P&S 250th Anniversary Scholarship Challenge for Endowed Financial Aid

Financial Aid is critical to educate and secure the future of qualified students at P&S, regardless of ability to pay. The goal of the P&S 250th Anniversary Scholarship Challenge is to build the endowment for student aid so that all financial aid at P&S is provided through scholarships rather than loans.

Learn more below about our 1:1 match for gifts and pledges from $50,000 to $1 million and for planned gifts from $100,000 to $1 million.

Scholarships will be awarded in the following academic year after the funds reach $100,000 (from commitments and matching funds).

For more information, please contact Laura Tenenbaum, Senior Director of Development, at LRT2113@columbia.edu or (212) 342-2108.

“As a second generation Mexican-American, I have long held an interest in a career as a physician dedicated to working with historically underserved minority communities. Part of the reason I chose to attend P&S was because of its location in Washington Heights. However, another significant component was the financial aid offered to me. I am deeply grateful for the amazing opportunity to live, work and grow in a community which continues to foster the pursuit of my career goals as a physician.”

Michael A. Hernandez, P&S Class of 2018 Scholarship recipient
The P&S 250th Anniversary Scholarship Challenge for Endowed Financial Aid Gifts and Pledges

All donors who make an outright gift or pledge between $50,000 and $1,000,000 for endowed scholarship support will receive a 1:1 match. Pledges and outright gifts at this level, together with the matching funds, will immediately create an endowed scholarship fund named for the donor in perpetuity, or can be added to an existing scholarship fund or class scholarship fund.

- A gift or pledge of $1,000,000, with the match, will provide two full scholarships to medical students at P&S.
- A gift or pledge of $500,000, with the match, will provide a full scholarship to a medical student at P&S.
- A gift or pledge of $250,000, with the match, will provide a half-scholarship to a medical student at P&S.
- A gift or pledge of $50,000, with the match, will provide partial scholarship support for a medical student at P&S.

Scholarship commitments may be paid over a 5 year period. Funds will be matched as payments are received.

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“Coming to Columbia was a dream come true and would not have been possible without generous scholarship support. In my time here, aside from receiving a stellar medical education, I have helped start a clinic for people seeking asylum, worked on interdisciplinary curriculum for medical and nursing students, and have competed for the university taekwondo team. This year, I am conducting research in pediatric obesity and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease with Dr. Woo-Baidal and Dr. Lavine. I will be starting my residency in pediatrics next year.”

Erin E. Elbel, P&S Class of 2017 Scholarship recipient
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Planned Gifts

Planned gifts of $100,000 to $1,000,000 for endowed scholarship support will receive a **1:1 match.** Planned gifts at this level, together with the matching funds, will immediately create an endowed scholarship fund named for the donor in perpetuity, or can be added to an existing scholarship fund or class scholarship fund.

- A planned gift of $1,000,000, with the match, will immediately provide a full scholarship to a medical student at P&S. When the planned gift is realized, the endowed fund will support two full medical school scholarships.

- A planned gift of $500,000, with the match, will immediately provide a half scholarship to a medical student at P&S. When the planned gift is realized, the endowed fund will support one full medical school scholarship.

- A planned gift of $250,000, with the match, will immediately provide partial scholarship support to a medical student at P&S. When the planned gift is realized, the endowed fund will support a half-scholarship for a medical student at P&S.

- A planned gift of $100,000, with the match, will immediately provide partial scholarship support for a medical student at P&S. When the planned gift is realized, the endowed fund will provide significant scholarship support to a medical student at P&S.

**Planned gifts are matched when legal documentation of the bequest, trust, or annuity is provided to Columbia.**

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“With the help of your generous donation to my medical school education, I feel much more secure pursuing the career of my choice rather than worrying about how I will be able to pay off my student loans. Every dollar I receive from your scholarship donation is several dollars that I will not have to pay back later on, and for that I am extremely grateful (and so is my future family! I plan on paying your generosity forward in every way that I can).”

Amulya Iyer, P&S Class 2017
Scholarship recipient