

The Julie Patel Foundation 2025–2026 Student Awards Report

McMaster University is deeply grateful to the Julie Patel Foundation for its generous support of student awards, which plays a vital role in empowering learners to excel in their academic and professional pursuits. Through these awards, the Foundation is helping to remove financial barriers and foster the next generation of leaders in health, research and education. **During the 2025–2026 academic year, the Julie Patel Foundation supported 12 students with a total of \$13,867 in funding.**

The Julie Patel Indigenous/Racialized Bursary Supported five students, totaling \$3,662 in awards

Established in 2021 by The Julie Patel Foundation (est. 2018 by the family’s children and grandchildren). In loving memory of Julie and Ahmed Patel, born and raised in apartheid South Africa, who did not have the opportunity to go to University, but valued education and believed education was the path to helping those less fortunate successfully navigate the journey to a better life for themselves and their families. To be granted to undergraduate students enrolled in any program who identify as racialized or Indigenous students and demonstrate financial need.

The Julie and Ahmed Patel DeGroot School of Medicine Bursary Supported one student, totaling \$4,000 in awards

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The Julie Patel FHS Bursary Supported six students, totaling \$6,205 in awards

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