Reunion Giving
Giving Forward tells students, “We believe in you and support your success.”

No one succeeds all on their own. Both in life and in the working world, connections are currency. Helping others is more than a random act of kindness, Giving Forward is an intentional investment that helps today’s Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry students succeed. By Giving Forward through Reunion Giving these students, grateful for donors’ generosity, learn to value paying it forward in their own lives and careers.

Why Reunion Giving?
The cost of education and professional training is higher than ever. First-year tuition costs for medical students are more than $26,000 while dental students’ tuition costs are $35,600. Creating or growing a class fund for student financial support helps alleviate this burden and rewards students for their hard work and dedication.

Many of our alumni have created class funds; we are thankful for your support. Giving Forward through Reunion Giving is a great way to celebrate a significant anniversary year for your own graduating class by supporting the next generation of students who will become leaders in their communities, country and around the world.

Did you know?
These are a few examples of classes who worked together to fund student success:

- Meds ‘67 Bursary Fund
  Total = $107,000

- Dentistry Class of ‘75 Scholarships
  Total = $107,000

- Dr. Rob Tingley Class of ‘95 Developing Countries Award
  Total = $89,000

- Peter Swedko Memorial Award - Class of ‘96
  Total = $26,000

Giving Forward through a class fund also provides an opportunity to honour and celebrate an instructor, professor, or classmate. A named award serves as a lasting legacy to their mentorship and/or memory.
Together, your Class can Be Extraordinary

Inviting Your Class to Give

Every year reunion classes say yes to this invitation to support students, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised over the years. Your class efforts are critical to the success of Schulich’s goal to raise $145 million to enrich the experience of students and to achieve its potential to become a global leader in optimizing life-long health.

Scholarships are based on academic achievement of 80% averages or higher; awards can be based on a combination of academic achievement of 70% or higher, financial need and other factors such as involvement in extracurricular activities; bursaries are based solely on a student’s financial need. Scholarships, awards and bursaries can be named; can be either endowed in perpetuity or term-funded for a minimum period of five years; and generally range from $1,000 and up.

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<td>A minimum of $7,500 is raised and disbursed over a specific term, usually five years.</td>
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<td>Endowed Scholarship/Award or Bursary</td>
<td>A minimum of $25,000 is raised in order to have an award generated in perpetuity. This donation can be paid in one lump sum or pledged over a period of several years.</td>
<td>Award value is calculated at 4% of the endowed capital, which would generate a $1,000 award.</td>
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As class leader, in cooperation with some classmates or a committee, you can establish the goal and criteria of the award. For example, do you want an award for a first-year student or graduating student? What is the value of the award? How much needs to be raised and over what term?

Steps to Giving Forward

• Talk to your class committee or some classmates about what you wish the impact of your Reunion Giving to be. Use this document to inspire discussion and decisions.
• Discuss your interest with one of our Leadership Giving Schulich Development Officers. We can walk through some of the steps and assist with a mini-campaign, including:
  • Providing the people power and resources needed to realize your Class fund goal.
  • Communications, such as providing drafts/templates of appeal letters.
  • Plans and timelines.
  • Working with you to complete a Donor Agreement, which outlines, terms, limits, definitions, and goals of your award. This agreement ensures your award will be established according to your wishes.

Begin dreaming and discussing this inspiring opportunity as soon as possible. Reunion Giving usually culminates with Homecoming in your reunion year. Get in touch with a Development Officer early in your reunion year to discuss your intentions and plans. Campaign appeal letters can be sent to your class in early May and August.

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