

Invest in future health care leaders:

Endow a scholarship at UMass Chan Medical School

Scholarships matter—now, more than ever

Medical degrees are financially overwhelming for many students today, as tuition and fees continue to rise at both public and private medical schools.

Consider this: Students graduating from UMass Chan in 2022 carried an average debt load of \$189,991. While less than the overall average medical school debt in the United States, this is still an enormous financial burden.

Now consider this: You have the power to ease the financial stress on UMass Chan students through the gift of an endowed scholarship. Because your gift is invested, you ensure that funds will be available for future generations—just imagine how many deserving medical students your generosity will reach.

By boosting the financial accessibility of UMass Chan to prospective students, endowed scholarships attract a diverse and academically talented student body that elevates the entire medical school—and, in turn, the health and well-being of the communities we serve.

A way to give back

Perhaps you're a medical school alum grateful for the support that made your degree possible. Or a parent who wants to bring the exceptional medical education your child received to other students. Or a community member motivated by the exciting medical innovation happening at UMass Chan. Whatever the reason, you want to give back—it's this generous community spirit that makes our scholarships possible.

Scholarships help make a UMass Chan education affordable for students who otherwise might not have the financial resources to attend. They create new opportunities for students and give donors a chance to show their commitment to helping shape the next generation of physicians and scientists.



Without this scholarship, it would be so hard for my family to fund my medical education. I'm so grateful for your support and your faith in my dreams."

Emily Chin, Class of '23,
recipient of scholarship
funded by the Class
of '78

Why I give

"When I went to the University of Massachusetts Medical School (now UMass Chan), I was fortunate to have good scholarship aid. This was a major motivator for me to establish a scholarship fund. I believe that one should give back for the good fortune they've had. I think there's a misconception that because it's a state school, taxpayers foot the bill. In fact, the Medical School relies very much on benefactors who set up scholarships. The scholarship program only thrives when people are willing to donate. I also think alumni should know that a big part of the reward is getting to know the student, seeing them progress through medical school and having the opportunity to see how UMass Chan has evolved. The personal connection is very important to me."

Nathaniel G. Clark, MD'88, scholarship donor



Abigail Bose, MD'21 with Nathaniel Clark, MD'88

Why UMass Chan?

Since opening our doors 50 years ago, UMass Chan has evolved into a leading academic health sciences center. From our #1 ranking in the Northeast for primary care education (*U.S. News & World Report*) to pioneering gene therapy research and clinical trials, we are proud to be a world-class hub of education, research, health care delivery and public service. At the same time, we maintain our fierce commitment to serving the local Worcester community, the commonwealth and underserved populations throughout the globe.

To maintain this momentum, we must continue to attract diverse, talented students who are ready to lead. Your gift of an endowed scholarship will help UMass Chan fulfill our soaring potential.

How it works

An endowed scholarship means that your fund is established in perpetuity. Endowments are held permanently by the University of Massachusetts Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation overseen by a Board of Directors. The Foundation is responsible for managing, investing and administering all endowments.

Other basics to know include:

\$25,000 is the minimum gift.

Your gift can be made as a single gift or pledged over three to five years.

The first award will be made after one year of investment earnings.

You can attach the name of your choosing to the scholarship (e.g., your family name or the name of a loved one), thereby creating a lasting connection to the fund and UMass Chan.