



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HUMAN HEALTH

Since 1968, UC San Diego School of Medicine has trained more than 6,000 exceptional students to become leading physicians in their fields. Medical education is critically important in today's society. With aging populations, rising chronic diseases, and global health threats, we need well-trained health care professionals more than ever to meet increasing medical demands. Yet, financial burdens are the number one barrier cited by aspiring doctors.

Medical scholarships have a profound impact on students. They provide:

- **Financial relief:** Reducing or eliminating the financial burden of medical school and student debt allows students to focus on their education rather than financial stress.
- **Access and opportunity:** Scholarships open doors for students from all financial backgrounds who might not otherwise afford medical school.
- **Academic and career focus:** With reduced financial pressure, students can dedicate more time to studies, research and clinical experiences.
- **Better well-being:** With less financial burden, students have less stress, leading to better well-being and reducing the probability of burnout.
- **Encouragement and confidence:** Receiving a scholarship acknowledges a student's merit, accomplishments, hard work and potential, boosting self-esteem and motivation.
- **Freedom to serve:** Graduates with less debt are more likely to pursue careers in primary care, rural medicine or underserved communities, where the need is greatest.

Medical scholarships do more than support education, they help shape the compassionate, skilled health care professionals that society needs.

Ultimately, UC San Diego aims to become one of the leading medical schools offering a world-class medical education at no cost. Achieving this dream will require an incredible collaboration with our philanthropic community.

At UC San Diego, we believe that what we don't know today will forever change our tomorrows. Empowered by generosity and fueled by curiosity, we are unafraid to chase the unknown — to ask the questions no one has asked before and to push the boundaries of possibility. Together, we unite diverse people and unconventional perspectives to propel limitless impact. Because we know that when we come together, nothing is beyond us.

TIER 1

Ranking for Best Medical Schools: Research — the highest classification awarded by U.S. News & World Report

#5

Public medical school for NIH funding according to Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research's 2023 rankings

#1

Health care system in San Diego

OVER 600

Medical students

\$341,000

Cost of four years of medical school

\$175,000

Average debt for a four-year medical education

70%

Students that receive scholarship and stipend support

“Medical school is a significant financial commitment, and receiving financial support helped ease the burden on me and my family, allowing me to focus on becoming a physician and my passion for serving others.”

— Daniel A.
School of Medicine Student



Our medical students are recognized for their commitment to high-quality education, research and patient care. They are empathetic, compassionate and well-versed in the increasingly advanced technologies for patient care today. Their potential is limitless. Together with your philanthropic support, we can support the health care leaders of tomorrow.

Learn more at
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SCHOLARSHIP GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are several ways philanthropic gifts can provide support to medical students. The most impactful scholarships are offered during recruitment of our incoming classes and are packaged over the entire four years of a student's medical education.

SUPPORT THE UC SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

» Gifts of every size come together to **make a big impact through this current-use fund for recruitment and aid**, which helps meet the immediate financial needs of our top students.

ESTABLISH A NAMED, ENDOWED MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

» With a gift commitment of \$250,000 or more (payable over five years), an endowed scholarship offers **a permanent source of scholarship funding honoring your legacy in perpetuity**. The annual payout from the endowed fund will support one or more selected students throughout their medical education.

SUPPORT AN ESTABLISHED MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

» With a gift of any size, choose from a variety of existing funds that align with your desired student support goals. Fund options include:

- Class scholarships
- The Medical Scientist Training Program Scholarship, which supports MD/PhD students
- The School of Medicine Alumni Endowed Scholarship
- The School of Medicine Commitment to Equality in Education Scholarship

CONSIDER A PLANNED GIFT

Supporting medical scholarships with a gift in your will, trust, retirement plans or other planned giving vehicle is a great way to ensure that future medical students have the resources they need to succeed. We can work with you or your advisors to help you plan for tomorrow while fulfilling your philanthropic and financial goals today.

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