

Nurturing the Next Generation of Medical Professionals

Three Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine students, who received the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund (SMA-MSAF) bursary for Academic Year 2014/2015, tell us how this assistance has positively impacted their lives.

Muhammad Nur Dinie Bin Abdul Aziz, M1



"As a medical student with no privileged background, the financial burden is the utmost concern in applying for medicine. The large cost of the five-year programme reduces the cash available for spending on books, training equipment, and other educational expenses such as overseas hospital postings and service missions. Your generous donation is a sincere encouragement for me to further strengthen my educational pursuits. My aspiration is to make a genuine contribution to our society and serve the needs of others. Thank you for believing in and supporting our aspirations."

Duan Menghao, M2



"Medical education is indeed a heavy burden for a medical student who does not come from a well-to-do family. This is especially so if the family is thrown into unforeseen circumstances, like family members being diagnosed with illness and losing employment. With the bursary, I was able to reduce my tuition assignments and even help out with the financial situation at home. It is a relief that I now have enough money to cover my daily expenses, without having to ask my mother for more and adding on to her stress. I have more space to enjoy time spent with my family and to give more attention to my studies. Thank you for giving me this bursary which has really improved my well-being as I pursue my aspiration of becoming a good medical doctor!"

Na Xue Bi, May, M4



"Being awarded the bursary is important to me, and has helped to offload the mental stress of having to sacrifice my study and curriculum time to earn more money. The bursary has helped me to gain an equal learning opportunity as my peers, so that I am not at a disadvantaged position despite my financial background. It is a blessing to be in medical school, and SMA-MSAF helps to ensure that this blessing is not brought down for students with financial difficulties. I am a believer that everyone should have equal learning opportunities regardless of our social circumstances. Having benefited from the financial assistance, I hope that in the future, when I am more capable, I will also be able to help others and pay it forward!"