

AIM HIGH MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 2024



Supporting students; transforming lives

Aim High Medicine Scholarship

Overview



Suaad, an Aim High Medicine scholar celebrates receiving a First Class Honours Degree at RCSI Results Day, 2024

RCSI's Aim High Medicine Scholarship programme, now in its 11th year, continues to exemplify the dedication and vision of RCSI alumni. Since 2013, this initiative has enabled 33 aspiring students to receive scholarships and pursue their dream of coming to RCSI to study Medicine.

By providing financial support and access to a high-quality medical education, RCSI alumni have played a pivotal role in nurturing the next generation of healthcare professionals, making a significant impact on the lives of these students and the future of healthcare.

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Aim High Medicine scholars currently enrolled in RCSI's Medicine Degree programme.

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Aim High Medicine scholars graduated in the top of their class; **5 received a First Class Honours Degree** and **5 received a 2.1 Honours Degree.**

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Aim High Medicine scholars have graduated and are now practicing as doctors.

Student Spotlight

A perspective; one year in

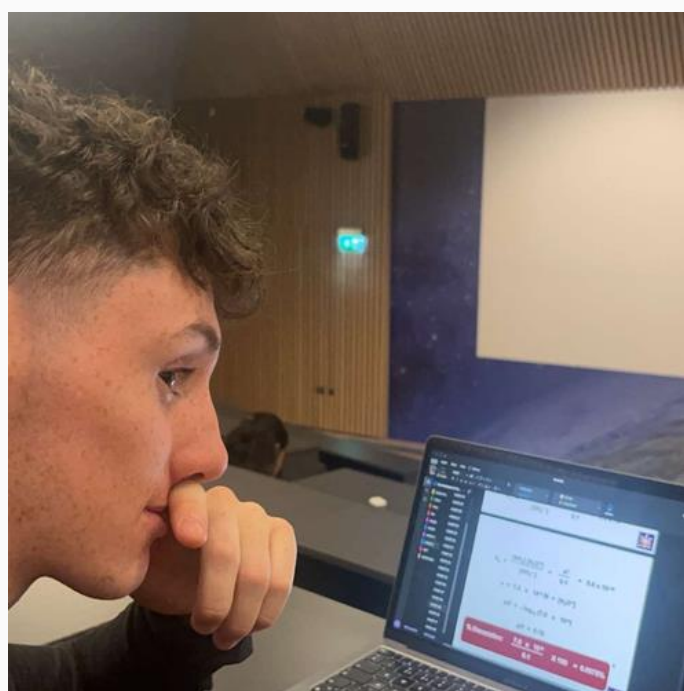


Alicia, top left is pictured at Freshers Week as part of the Gourmet Society

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Alicia, Year 2

My first year was a blend of challenging academic work, new friendships and personal growth. A standout moment was going to the Anatomy Room for the first time, where I got hands on experience and left with a greater respect and encouragement for medicine and my studies. I've made some great friendships. The support system from friends in similar situations and access to mentorship made the transition to RCSI enjoyable.



Owen is pictured at a lecture

Owen, Year 2

I feel the scholarship has been the backbone to my success so far, I genuinely couldn't imagine being in RCSI and doing well without it. It takes a huge amount of stress and worry off mine and my family's back and allows me to focus entirely on my studies and enjoy a social life in the College.

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Student Spotlight

Community outreach and volunteering



Heulwen is pictured volunteering for RCSI's Alumni Gathering 2024

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Heulwen, Year 3

My scholarship has opened many doors for me. It enables me to afford rent in Dublin and immerse myself in student life both academically and socially. I volunteered at the 2024 Alumni Gathering. It was great socialising with alumni while helping throughout the three day event. I was honoured to give a speech at the gala dinner. During the year, I won the student reflection competition which I read at the annual memorial service for the families of our cadaveric donors.



Pir (left) is pictured with a friend on campus

Pir, Year 3

I volunteered at the RCSI Alumni Gathering. I gave a short speech as part of the event which gave me a boost in confidence. Many alumni and professors from RCSI came up to congratulate me afterwards. With the scholarship funding, I purchased UWorld which will help me prepare for the USMLE as I'm hoping to practice Medicine in America for a while after I graduate. This has been and will continue to be a great asset for my studies.

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Student Spotlight

The year of clinical rotations



Jonathan (left) is pictured with a friend

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Jonathan, Year 4

This year provides actual clinical experience that emulates a doctor's working life and allows us to explore various specialties. I believe this exposure will help me gain a clearer idea of which area of medicine I would like to pursue. This opportunity to experience different specialties firsthand is something that greatly excites me and has always been a milestone I was eagerly anticipating.



Zahra (front left) is pictured with fellow members of the RCSI Obs and Gynae Society

Zahra, Year 4

I'm excited about my placement in obstetrics and gynaecology because this is a specialty I want to pursue in the future. I'm looking forward to learning as much as I can and gaining hands-on experience. Caring for newborns and their mothers is such a beautiful and delicate part of medicine, and I'm so excited to be a part of it. This placement is a step closer to the career I want, and I'm eager to start right away!

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Student Spotlight

Almost at the finish line



Zara is pictured on a clinical elective placement in Tanzania

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Zara, Year 5

Due to the security of the scholarship, I've been able to publish papers and do well academically. Simple things, like spending time with my friends, felt like a distant dream when I considered how much I would need to work to support myself through medical school. Yet, here I am, thriving. Even if I had the whole Oxford dictionary memorised, I don't think I could find enough words to express my gratitude.



Julia (front right) is pictured with a fellow student at a poster presentation

Julia, Year 5

I'm excited for my sub-internship. I would like to enhance my practical skills like cannulation and catheterisation. Clinical placement is a great learning environment, and an opportunity to get to know more people in my class. I'm also looking forward to social aspects of our final year in RCSI such as the last College Ball, class trip and other class outings.

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Graduated Scholar Spotlight

You can call me Dr!



Emer is pictured at her graduation in June 2022

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Dr Emer Rose Kealy

I completed my intern year at Blanchardstown Hospital and am currently pursuing a career in general practice. As part of my GP training, I've gained diverse experiences in different jobs and specialties. I've enjoyed learning about multidisciplinary teams in both emergency departments and community mental health settings. I aim to complete my GP training by 2027 and look forward to working as part of a primary care team.



Emer showcasing her ID cards from her various intern positions

College would have been a very different experience for me without the scholarship. The funding freed me from having to work allowing me to focus on my studies, conduct research, participate in extracurricular activities, and spend quality time with friends. I wouldn't have been in as strong a position to secure my desired intern scheme without the support of the scholarship. Being free from significant student debt has allowed me to progress smoothly through the early years of my training while planning my future career. I am incredibly grateful to the scholarship donors for making this possible.

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Thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students.

The Aim High Scholarship offers students the stability and support they need during difficult times, while also allowing them to take advantage of opportunities throughout the academic year to enrich their education and pave the way for them to become exceptional healthcare professionals.