



2025  
MID-YEAR  
REPORT

# CONSILIO MANUQUE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

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Now in its 8th year, the Consilio Manuque Scholarship programme has found its niche.

For the first five years of the scholarship, thanks to alumni support, we were able to award two Consilio Manuque Scholarships per academic year.

Since 2022, increased alumni support has allowed us to expand this to five scholarships annually - a number we hope to sustain in the years ahead. Our scholars consistently tell us that this support makes a real difference - helping them afford college life, easing financial pressure, and giving them the freedom to focus on their studies without added stress.

Beyond the financial benefit, being awarded a merit-based scholarship instils a deep sense of confidence and empowerment. It's a recognition of our students' potential and a powerful encouragement as they continue their journey with us here at RCSI.

Thank you so much for making this possible.



**AÍNE GIBBONS**

Director of Development



***In 2024, with support from alumni, we were able to award five students with a Consilio Manuque Scholarship.***

17

students on  
Consilio Manuque  
Scholarships in  
2025

5

Consilio Manuque  
Scholarships  
awarded in 2024

2

Consilio Manuque  
scholars  
graduated in 2024

# THE START OF THE JOURNEY

## LUCY, YEAR 1

*"This scholarship honestly means everything to me. For starters, it's recognition of all the hard work and sacrifices I made in order to be considered for the award. Completing the Leaving Certificate and HPAT to such a high standard was a daunting and stressful task. There were many moments when I doubted my ability to achieve the goals that I had set for myself.*

*The Consilio Manuque Scholarship award demonstrated to me that I am more than able to apply myself to medicine and succeed in my studies at RCSI. The scholarship has relieved many financial pressures, allowing me to focus solely on my studies and university life rather than attempting to juggle a job with studies."*



Lucy is pictured in her white coat on campus

**Thanks to the benefactors of my scholarship for recognising the potential that I have and for supporting me in my endeavours.**



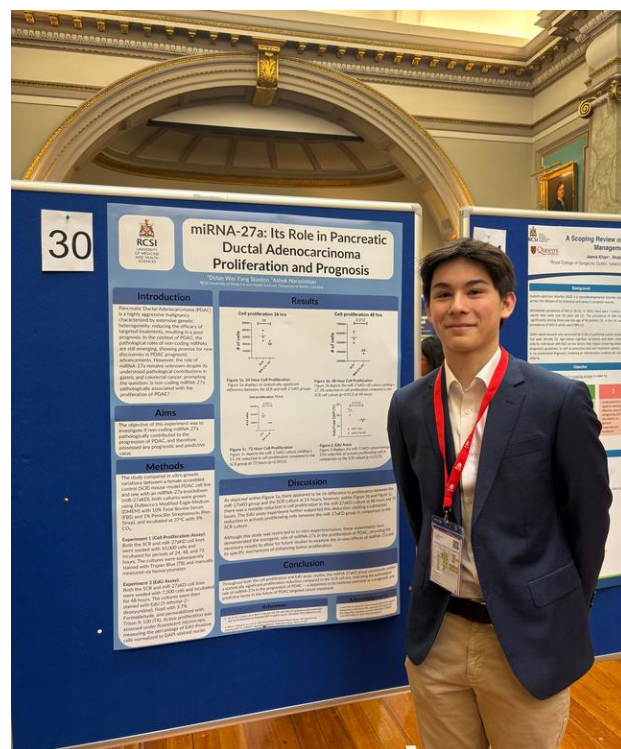
# THE GIFT OF TIME

## DYLAN, YEAR 2

*"The scholarship has alleviated the financial pressures imposed upon my family as a single-income household. It's allowed me to present research with RCSI at the International Conference for Healthcare and Medical Students (ICHAMS) while also finding time to participate in student activities.*

*The funding has allowed me to play with the RCSI Men's Football Team and take part in the Surgical Society, as well as pursue new opportunities this year with the Cancer Society, helping organize and host Daffodil Day - a cause of personal significance to both me and my family.*

*Although the scholarship has allowed me to pursue multiple opportunities ranging from research to volunteer work, its most significant contribution is the gift of time - time to explore, connect with future colleagues, and ultimately discover my purpose within the world of medicine."*



*Dylan is pictured at the ICHAMS conference with his research poster*

**Your investment in me will not go unfulfilled. I am incredibly grateful.**

# ENJOYING PLACEMENTS

## DAVID, YEAR 3

*"I did three clinical placements this year which have been the most enjoyable part of medicine for me so far. I was very apprehensive at the prospect of being in a hospital environment before my first placement and didn't know what to expect, but I have found that there is great value in these experiences in learning real, practical knowledge."*

*The aspects of placement that I most enjoy are the patient interactions, and seeing the real impact that healthcare professionals have on people's lives. I love seeing all the theory we have learned over the first two years in college come together as real cases, which must then be logically managed. I also really enjoy the problem-solving process in the diagnosis of patients."*



David (far right) is pictured with friends

***I am very proud to be the recipient of such a prestigious scholarship in a university like RCSI, and that pride is something I will always carry forward with me.***

# HELPING WITH COLLEGE COSTS

## MICHELLE, YEAR 4

*"Planning for electives and board exams have been a major focus of mine so far this year. The scholarship has helped me greatly with these two important parts of my medical school journey."*

*I will be applying to Canada and the US for residency, so I will write the Canadian MCCQE and NAC OSCE, as well as STEP 2. All together these exams are quite expensive, so the scholarship has helped greatly to offset the cost. Further, I am really excited to be doing a variety of electives in Canada and the US and the scholarship funding will help with the associated costs such as lodging, transport, and day to day living expenses."*



Michelle (right) is pictured with friends on campus

**Thank you for your support, it means the world to me.**

# NEXT STEP...DOCTOR

## LIAM, YEAR 5

*"Final year has been a demanding year and I am grateful for the scholarship for aiding me through this tough year.*

*I'm looking forward to transitioning into my role as a doctor, working more independently in clinical settings, applying everything I've learned at RCSI, and making a direct impact on patients.*

*However, there will be much that I will miss about RCSI. Most of all the friendships I've formed with my peers and the camaraderie we've shared through the highs of our summers away and the lows of those tough exam weeks. The time I have spent in RCSI has been a truly once in a lifetime experience that I will always look back on fondly."*



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

**Thank you. Your support has had a profound impact on me personally, allowing me to focus on my growth as a person, both within and beyond the walls of RCSI.**



# THANK YOU

Your generosity to the Consilio Manuque Scholarship programme is helping to shape students lives. Thank you for your continued kindness.



**Left:** Consilio Manuque scholar Linda (left) celebrates at Results Day 2024

**Right:** Consilio Manuque scholar Alana on RCSI's 2024 Conferring Day.



**Left:** First year Consilio Manuque scholar Omar pictured at the RCSI Consilio Manuque Awards ceremony accepting his scholarship award

**Right:** Second year Consilio Manuque scholar Parisa performs as part of RCSI's Choral Society

