



Faculty of Medicine,
Dentistry and
Health Sciences



Scholarships 2022

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING

A message from the Dean



On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, and Health Sciences (MDHS), thank you for transforming the lives of our students with your support. The collective generosity of our donor community creates opportunities for our students to thrive not only during their studies but as they embark on their health science careers.

Our students benefit from the support of our Faculty friends and donors in a variety of ways. Whether through named scholarships and prizes, supporting specific schools or the broader Faculty, or contributing to collective scholarship funds, your efforts make a significant and lasting impact on their lives.

You are granting them the space, time and encouragement to focus on their studies and make the most of their time at University with their peers.

In 2022, our donor community provided 338 scholarships to 292 students across the Faculty, offering some students the benefit of more than one award.

This year, we aim to support more students with additional scholarships. This is our aim, year-by-year, in order to make University education achievable for every student who aspires to a career in the health sciences. Your support makes this possible. We look forward to sharing a further summary of 2023 support in our annual report next year.

Your commitment to transforming our students' lives truly inspires us. We find our recipients' stories are equally inspiring and it is our pleasure to share some of these stories with you today.

Once again, thank you for your enduring support and belief in our students.

**Professor Jane Gunn AO
FAHMS, FRACGP, PhD, MBBS**

Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences

MDHS Scholarships 2022

MDHS is a multidisciplinary faculty encompassing six schools and twenty-one departments as well as nine partner institutes. Across the Faculty, hundreds of donor-funded awards support our students to fulfil their potential each year.



292

student recipients



338

scholarships awarded



\$2.1

million+ in distributed funds

Our generous donor community includes:



Donors who have created individual scholarship funds, to support students throughout the entirety of their degree, or to support multiple students each year for the foreseeable future.



Donors who have supported a prize or bursary, awarded to one or many student recipients each year.



Donors who have contributed to collective funds, such as the MDHS Scholarship Fund, awarded to students to advance their success across all six schools within the Faculty.

MDHS Scholarship Fund 2022

As part of scholarship support across MDHS throughout 2022, the collective generosity of donors to the MDHS Scholarship Fund supported 107 students pursuing degrees at all six of our MDHS schools:



Melbourne Medical School
MMS



Melbourne Dental School
MDS



Melbourne School of Health Sciences
MSHS



Melbourne School of Population and Global Health
MSPGH



Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences
MSPS



School of Biomedical Sciences
SBS

MDHS Scholarship Fund 2022



107

student recipients



112

scholarships awarded



\$551,894

in distributed funds



31 Indigenous awarded bursaries

From mid-2022, the MDHS Indigenous Student Bursary was established as part of the MDHS Scholarship Fund, to support Indigenous students pursuing health science qualifications across our Faculty.

In Semester 2, 31 Indigenous students received bursaries through the fund and will continue to receive this support each semester for the duration of their studies, alongside further recipients each year.

New scholarships established in 2022



MDHS Indigenous Student Bursary



Travelling with Tash Scholarship



Ian and Titania Henderson Scholarship

Messages of thanks from MSHS student recipients



Marie Master of Nursing Science

“Thank you for funding this bursary and thank you very much for bestowing it on me. The impact of this bursary will be immediate for my study this year as it will cover the cost of flights to Alice Springs for my first nursing placement at Alice Springs Hospital.

On the day I received the offer I had spent the morning looking at how to shuffle my finances to find a way to afford the flights. The bestowal of this bursary takes that stress away. It will mean that I can continue to apply for rural and remote placements and therefore have the chance to pursue this new career direction in middle age.

One of the biggest hurdles I have faced in entering Nursing education has been how to afford the time needed to dedicate to study, while supporting myself. This bursary provides the financial help I need.

Thank you very much, it has made a huge difference to my future.”



Hamreena

Doctor of Physiotherapy

“I would like to sincerely thank the donors for their generous contribution. The impact of this scholarship will be instrumental in supporting my mental wellbeing as an international student, as well as helping me to focus on my studies without additional financial stress.

These funds will allow me to take better care of my overall health, be secure in my accommodation, purchase better meals and allow me to partake in recreational activities that are enriching to a balanced life.

I thank you again for kindly affording me this opportunity. It is one I will appreciate for years to come.”

Messages of thanks from MSPGH student recipients



Jasmine

Master of Public Health

"I am extremely grateful for being recognized and awarded the MDHS Indigenous Student Bursary. Your assistance in presenting me with this honour is much appreciated.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your support. Stay Deadly!"



Tamara

Graduate Certificate in Public Health

"I have been practicing as a midwife for nine years and am hoping to make the progression into research and join the movement of dedicated researchers and like-minded brave souls who wish to challenge the systems with the intent to provide opportunities for better health outcomes for our people."

Messages of thanks from MMS student recipients



Pranav Doctor of Medicine

“I want to express my gratitude to you for providing me with this scholarship. It feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders.

This money gives me the opportunity to do my best and achieve my fullest potential in this medical degree. I want to follow in the footsteps of those before me and achieve greatness, and this scholarship is so meaningful because it feels like there are people in my corner, who want to encourage me to reach this greatness. I have grown up facing major hurdles, both personally and financially, but what has kept pushing me forward to reach where I am now was the dream of being an excellent doctor.

I have been incredibly grateful to receive opportunities throughout my schooling to help me fulfil this dream. I was so excited that, despite my financial disadvantage, I was able to keep pursuing that dream.

Thank you so much for this extraordinary opportunity, and I will strive to do everything possible to make this a worthwhile investment in my education.”

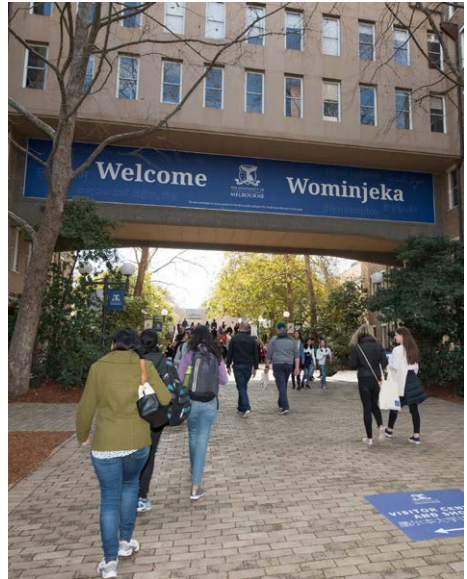


Yongchao

Doctor of Medicine

"I am deeply moved by your philanthropy and kindness, and I want you to know that your contribution will make a significant difference in my life.

I am committed to using this opportunity to become a qualified doctor and to serve the community with the same spirit of generosity and benevolence that you have shown me."



Matthew

Doctor of Medicine

"Being supported by generous donors and UniMelb itself has enabled me to focus on medicine and pursuing my passion for Indigenous skin and eye health. Going forward I hope to specialise in either of these fields and contribute to closing the gap in rural and remote First Nations Communities.

Thank you for helping me aspire towards this goal."



Anonymous

Doctor of Medicine

“Thank you so much for your generosity. I know that this experience will make me an understanding and considerate medical professional as it has not only provided me with support in the present but has also shaped my understanding of what it means to aid someone through difficult times.

I hope that in the future I will be able to pay this forward to other students who find themselves in a similar position to me.”

Messages of thanks from SBS student recipients



Joshua

Bachelor of Biomedicine (Degree with Honours)

“This scholarship will give me the time and resources to focus on what truly matters - my studies and making a positive impact on the world.”



Nuoyi

Bachelor of Biomedicine (Degree with Honours)

“I am grateful for the recognition that this award provides, and I will dedicate my efforts to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and strive to make a meaningful difference in the fight against cancer.”

Messages of thanks from MDS student recipients



Anonymous

Doctor of Dental Surgery

“This scholarship is extremely helpful to cover some of the costs incurred over my time studying dentistry. I hope to use my knowledge gained from my studies, to guide individuals who do not have equal access to education and health care services.”

As an individual who comes from a low socioeconomic background, I understand the difficulties in navigating the healthcare systems and affording private care treatments. This knowledge and experience encourages me to find ways for individuals to navigate the system more easily and find solutions to support this population further.

I am very grateful for this opportunity, thank you again!”

Messages of thanks from MDHS PhD student recipients



Qiaolin

Doctor of Philosophy - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

"Your generous financial support is making it possible for me to pursue stem cell research and accomplish a PhD degree in Biomedical Science. The relief from worrying about how to cover all my educational expenses makes me feel very fortunate."

Lu

Doctor of Philosophy – Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

"As the first child of an immigrant family to complete higher degree research, I am grateful for the opportunity to pursue further training in my area of passion, youth mental health research."



Bridget

Doctor of Philosophy - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

“I’d like to express my sincerest gratitude for this support. It is a true honour to be a part of this legacy and to continue to benefit from my time as an undergraduate student at the University.

The Natural Sciences have always been a source of great inspiration for me. Prior to enrolling in the Bachelor of Science with Honours, I completed a medical placement in Tanzania and was moved by the impact that HIV/AIDS continues to have on communities.

Thanks to many expert lecturers at the University - who each inspired me uniquely to pursue a career in science - I went on to research an HIV cure as an Honours student in Professor Sharon Lewin’s Laboratory at The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity. Under the guidance of esteemed virologists Dr Michael Roche and Dr Paula Cevaal, we were able to demonstrate potent reversal of HIV latency using a next-generation, nucleic-acid based therapeutic. Your generosity will greatly enhance the progression of this research throughout my PhD, in the hope that an HIV cure becomes a reality in our lifetimes.

This award validates my academic achievements during what was a challenging year of hands-on learning. The recognition has inspired me to continue to work hard towards my goals and give back to both the community and industry. The financial support you have entrusted to me also provides me invaluable freedom to continue to serve Australia as an infantry soldier without compromise to my PhD candidacy.

Thank you again for choosing to support future scientists in their academic endeavours, and the plentiful advances you’ve inevitably bestowed upon the wider community. I hope you are able to reap the benefits of your generosity for years to come.”



Isobel

Doctor of Philosophy - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

“Your support will enable me to present at an international conference in my field and assist me to build my academic network internationally. This will be of great benefit to my future career as a researcher.”



Cecilia

Doctor of Philosophy - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

“Through the scholarship award you will not only be supporting my development as a researcher, my professional skills in molecular epidemiology and in the development of projects, but also you will be making a public health contribution to Bolivia, my home country. Thanks for the support!”



Jason

Doctor of Philosophy - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

“This invaluable scholarship will empower me to delve deeper into my ophthalmic research, and acquire cutting-edge cross-disciplinary skills, international partnerships, and the academic acumen to build a career as an academic ophthalmologist with the aim of making a difference to the lives of many around the world affected by vision impairment.”







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