We have an unprecedented opportunity to improve access to medical education at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

The cost of educating today’s medical students has risen dramatically due to the increased demand for a more patient-centered, comprehensive curriculum and technology-rich learning environment. UF is no exception.

As medical students across the country are struggling to afford their education, the need for scholarship support is essential. Philanthropic contributions play a more important role than ever before in our ability to meet this growing need and reduce student debt load – advancing the UF College of Medicine’s efforts to attract and retain the highest caliber of students, increase our rankings and maintain a diverse student body.

$58,000
Average total annual expense for medical students (in-state)

$37,000
Annual medical school tuition (in-state)

76%
Percentage of UF students who borrow money for medical education

*These costs are expected to increase as much as 3 percent annually.

Source: 2015-2016 AAMC Financial Aid Summary Report

An estimated 80 percent of America’s medical students will graduate with $100,000 or more in medical education debt.

$152,000
Average debt per UF medical student upon graduation

40%
Number of students planning to enter loan forgiveness/repayment programs

Source: FIRST analysis of AAMC 2014 GQ data
Join the UF Medical Alumni Association Board in the Legacy Challenge and help support the next generation of Gator doctors. By 2022, the goal is to have 100 alumni and friends participate in the challenge.

By making this important contribution, you will not only leave your mark on the future of medical education, you will also have a tremendous impact on future generations of Gator docs. Joining the Legacy Challenge will also give you the opportunity to meet the students whose future you are helping define.

There are three ways to participate in the Legacy Challenge: establish an endowed scholarship, sponsor a medical student or develop an estate plan that includes scholarship support.

Establish an Endowed Scholarship

Create a new named scholarship with a gift of $100,000 or more, one of the most meaningful and enduring ways to support the UF College of Medicine. Endowed scholarships can be either need- or merit-based and are critical to the College of Medicine because they generate predictable (4 percent annually), growing streams of income in perpetuity.

Sponsor a Medical Student

Sponsor a medical student with a gift of $20,000, payable over four years, to provide $5,000 annually to recruit the most competitive medical students.

Plan for Your Future and Help Students

Include the College of Medicine in your estate plans or consider a planned gift. We can work with you, your family, and your advisers to help you create a plan that meets both your financial and charitable goals.

Other Ways to Give

If the Legacy Challenge doesn't make sense for you at this time, there are other ways to support future Gator doctors.

Dean’s Preeminence Scholarship Fund

Gifts of any amount can be made to this immediate-impact fund, which supports annual scholarships for the most competitive students.

Class Scholarships

Contribute to your class scholarship or to one of the many other College of Medicine class scholarship funds honoring faculty members and beloved students and friends.

Please join us today and help UF remain a leading institution for cultivating tomorrow’s medical leaders.

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