Student Support

Make your gift to support the UCSF/SFSU Graduate Program in Physical Therapy!

Your donation will enable bright, young qualified students to continue their education and fulfill their dream of becoming a physical therapist. With education costs on the rise and reduced state funding, private donations are critical to ensuring we meet our goal of providing an affordable and accessible program.

To support the academic program: Click here to make an online gift [1].

If you would like your donation to go directly to student scholarships, click the "Select Designation" button and choose the "Physical Therapy Endowed Scholarship Fund".

You can also make a gift by sending a check payable to UCSF Foundation, Box 45339, San Francisco, CA 94145-0339. In the memo section of your check please indicate that your contribution is intended for the UCSF/SFSU Graduate Program in Physical Therapy.

How we use your financial support:

- Student scholarships
- New equipment purchases
- Classroom enhancements
- Research equipment
- Pro bono services
Alumni Leaders in Physical Therapy Scholarship
This scholarship was established to support students who have demonstrated academic excellence and who show promise of leadership and potential to serve the profession of physical therapy. This scholarship is intended to help students reach their educational goals and is applied toward education-related costs, including tuition, fees, and other program-related expenses. The Alumni Leaders in Physical Therapy Scholarship is awarded from faculty-nominations.

- 2018 Winners: Ki Cheng, Samantha Steele (Class of 2019)

JoAnn Baldwin Peters Memorial Scholarship
The JoAnn Baldwin Peters Memorial Scholarship was established to support students who demonstrate promise of leadership and potential to serve the profession of physical therapy. This scholarship is intended to help students reach their educational goals and is applied toward education-related costs, including tuition, fees, and other program-related expenses. The JoAnn Baldwin Peters Memorial Scholarship is awarded from faculty-nominations.

- 2018 Winners: Alison Alonas, Grace Wang, and Nicole Garlit (Class of 2018)

Kean Scholarship
Recipients of the Kean Scholarship are selected based on a range of criteria, including academic performance, financial need, participation in the academic program, contributions to the physical therapy profession, and the potential to be an exceptional colleague.
2016 Winners (pictured above, left to right): Jennie Amaral, Andrea Anderson, Debra Magnani, Lindsy Mathewkutty, Kyle Nelson (Class of 2017)

2015 Winners: Dea Dauphinee, Jon Kretschmer, Laura Brady, Nicole Copti, Christina Tsutsumi, Megan Yamashiro (Class of 2016); and Lindsey Gendreau, Sheena McCormack, Sherean Neuhart, Matthew Rickerts, Will Wong, Sarah Zerzan (Class of 2015)

Keller Family Scholarship

Recipients of the Keller Family Scholarship are selected for this award based on their passion for a career in physical therapy, a record of success in clinical rotations, and exceptional bedside manner. The Keller Family Scholarship is awarded from faculty-nominations.

2018 Winners (pictured above, left to right): Elliot (EJ) Gann, Bianca Castro, Becca Hughes, Katie Kessler (Class of 2018)

2017 Winners: Carolyn Celio, Sarah Correll, Bryan Gruner, Johanna Kerr, Courtney Mahaffey, Debbie Magnani (Class of 2017)

Regents Scholarship

These scholarships are given on the basis of outstanding scholastic performance, evidence of achievement, and promise as a leader.

2018 Winners (pictured above, left to right): Riika Lampinen and Jordan Waite (Class of 2020)

2017 Winners: Lauren Stoll and Katherine Sawyer (Class of 2019)
Robert L. Reeves Scholarship - Palo Alto Elks Lodge

It is a goal of the Palo Alto Elks and the vision of the Robert L. Reeves Trust Scholarship to provide support every year for students in educational programs in fields that benefit physically handicapped children.

- 2016 Winner: Nicole Garlit (Class of 2018, pictured)
- 2015 Winner: Brianna Munson (Class of 2015)

Student Testimonials

"The Alumni Leaders in Physical Therapy Scholarship has helped to ease the burden of tuition and allowed me to focus on electives and personal goals that are important to me. I have taken the Run Safe elective, which inspired me to take on a research project on running biomechanics and osteoarthritis and opened the door for a career that includes research endeavors. In addition, I was able to run my tenth marathon in New York City and raised $3,000 for the Chris Klug Foundation, an organization that raises awareness about organ donation. The Byl scholarship is one of the many examples of the faculty support in this program, and I am happy to be a part of this community." - Madeline Ragan, Class of 2015

"The Kean Scholarship has enabled me to attend conferences such as the APTA Combined Sections Meeting 2012 in Chicago, IL and the Performing Arts Medicine Association (PAMA) Symposium in Snowmass, CO to actively learn the current research and therapy that can
enhance my practice as a future physical therapist and broaden my vision for contributing to medicine and society. Networking with professionals and experts in their fields has opened the doors to my engaging in new clinical and teaching opportunities, orthopedic continuing education courses, and hopefully upon graduation, a residency program. I am very grateful for the support that the department has granted me, for it has been incredibly valuable and meaningful, both personally and professionally.” - Jamie Wong, Class of 2014