

Scholarships and Bursaries

Everyone knows medical school can take a toll on savings and the bank account! Luckily, as medical students, we have access to government student loans and lines of credit from a number of financial institutions to help fund our way through medical school. However, these all come with the issue of interest at some point or another. We recommend that you find and apply for **scholarships** (awarded for academic or other achievement) and **bursaries** (awarded based on financial need) to help offset some of the cost of medical school. Not only is it free money, but it's money that you don't need to pay back! These awards are available to both entering and current students so be sure to look out for both.

As a starting point, all medical schools have their own internal scholarship and bursary system. Information on each based on your school can be found below:

University of British Columbia	University of Alberta	University of Calgary
University of Saskatchewan	University of Manitoba	Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Western University	McMaster University	University of Toronto
Queens University	University of Ottawa	McGill University
Dalhousie University	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Centre de Formation Médical du Nouveau-Brunswick

In addition to internal awards, there are a number of scholarships and bursaries available from external sources. We encourage you to take time to explore and apply to ones that you are eligible for! Some of these sources can be found below (hyperlinked):

- CMA Foundation – Bursaries and Awards**
- Scholarships Canada**
- Universities Canada – Programs and Scholarships**
- Government of Canada – Scholarships**
- The Canadian Medical Foundation – Financial Aid for Medical Students**
- Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award for Medical Students**
- CFMS- MD Financial Management Leadership Award**

Your school may have access to additional lists of external scholarships. Many of these can be found on your school's scholarships and bursaries site. For others, contact your school's Office of Career Advising.

For Quebec students: It is important to note Quebec students have access to substantial scholarships both in and out of school! Take a look **here** and be on the lookout when applying as well as on your school's scholarship and bursary website.