

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# Sponsor one Student (SoS)

Partner with the AMA Queensland Foundation to support better healthcare for Queenslanders





## About AMA Queensland Foundation

The AMA Queensland Foundation is the charity arm of AMA Queensland, the peak association representing doctors and medical students in Queensland.

For more than 25 years, the Foundation has been supporting the next generation of medical professionals. As well as funding a range of initiatives to improve health outcomes for Queenslanders.

Studying medicine is a significant commitment and can be tough without financial help.

Our Medical Student Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students facing hardship, so that they can continue their studies and build a career providing much needed healthcare to our communities.

# Help a disadvantaged medical student reach their dream of becoming a doctor and serving the Queensland community.

Your support ensures that bright and motivated students who might otherwise not continue medicine, can have a better chance. Enabling them to focus on their education and make a meaningful impact in healthcare.

What's more, by improving access to study medicine for students from various experiences and backgrounds, we foster greater diversity in our medical workforce. This has a ripple effect not only in the lives of these medical students, but the Queensland communities they hope to serve.

We invite you to learn more about the Sponsor one Student (SoS) program and understand how you can partner with us to invest in a future doctor.

# Your sponsorship can be the difference.



"This opportunity has changed my life."

**Dr Hiruni Gunasekera,**2024 Graduate and Scholarship Recipient

## Why Sponsor one Student?

Investing in future healthcare professionals is not only impactful - it's essential.

The number of Medical Student Scholarship applications is increasing, with inflation, rent, and cost of living increases hitting students harder than ever. In 2024, the AMA Queensland Foundation had a record 84 applications, more than triple those of the previous year.

The commitments of a medical degree can be challenging to meet without financial support. The academic workload is rigorous for even the smartest minds, and clinical placements are also required. This makes part-time work a challenge, particularly as the degree progresses. Students facing significant hardship can struggle to complete their studies.



"I couldn't afford to continue with medicine, a field that is challenging even without a chronic disease."

#### **Wylie Leeson**

2024 AMA Queensland Foundation Medical Student Scholarship recipient and 5th year JCU medical student

# Partner with us to Sponsor one Student and make a tangible difference.

#### Support emerging talent

Help remove financial barriers for deserving medical students.

#### Strengthen healthcare

Contribute to building a stronger and more diverse healthcare workforce.

#### Positively position your brand and values

Demonstrate your social responsibility, philanthropy as well as your leadership in supporting education and community wellbeing.

With your help, we can give more students the chance to realise their dream and sustain doctor numbers in Queensland.

"Thank you to the AMA Queensland Foundation and all donors for making this scholarship possible. My medical school experience has been transformative, and I still pinch myself that I actually get to do this!"

#### **Taylor Edgley**

2024 Medical Student Scholarship Recipient



### **How SoS Works**

#### **Applications**

The AMA Queensland Foundation runs a comprehensive application process to identify students in need.

#### Scholarship naming

Work with us to feature your name or your organisation's name as sponsor of the scholarship.



#### Promote your impact

Gain recognition through our media announcements and program updates.

#### **Support future doctors**

Hear about the achievements of the student you sponsor and see the tangible impact of your contribution.

As we are a registered charity, your contribution to the AMA Queensland Foundation's Scholarship Program (over \$2) is entirely tax deductible.

### Meet Anna Duan

2024 Scholarship recipient funded by the Indian Medical Association

Anna Duan was a Recipient of the 2024 AMA Queensland Foundation – Indian Medical Association Queensland (IMAQ) Scholarship under the Foundation's inaugural Sponsor one Student initiative. This saw IMAQ partner with the Foundation to contribute \$10,000 in sponsorship funds.

Anna is an aspiring public health physician and rural generalist, now in her fifth year of medical school at Townsville's James Cook University.

Anna's scholarship has helped her complete her fourth year of medicine in 2024, including clinical placement in Cloncurry.

"The AMA Queensland Foundation scholarship has been a real gamechanger for me this year, enabling me to finish my year (as I initially considered taking a leave of absence this year), and on top of this, helped me pursue additional meaningful opportunities without financial stress," Anna said.

Anna's scholarship was presented at the Foundation's Charity Gala by Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland and the President of the IMAQ, Dr Cyril Fernandez.

"Being awarded the scholarship is life changing. It allows me to focus on my medical education, alongside extracurricular and placement experiences, without feeling the constant pressure of needing to find additional work to meet my basic needs."

"I am filled with immense gratitude for the support and belief in me, my journey and my future. Medicine and public health are my passion, and I am working tirelessly to persevere and achieve this dream," Anna said.

You can read Anna's full story on our website. amaqfoundation.com.aupage/Scholarships/Previousscholarship-award-recipients/Anna-Duan/

# Ready to sponsor a medical student facing hardship?

Take the first step towards creating a brighter future for healthcare. Contact us today to learn more about the Sponsor One Student Program.



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