL ANNUAL FUND
DAVISON SCHOLARSHIP
It is increasingly obvious that student loans burden graduates with potentially crippling debt before they even start their careers. Student debt has climbed rapidly in recent years, and the average Duke medical school student now graduates with both an advanced degree and an average of $113,000 in debt.

Scholarships offer students a means for meeting the expenses of a medical education at Duke. They free students to choose the path they are most passionate about, not just the one that may yield the highest income. And they allow students and graduates to spend more of their time and energy seeing patients, conducting research, and establishing connections, rather than dealing with a mountain of debt.

> FAST FACTS

$20 million average total financial aid awarded annually
“I don’t think that I could thank you enough for your investment in my capacities to become a great doctor, and it is certainly a great motivation for me to continue to explore my intellectual capacities to make a great impact on my community. I can only hope to one day pay it forward and help students follow their dreams the same way as you are helping me live mine.”

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DAVISON SCHOLARSHIP

YASMINE TAMEZE-RIVAS
This generous scholarship has had a tremendous impact on my life. My father passed away suddenly and unexpectedly from a heart attack earlier this year. My family’s ability to help me finance my medical education changed dramatically, but through the support of your scholarship, I am able to continue to pursue my dreams. Thank you for your generosity.

PETER M. HAMLIN
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Duke University School of Medicine offers donors the opportunity to give to existing scholarship funds or establish one or more of several types of scholarships. Some scholarships are based on merit alone, others are unrestricted need-based awards.

**Flexible Opportunities**

**Need-Based Scholarships**
Students who qualify for need-based scholarships may receive a named scholarship through the School of Medicine. The majority of need-based scholarships are open to any student with a demonstrated financial need who also shows great promise academically and embodies the values we seek to encourage in Duke Doctors—integrity, compassion, service, dedication to excellence, to name a few.

**Merit-Based Scholarships**
Merit-based scholarships are awarded based on academic criteria established by the donor. Among the existing merit-based scholarships are the Dean’s Merit Scholarship, awarded in the amount of tuition to academically excellent incoming medical students; the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP), a full fellowship award funded by the NIH and the School of Medicine, which covers three medical school years and the early portion of PhD study for all students admitted to the MSTP; and the Rauch Family Merit Scholarship, the first all-inclusive four-year scholarship at the School of Medicine, awarded to an incoming first-year student who shows outstanding promise for a significant career in medicine.

**Third-Year Scholarships**
The third year for all medical students at Duke University School of Medicine is a year of independent research. Duke’s third-year research component is a key element in our unique medical curriculum, which gives our students unparalleled experience and insight in both clinical care and laboratory investigation. Scholarship funding for the research year is needed to help students realize the potential of this remarkable opportunity. Among the existing scholarships funding all or portions of the research year are the Donald B. Hackel Fellowship in Cardiovascular Pathology, the Eugene A. Stead Student Research Scholarship, the Randall Bollinger Surgical Scholarship, and the Jody and Paul Sperduto Endowment.

**Fourth-Year Scholarships**
Fourth-year scholarships are awarded based on selections made by the Senior Scholarship Committee. Among them are the William G. Anlyan M.D. Scholarship, the Barnham Endowed Merit Fund, and the Mary W. and Foster G. McGraw Scholarship.
How You Can Help

Create your own named endowed scholarship fund.

Benefactors may establish endowed medical school scholarships in amounts of $100,000 and up. Endowments established with a five-year pledge of $20,000 per year may be added to during one’s lifetime or through a planned gift such as an annuity or bequest commitment.

$250,000 Restricted Scholarship
Minimum gift amount to create a scholarship with restrictions for areas such as MD/PhD, primary care, global health, the Physician Assistant program or the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

$1.5 Million Medical Scientist Training Program Scholarship
An endowment at this level provides funding for tuition and a stipend for living expenses to students pursuing both the MD and PhD degrees. This “full ride” scholarship would help strengthen recruitment and retention of some of the best talent and promise among future leaders in academic medicine.

$1 Million Endowed Scholarship
Provides full tuition for highly capable medical school students in perpetuity. Can be merit- or need-based.

$250,000 Current-Use Gift for Merit- or Need-based Scholarship
Provides full tuition for a student scholar over the four years of medical school.

$10,000 Scholarship
Provides current-use dollars for a medical school scholarship. Donors who provide gifts at this level will be assigned a student and have the opportunity to hear from and meet their student at scholarship stewardship events.

For more information about supporting scholarships please contact Sarah Nicholson at 919-385-3100 or sarah.nicholson@duke.edu.
"As a doctor, I hope to have an impact on the lives of others, not only through providing medical care, but also through philanthropy and financial generosity such as that your family has shown me. I have learned first hand through this experience how meaningful and life-changing financial contributions can be for an individual, and I will strive to extend this generosity through my future in order to have a similar effect on the lives of others."

RAUCH FAMILY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

COLLIN KENT
An investment in scholarships is an investment not only in a student’s education, but in the beneficial impact that student will have on the lives of others for a lifetime. Endowed scholarships extend that promise to future generations of students in perpetuity. Our scholarship recipients are grateful for the financial support that allows them the opportunity to pursue their dreams. They are dedicated to living lives worthy of that generosity, not only by becoming the best physicians they can be, but also by giving back in ways large and small, and by extending their hands to help those who come after them.

PENDELL MEYERS

“My main career goals in life are improving the outcomes for patients in emergency medicine through lifelong learning, clinical practice, research, and teaching. Your scholarship helps me tremendously toward these goals. I am sincerely grateful, and I plan to pay you back by being a better, more evidence-based, more compassionate physician.”

MELVIN AND JUDITH SMALL WILBURT C. DAVISON SCHOLARSHIP
"This scholarship serves as meaningful support not only to me as I allow this new path to unfold in my life, but also to my husband, Greg, and our 3-year-old daughter, Liliana, who share in this path as we continue to grow as a family... I want to thank you on behalf of myself and my family for the role you have played in helping me to achieve this dream. It is my resolute intent that this generosity will be reflected in my service to others for many years to come."

R. CATHCART AND NANCY SMITH MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

SARAH CASSEL

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Medicine that Changes the World