



ADELAIDE MEDICAL STUDENTS' FOUNDATION

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2017 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. 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.

The AMSF works 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 2016-2017 Financial Year, Foundation profit was negative, which was attributed to increased expenditure to upgrade and maintain the AMSF website and no financial contribution from the Adelaide Medical Students' Society as they did not make a profit.

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

Governance

We thank the members of the 2017 Board of Directors for their collective efforts. In particular, we also wish to thank Ms Momina Allahwala (Student Director) and Mr Patrick Kennewell (AMSS Director), who have reached the end of their respective terms.

Congratulations and welcome to the AMSF Board for 2018:

Professor Randall Faull (Patron Director)
Dr Momina Allahwala (Graduate Director)
Dr Stefan Court-Kowalski (Graduate Director)
Dr Sean Jolly (Graduate Director)
Mr Jarrad Hopkins (Student Director)
Mr Patrick Kennewell (Student Director)
Mr Huy Dat-Pham (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 2017 GAC for their efforts, in particular Dr Christopher Harry, Chair of the 2017 Graduate Advisory Committee. Dr Harry will be stepping down as chair in 2018 and we are pleased to welcome Dr Thomas Crowhurst into the role for 2018-19. 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 Faull

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 2017 Student Committee for their dedication and hard work and welcome the 2018 Student Committee.

2017 Student Committee:

Mr Stefan Court-Kowalski (Chair)
Ms Bhairavi Parimalanathan (Secretary)
Mr Darcy Noll (Sponsorship Officer)
Mr Qetada Rana (Marketing Officer)
Mr Malcolm Borg (Scholarship Officer)

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 Pisanello (General Officer)
Mr Sebastian Rositano (General Officer)

2017 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. In 2017, twelve nominations were received for seven nominees.

The 2017 recipient was Toby Zerner, who received the Award for his incredible longstanding efforts creating and maintaining the AMSS website. He has gone above and beyond what was required of the AMSS IT Officer in 2013 and has continued his work ever since, often getting no recognition for the hours put in behind the scenes. His exemplary IT skills have serviced the students of the Adelaide Medical School for many years.

Intern Teaching Awards

The AMSF Intern Teaching Awards are student-nominated awards that recognise interns who have made outstanding contributions to medical students' learning. In 2017, we received an incredible number of nominations across the following three domains of teaching sites across the University of Adelaide clinical rotations. The three recipients were presented with their awards at the MBBS Declaration Ceremony. The 2017 awardees were:

Dr Mendel Au (RAH)
Dr Katerina Flabouris (QEH)
Dr David Hancock (NALHN)

Congratulations to the recipients and all of the interns nominated.

Student Teacher Award

A new initiative in 2017, 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.

The 2017 recipient of the Student Teaching Award is Mr Stefan Court-Kowalski.



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.

2017 Recipients

Alicia Callisto completed an elective at St. Mary's Hospital A&E, one of the four major trauma centres in London. She assisted and attended resuscitations, major trauma calls and helped treat those injured in the Westminster terror attack.



Megan Meredith experienced pre-hospital medicine during her elective with London's Air Ambulance (LAA) in conjunction with the Royal London Emergency Department.

Dhiren Dhanji undertook an Ophthalmology elective at Moorfield's Eye Hospital, London. He cited attending ophthalmology theatre and developing clinical skills with equipment such as slit lamps and ophthalmoscopes as highlights.

Graduates of '64 Travel Scholarship

The Adelaide Medical School graduates of 1964 generously sponsored the creation of a named Travel Scholarship, which in 2017 was awarded to Stuart Brown for his placement at Kaski Sewa Hospital and Research Centre in Pokhara, Nepal. His time in Nepal included spending a week practicing rural village medicine, learning about Nepalses culture and trekking in the Himalayas.



Electives that will be supported by the Travel Scholarship in 2018 include:

Sean Davis: Karapitiya Hospital, Southern Province, Sri Lanka.

Ruby McNamara: Northern Provincial Hospital, Luganville, Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu

Jessica Ransom: Malawi – World Medical Fund

Joe Lu: Maria's Big House of Hope, Luoyang, China.

First Year Prizes

The Foundation is proud to welcome the incoming cohort of new medical students each year. In 2017, every commencing student was greeted with a letter from our Board Chair and a branded pen-torch. Certain lucky students also received textbooks, courtesy of *Elsevier*, and a stethoscope generously donated by *Surgical and Medical Supplies* of Kensington Road.

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 2017, this prize was awarded to Brendan McInerney.

Graduates' Event

The Foundation was pleased to sponsor the first event of the 2017 Graduation Week calendar, the AMSF Cocktail Evening at the Hotel Richmond. Seventy members of the graduating class joined us for a celebration of all their endeavour and achievements over their time at Adelaide Medical School. We wish them well as they enter the next phase of their careers and look forward to a sustained relationship with them as graduates.

The AMSF is planning a large graduate gala in 2018 and we hope to see you there!





AMSF Benevolent Fund

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

In 2017, the Personal and Community Development stream was discontinued in light of the development of the new Research Conference Grant.

During the calendar year of 2017, the Foundation provided financial assistance of \$500.

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 2017, the Foundation introduced 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 2017, 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 during the calendar year, \$3000 has been given to the following six different students for their research:

- Charlotte Blacketer - Prevalence And Health Care Usage Of Knee And Hip Pain In South Australia (SA): A Population Based Study
- Kar Ven Cavan Chow - Supplementation with omega-3 fish oil has no effect on bone mineral density in rheumatoid arthritis: a 3-year randomized controlled trial
- Leslie Lew - Role of Anticoagulation in Atrial Fibrillation on Dementia: A Systematic Review
- Matthew Chu - Circulating secreted frizzled-related protein 5 (Sfrp5) is decreased in patients with diabetes and is associated with diabetic control.
- Henry Marshall - Comparison of Trend-Based Progression Analysis using Macular Ganglion Cell-Inner Plexiform Layer (GCIPL) Loss and Peripapillary Retinal Nerve Fibre Layer (RNFL) Loss in Glaucoma: Results from a Prospective Longitudinal Study (The PROGRESSA Study)
- Montgommery Do-Wyeld - Outcomes of microwave ablation of hepatocellular carcinoma: an Australian experience (2012-2015)

Support Us

You can help support 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:

<https://www.amsf.org.au/donate/donate/>

If you wish to make a recurrent donate please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@amsf.org.au.

The AMSF wishes to thank our donors in 2017:

- Christine Lai
- Michael Weightman
- Parkside Cosmetic Surgery

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 to the Graduate Advisor Committee by contacting gac.chair@amsf.org.au 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.com.au

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