



ADELAIDE MEDICAL STUDENTS' FOUNDATION

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2018 Annual Report



AMSF Introduction

The Adelaide Medical Students' Foundation (AMSF) is a not-for-profit charity run by current students and past graduates of the Adelaide Medical School in. Established in 2009, the Foundation has three core values guiding its work: benevolence, integrity and vision.

The Foundation exists to serve and support students at Adelaide Medical School at an individual, group and organisational level. It achieves this via the coordination of numerous scholarships, awards, and bursaries that encourage and acknowledge outstanding efforts made by Adelaide medical students. The Foundation also serves as a conduit between the Medical School and its graduates, providing a means for graduates to actively contribute to current students' experience via tax-deductible donations, and offering support for reunion celebrations.

We work closely with other established organisations, including the University of Adelaide and the Adelaide Medical Students' Society, to deliver these initiatives with maximum impact and minimum overhead costs.

During the 2017-2018 Financial Year the society saw a net loss of \$1,725.90 due to decreased returns on investment corresponding with changing market returns and increased expenditure through our grants.

We invite you to review our continued progress over the past year.

Governance

We thank the members of the 2018 Board of Directors for their collective efforts. In particular, we wish to thank Dr Sean Jolly (Chair of the Board), Dr Jarrad Hopkins (Student Director) and Mr Huy Pham (AMSS Director) who have reached the end of their respective terms.

Congratulations and welcome to the AMSF Board for 2019:

Professor Randall Faull (Patron Director)
Dr Momina Allahwala (Chair of the Board)
Dr Stefan Court-Kowalski (Graduate Director)
Dr Samantha Jolly (Graduate Director)
Mr Patrick Kennewell (Student Director)
Mr Huy Pham (Student Director)
Mr Sushanth Saha (AMSS Executive Director)
Mr Brian Nimmo (Financial Director)

Graduate Advisory Committee

The Graduate Advisory Committee (GAC) is the interface between the Foundation and the community of Adelaide Medical School graduates. Composed of doctors at all levels of training, the GAC provides a rich perspective that enables the Foundation to focus our efforts for optimum relevance and impact.

We thank the members of the 2018 GAC for their efforts. We would like to acknowledge Dr Thomas Crowhurst for his ongoing contribution as chair of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

Our current GAC members include:

Dr Chien-Li Holmes-Liew
Dr Linda Watson
Dr Michael Higgs
Professor Suren Krishnan
Dr Christopher Dibden
Dr Kristen Pierides
Professor Randall Faulk

Dr Michael Whiteman
Dr Karthik Venkataraman
Dr Thomas Crowhurst
Dr Samantha Iannella
Dr Sean Jolly
Dr Xi (Cicy) Li
Professor Helen Marshall

Student Committee

The Student Committee is an elected group of medical students whose role is to coordinate the student-oriented initiatives of the Foundation. We thank the 2018 Student Committee for their dedication and hard work and welcome the 2019 Student Committee.

2018 Student Committee

Mr Toby Zerner (Secretary)
Ms Madeleine Brenner (Scholarship Officer)
Ms Tess Ryan (Sponsorship Officer)
Ms Lucy Adams (Sponsorship Officer)
Ms Sachini Perera (Marketing Officer)
Ms Jade Pisaniello (General Officer)
Mr Sebastia Rositano (General Officer)

2019 Student Committee

Ms Sachini Perera (Secretary)
Ms Lian Huynh (Scholarships Officer)
Mr Teham Ahmad (Sponsorship Officer)
Mr Scott Chandrasiri (Marketing Officer)
Ms Amy Lu (General Officer)

2018 Awards

AMSF Recognition Award

The AMSF Recognition Award, presented at MedBall every year, recognises students who have made exemplary efforts outside the sphere of academic study.

The 2018 recipient was Malcolm Borg, who received the Award for his incredible longstanding efforts in advocating for issues surrounding medical education. During his time in medical school, Malcolm served in multiple roles including education representative, anatomy demonstrator and Vice-President (Education). The downstream effects of Malcolm's work and passion can be seen in the positive changes achieved for the students of the Adelaide Medical School. Malcolm also contributed to the AMSF through his tireless work in the scholarships officer role.



Intern Teaching Awards

The AMSF Intern Teaching Awards are student-nominated awards that recognise interns who have made outstanding contributions to medical students' learning. The recipients were presented with their awards at the MBBS Declaration Ceremony. The 2018 awardees were:

Dr Athena Chin (Queen Elizabeth Hospital)
Dr Michael Hii (Royal Adelaide Hospital)
Dr Pritesh Narsinh (NALHN)

Congratulations to the recipients and all of the interns nominated.

Student Teacher Award

This Award serves to encourage the strong culture of peer education and mentorship at Adelaide Medical School by recognising a final year medical student who has devoted significant time and energy to teaching their junior peers.

Congratulations to Lily Hollis-Sando for winning this award in particular for her role as the AMSS teaching series coordinator.

Travel Scholarships

AMSF Travel Scholarships have supported Adelaide medical students' electives across the globe, including placements in Africa, Asia, South America, the UK, Europe, and the Middle East. Each year, these \$1000 scholarships provide funds to support multiple students expanding their horizons for personal and professional development. Reports from their travels are available on our website.

2018 Recipients

Joe Lu travelled to Luoyang China where he undertook a placement at Marioa's Big House of Hope!

Sean Davis did his placement at the Karapitiya Hospital in Galle, Sri Lanka.

The AMSF supported Riby McNamara for her placement in Vanuatu. She experienced the local health care system at the Northern Provincial Hospital, Luganville.



Graduates of '64 Travel Scholarship

The Adelaide Medical School graduates of 1964 generously sponsored the creation of a named Travel Scholarship, which in 2018 was awarded to Jessica Ransom for her placement at the World Medical Fund in Malawi.



Electives that will be supported by the Travel Scholarship in 2019 include:

Ignatius Rudd: Obstetrics, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea.
Chelsea Burford: Arnold Lodge Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Leicester, United Kingdom.
Roger Parnis: Jubilee Hope Tanzania Ship, Lake Victoria, Tanzania.
Alexander Ewers: St John Eye Hospital, East Jerusalem, Israel.

First Year Prizes

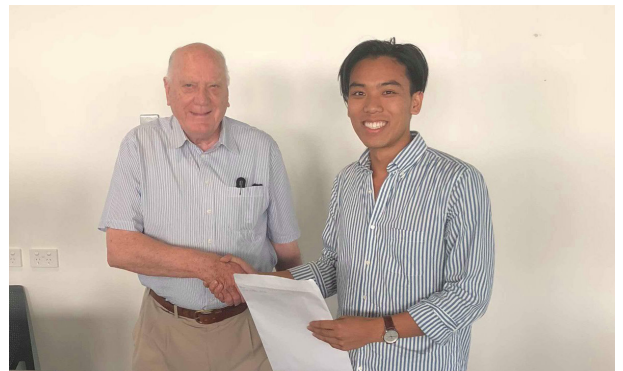
The Foundation is proud to welcome the incoming cohort of new medical students each year. In 2018, every commencing student was greeted with a letter from our Board Chair and a branded pen-torch. A lucky student also received a stethoscope.



Kildea Prize

Introduced in 2014, this prize is named after Dr Hugh Kildea, the former Clinical Skills Coordinator of the Adelaide Medical School. Responsible for revolutionising this programme, Dr Kildea placed great emphasis on clinical reasoning, and this prize is awarded to a medical student who has achieved excellence in First and Second Year Clinical Skills.

In 2018, this prize was awarded to Huy Pham.



Graduates' Event

The Foundation was pleased to organise the first event of the 2018 Graduation Week calendar, the AMSF Cocktail Evening at the West Oak Hotel.

AMSF Initiatives

The Benevolent Fund seeks to provide financial support to Adelaide medical students in financial need.

During the calendar year of 2018, the Foundation provided financial assistance of \$1000.

The Benevolent Fund is designed to be as flexible and accommodating as possible, and previous recipients have been funded for a diverse range of pursuits. These have included the AMSA National Leadership and Development Seminar, the North American Refugee Conference, the International Federation of Medical Students' Association General Assembly, community volunteer projects both locally and abroad, and a range of research conferences.

Research Conference Grant

In 2018, the Foundation continued the new Research Conference Grant to recognise and encourage the contribution of medical students to

The University of Adelaide has a robust research output and a significant presence in the global scientific arena. In 2018, the Foundation introduced the Research Conference Grant, assists students to present their research at national or international scientific meetings. With multiple funding rounds over the year, up to \$1000 will be provided to defray the associated costs.

Over the course of 3 rounds of the year, \$1500 has been given out to 3 students. Recipients included:

Jarrad Hopkins

The Cardiac-Obstetric Registry of South Australia (COROSA): improving outcomes of pregnancy for women with heart disease, a retrospective and prospective approach

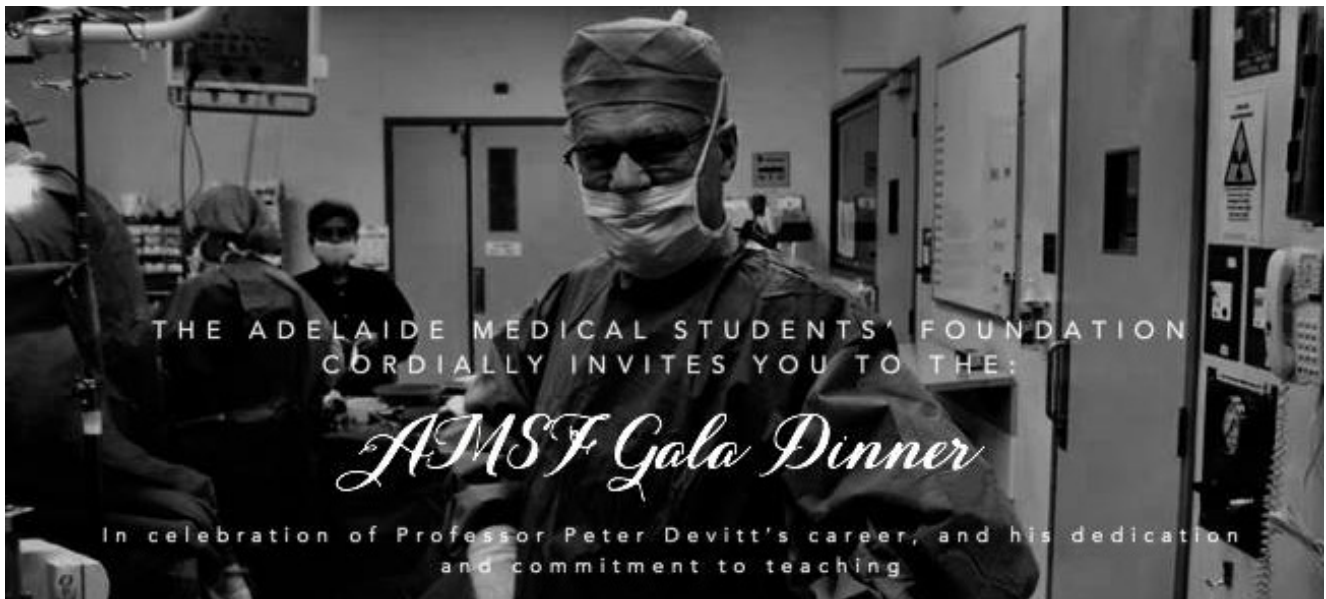
Janine Vu

Mesenteric Venous Thrombosis Managed with Damage Control Surgery in a Rural Hospital

Olivia Sallis

Inpatients' satisfaction within the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Service at a tertiary hospital

2018 AMSF Gala Dinner



In 2018, the AMSF held a Gala Dinner in honour of Professor Peter Devitt, commemorating his invaluable service to the Adelaide Medical Students over his distinguished career as an educator and a surgeon. Professor Devitt developed an online learning platform, 'eMedici', gave charismatic and memorable lectures to decades of students and contributed in countless other ways.

The Gala Dinner was a great success seeing attendance from staff, past graduates and current students of the Adelaide Medical School. Dinner was accompanied by a silent auction, raffle prize and live music provided by Dr Toby Commerford's band Deflector.

All proceeds from the Gala Dinner will be used to fund the new AMSF Devitt Prize which recognises the student who achieves the highest mark in the Surgical Home Unit examination, to be presented annually at the AMSS' MedBall.



Support Us

You can help foster the growth of current and future University of Adelaide medical students by making a once-off or recurring tax-deductible donation. We gratefully receive financial donations of any size.

Every cent of donations goes toward AMSF scholarships, awards, and bursaries. The Foundation operates solely on a volunteer basis and is kept completely cost-neutral. Donors can decide to contribute to the Foundation in general, to a specific pre-existing initiative, or indeed to create an entirely new disbursement. Donations can be made at amsf.org.au

Stay in Touch

For more information about the Adelaide Medical Students' Foundation, please visit our website, amsf.org.au

To receive ongoing information about the Foundation's activities and initiatives, please sign up by completing a *Graduate interest Form* available on our website. All graduates are also welcome to attend meetings of our Graduate Advisory Committee.

Updates are also available via Facebook by 'liking' our Facebook page: facebook.com/amsfoundation

If you have any further questions about how to get involved with the Foundation, ways in which you can contribute or if you have any ideas for future Foundation projects to support medical students, please email our Secretary at: secretary@amsf.org.au

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