

CONSILIO MANUQUE MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 2024



Supporting high achieving students at RCSI

Consilio Manuque Medicine Scholarship

Overview



Linda, a Consilio Manuque Medicine scholar celebrates receiving a First Class Honours Degree at RCSI Results Day, 2024

RCSI's Consilio Manuque Medicine Scholarship programme, now in its 7th year, continues to reflect the commitment and vision of RCSI alumni. Since 2017, this initiative has awarded merit based scholarships to 22 of the highest achieving students entering RCSI.

By supporting the Consilio Manuque scholarship, RCSI alumni have played a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals, significantly influencing students' medical school experiences and the future of healthcare.

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Consilio Manuque Medicine scholars currently enrolled in RCSI's Medicine Degree programme.

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Consilio Manuque Medicine scholars graduated in the top of their class achieving either a **First Class Honours Degree** or a **2.1 Honours Degree**.

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Consilio Manuque Medicine scholars have graduated and are now practicing as doctors.

Student Spotlight

Almost at the finish line



Liam (far right) is pictured on his clinical elective placement in Tanzania



Liam on some downtime from his clinical elective placement in Tanzania

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Liam, Year 5

The scholarship has supported me in so many ways. This summer I completed a placement in paediatric oncology in Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This was an incredible opportunity and would not have been possible without the scholarship. A standout learning moment for me was performing a lumbar puncture and delivering intra-thecal chemotherapy under supervision. This experience prompted me to reflect on how far I have come since starting in first year only four years ago.

Last year, I spent a week with the microbiology team in Beaumont Hospital. I thoroughly enjoyed this placement and I feel that type of role suits my strengths as a person. I am currently considering specialties such as radiology, microbiology and pathology.

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Student Spotlight

The year of clinical rotations



Oscar on placement in 2024



Oscar (right) is pictured with friends at a College Ball

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Oscar, Year 4

The challenge is what I look forward to most. Year 4 has a reputation among students as being the trickiest year of college, and I must admit that makes me quite excited. The past year was a sampler of placement. This semester the workload is anticipated to be greater and with that comes an intense infusion of learning and experience. Everything I understand about medicine will be scrutinised this year, and I hope to come out of it more confident than ever of my medical knowledge.

I'm looking forward to paediatrics. Last year on my ophthalmology placement I spent a few days in the paediatrics department. The whole experience was heartwarming and genuine. The children would leave the clinic with an eyepatch or a set of stickers, and always seemed calmer than they had been when they initially entered. I really enjoyed the few days I had there, and although my responsibilities were minimal, it still felt like a meaningful and positive use of time.

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Student Spotlight

The benefits of the scholarship



David is pictured on a family holiday

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David, Year 3

I am extremely grateful for my scholarship. It has opened up so many opportunities for me. Now I am in third year and the prospect of clinical placements, I'm feeling lots of excitement, and some apprehension. I am looking forward to early-morning lifts, group work, and lots of time spent with other students facing challenges together.

Michelle, Year 3

The scholarship has helped me pursue things like taking the USMLE STEP 1 Exam and buying materials such as practice exams to prepare for it. The test is quite expensive and the scholarship helped relieve this financial burden. Taking a break from studies to exercise or do something physically active has helped me immensely to stay focused and mentally grounded.

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Michelle (left) is pictured with friends

Student Spotlight

A perspective on first year



Rachel (middle) is pictured at the RCSI Teddy Bear Hospital



Kevin is pictured at RCSI's White Coat Ceremony

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Rachel, Year 2

In first year, finding a balance for studying was a challenge. I used to get stressed before exams and stay up late. I learned that it's important to study regularly throughout the year instead. The silent study zone in the library has helped, as I find I can go there for a few hours and get lots done. The scholarship means I don't need to work so I have more time to focus on my studies and have free time to relax and unwind.

Kevin, Year 2

The scholarship played a role in allowing me to overcome the challenge of finding confidence in myself. I met such wonderful like-minded people through the scholarship social events who gave me invaluable insights into what I can expect going forward. I gained the confidence that I am in the right place, pursuing the right career for me. I know that hard work is rewarded and as long as I continue to work hard I will find success at RCSI and in my career.

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Graduated Scholar Spotlight

You can call me Dr!



Linda is pictured at her graduation in June 2024



Linda is pictured with a friend on placement

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Dr Linda Kelly

The scholarship provided me with a sense of assurance and gave me the confidence to believe from very early on that I belonged in RCSI and had the academic capacity to succeed and thrive here. The funding allowed me to focus on my studies and not have to be burdened by financial hardship or worry about cost of loans to fund my education.

Extra-curricular activities in RCSI, particularly as part of the Drama Society provided an outlet to let loose and take a break from academic life. Having participated in three musicals during my time here, I've seen the society grow and flourish.

Medical school has been such an amazing journey, and now that I'm out the other end, I look back with this unbounding sense of gratitude for everything that happened along the way, with this scholarship being the first pinnacle moment that kicked it all off. I can't wait to thrive in this field, and work as a doctor.

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Thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students. The scholarship instills in them a sense of self belief and confidence in their abilities and provides them with opportunities throughout the academic year to enrich their education and pave the way to becoming outstanding healthcare professionals.