

# Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science

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## Endowment for Student Research: \$1 million

### Background

The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science seeks \$1 million to establish an **endowment for student research**. Students' scholarly presentations are made to such prestigious groups as the Western Institute of Nursing, National Association of Nurse Practitioners, Academy of Health Annual Research Conference, National Evidence-Based Practice Conference, Hawaii International Conference on Education, Clinical Nurse Specialist Conference, Association of Radiological and Imaging Nurses, and World Congress of the Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons.

In addition, some scholarship programs require students to travel to their host donor site. For example, the University of San Diego has the largest number of scholarship recipients from the Jonas Foundation, and all recipients are required to attend the Jonas Foundation annual meeting in New York to promote the mission of the foundation, which supports doctoral nurses serving the military.

### Objectives

The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science wants to establish a travel fund for students. Students now give more than 100 clinical and research presentations annually. They travel throughout the United States and the world, including but not limited to Africa, Japan, Honolulu, Germany, and Haiti.

The cost of these trips, which can be many thousands of dollars, is prohibitive for most students. Doctoral students may have tuition costs of \$100,000 and many are married with families to support. While the school of nursing has funds to support faculty travel, there are no such funds for students. An endowed account, where funds are invested for growth, would provide funding for this student travel now and in the future.

### Impact

Student travel for presentations has myriad benefits for both the students and the school. These presentations: facilitate exposure of USD research in critical health and nursing issues; drive national and international collaboration; and promote the future professional life of students.

The recognition of the excellence of our student scholars is undeniable. Recently, for example, the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science students secured first and second place at the 29<sup>th</sup> Navy Medicine West Academic Research Competition at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

Our student research was selected from among more than 100 research submissions — from doctors, nurses, residents and interns from various NMCSD medical departments, clinics, and hospitals — before a panel of Navy and medical experts. The research focused on military risk factors for dementia and neurodegenerative problems.

### For More Information

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