



**Savant Thakur** was a PhD student within the Department of Physiology. *“Strive towards your goals, just push on and never give up. Anyone who has a dream and wants to achieve something can and the disability should be no barrier.”* That was the life motto of Savant Thakur – a man with a single-minded determination to improve the lives of others with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Sadly, Savant fell short of time in his quest to find a cure, but he made incredible inroads with his award-winning studies into muscle wasting disorders at the University of Melbourne’s Centre for Muscle Research in the Department of Physiology.

The 27-year-old leaves a legacy of research that will contribute, as he hoped, to quality of life for those with muscular dystrophy across the globe.

## A. APPLICANT DETAILS

Student ID	
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Project Title	
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## B. SELECTION CRITERIA

Attach a written submission of no more than 1,500 words, that describes how you meet the selection criteria below:

- Demonstrated academic excellence in a branch of Biomedical Sciences
- Demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity
- Demonstrated leadership in the community

## C. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

**One letter of support** from senior members of the Department or Employment is to be attached to this application. Contact details for the reference should be included.

The referee report should address the points outlined in the selection criteria



## D. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

### **Agreement to Terms and Conditions**

*The award of this scholarship based on information that you have provided to the University of Melbourne. Your application may be withdrawn at any time if you have provided incorrect information, or withheld relevant information. Students must maintain satisfactory progress throughout their enrolment.*

*I certify that the information supplied in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to being awarded this scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information may lead to forfeiting this scholarship and any associated monies. By submitting this application, I agree to allow the University of Melbourne and/or Faculty of MDHS to publish my name and/or photo on the Faculty website, in publications and other University materials. I hereby agree to the University of Melbourne using, reproducing and disclosing photographs of me for use in teaching materials, promotional and marketing materials, publications and / or on its web site.*

*I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of this award:*

**Please tick this box to confirm the above agreement to terms and conditions.**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit an electronic copy of this application and supporting documentation** to the School of Biomedical Sciences via Ms Aradhana Deoki [biomedsci-gradstudent@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:biomedsci-gradstudent@unimelb.edu.au)