The Health Sciences Scholarship Challenge will transform students’ lives and make a tremendous impact at the School of Medicine, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science.

In September 2023, John Carethers, vice chancellor for UC San Diego Health Sciences, announced a commitment of $12 million from Chancellor Khosla for scholarships — and he has challenged our philanthropic community to raise an additional $12 million over the next four years, effectively doubling the impact for our students.

Your support will ensure the best and brightest have access to a world-class education. There is a national shortage of health care professionals. UC San Diego is prepared to train the next generation of health care leaders, yet financial need is a barrier for many of our admitted students.

At UC San Diego, our students are extraordinary. We are committed to serving our communities and creating a healthier world by being the preeminent destination for transformative, innovative and impactful research, health professions education and clinical care.

Scholarships are essential to making an education in health care accessible for students — whether they are pursuing a degree in medicine, pharmacy or public health. They also are critical to attract and retain a student community that is talented, empathetic, forward-thinking and representative of California’s diversity.

The Health Sciences scholarship challenge is an initial step toward tuition-free education at our health schools. Our students have limitless potential. With your support, they will also have limitless opportunities.

$12 million
Our four-year fundraising goal for supporting our health professional students

$170,000
Average debt for a four-year medical or pharmacy education

$322,000
The cost for four years of medical or pharmacy school

77%
Percentage of health students who need financial aid, whether from loans or scholarships

175
Graduate students in public health

At UC San Diego, we believe that what we don’t know today will forever change our tomorrows. Empowered by generosity and fueled by curiosity, we are unafraid to chase the unknown — to ask the questions no one has asked before and to push the boundaries of possibility. Together, we unite diverse people and unconventional perspectives to propel limitless impact. Because we know that when we come together, nothing is beyond us.
EMPOWER THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

With our philanthropic community, we can help students overcome one of the largest barriers to attending medical, pharmacy or public health school — the prospect of insurmountable debt. Together, we can empower the future of health care professionals at UC San Diego.

ELIGIBLE GIFTS FOR THE CHALLENGE INCLUDE:

Endowed Scholarships: $250,000 minimum
The permanent and sustained nature of endowed gifts make them uniquely powerful by benefiting students now and in the future. The principal is invested to grow in perpetuity and the payout is designed to provide predictable annual allocations to beneficiaries. Outright gifts and pledges, made over five years or less, to establish new endowed scholarships at the gift minimum of $250,000, as well as gifts to existing endowments at any size, can be applied to the challenge.

Named current use fund: $100,000 minimum
A $100,000 named scholarship supports one student over four years and allows us to be competitive in recruiting the best and the brightest. Your support will create a new named current use fund that will reduce the burden of debt and remove barriers to a health professions education for a student. Current use gifts offer expendable, immediate resources.

Support Primary Scholarship Funds
Together, gifts of every size can make a tremendous impact! All annual gifts to each school’s primary scholarship fund are eligible:

▸ UC San Diego School of Medicine Scholarships
▸ Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Scholarships
▸ Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Sciences Scholarships

In addition to reducing the burden of debt, scholarships relieve stress and burnout. They also open the door to more career pathways ranging from innovating leading-edge MD/PhDs and PharmD/PhDs to lesser-paid specialties in primary care and family medicine and serving in rural and underserved communities. Imagine what we could accomplish with sustainable resources to better support and inspire future generations of health care leaders.

Our graduates are internationally recognized for the quality of their research, education and patient care. They are empathetic, compassionate and well-versed in the increasingly advanced technologies for patient care today. Their potential is limitless.

Together with your philanthropic support, we can support the health care leaders of tomorrow.

Visit giving.ucsd.edu/double-the-impact or scan below to make your gift today.

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