If you have an idea, something you want to do or pursue, the Geisel community will support you and help you succeed.”
—Karissa LeClair ’21

Karissa LeClair ’21 worked as an EMT in York, Maine, before coming to Geisel, so she knows firsthand the challenges of healthcare delivery in rural areas. In her first year of medical school, she and fellow student Nick Valentini ’20 (D ’13) partnered with a local ambulance service to establish a program that provides in-home primary care check-ins for patients who are at risk for a health-related emergency.

GEISEL STUDENTS DREAM BIG.

They dream of caring for the poor, of translating scientific discoveries into life-saving treatments, and of creating better health systems. Whatever dreams our students have, Geisel prepares them to succeed.

But Geisel’s scholarship funds are not keeping pace with the increasing financial needs of our students. As a result, the average debt of graduates is rising ($184,000 in 2018). This level of educational debt can be daunting, especially for those planning to work in lower-paid yet critically needed specialties and in underserved communities.

To meet students’ needs and lower their debt upon graduation, Geisel has set an ambitious goal of raising $20 million in new scholarship support, as part of the school’s Interaction campaign.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every gift to scholarships, whether through annual giving or an endowment, can make a dramatic difference for students now and in the future. Gifts of any amount are welcomed. Named scholarship endowments start at $100,000.

For more information on giving to scholarships, call 603-653-0742 or email Julie.P.Bressor@dartmouth.edu.

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"Giving to scholarships is investing in human potential, not just intellectual power."
—Stu Hanson D '59, MED '60
Stu and his wife, Gail, funded two scholarship endowments at Dartmouth, one for undergraduates and one for medical students.

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2018-19 FIGURES

Of MD students receive scholarships from Geisel, thanks to current-use and endowment funds.

64%

Of a student’s attendance cost, on average, is covered by Geisel scholarships.

20%

$184,000 $205,726

At Geisel, the average debt upon graduation is $184,000. By the time a physician finishes a three-year residency and is able to begin paying down that debt, it will have grown to $205,726.

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