Scholarships are a tangible example of how our alumni and friends can experience living the magis for Saint Joseph’s University, by helping us do more for our students. This initiative will have an immediate impact on the campus culture and fulfills our Jesuit commitment to educating a diverse community of scholars from all segments of society.

To strengthen and enhance Saint Joseph’s ability to respond vigorously to this demonstrated need, we invite your participation in the President’s Magis Scholarship Initiative. We seek $50 million in current-use and endowed scholarships, which will have considerable and long-lasting benefits for our students and the families we serve. It will allow the University to meet more need, foster a thriving and diverse campus, and attract the most capable students who share our Jesuit values. This initiative will change individual lives, one at a time, as these students experience Saint Joseph’s commitment to cura personalis, care of the whole person, and thrive, academically, intellectually, physically and spiritually.

We seek both types of scholarship that can be awarded immediately or endowed over time and can be applied to unrestricted or designated uses according to your preference. Endowment is the lifeblood of leading universities, a perpetual savings account funded by generous gifts of cash, securities and real property. The endowment corpus is not depleted and the annual spending rate (currently 4% at Saint Joseph’s) is used to fund current operating expenses.

By supporting this initiative, you are investing in Saint Joseph’s Catholic, Jesuit mission. You will directly impact our students’ ability to discover their own God-given gifts and contribute to society through leadership and service.

Living greater unites us as one: one university, one common cause and one tangible force for good in the world.
A University on the Move

Saint Joseph's University is a University on the move. With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University enabled us to create a vibrant campus environment that has significantly elevated the student life experience on Hawk Hill. Combine this foundation with the unwavering commitment of Saint Joseph’s faculty and staff whose deep loyalty toward enhancing the educational experience for our students drives everything they do, and you have a picture of Saint Joseph’s University today.

The quality of any university – its excellence, reputation and ability to grow – is measured by the quality of its students and faculty. “This is not simply perception,” says University Provost Brice Wachterhauser, PhD. “Talented and motivated students from diverse backgrounds strengthen the educational experience for everyone. They contribute fresh ideas and enhance the quality of classroom discussion, produce novel research, shine in athletic competition and model leadership and commitment to service.” In addition, these students help attract top faculty who want to be teaching bright and inquisitive young people. These students challenge us to constantly improve, to do “’more’ for the greater good.”

Gateway to a Bright Future

Saint Joseph’s strategic roadmap, Plan 2020: Gateway to the Future, and our new academic plan, Seeking the Magis (2012-2015), builds upon our momentum to impact future generations of students in unprecedented fashion. Father Gillespie has underscored Saint Joseph’s commitment to academic distinction by urging the campus community to “Awaken to the Magis”, and our new marketing campaign that premiered during the 2012 Summer Olympics has placed a bright spotlight on a university that’s on the move locally, nationally and internationally.

As new undergraduate majors and master’s programs, online offerings and degree completion curricula are developed to reflect both the university’s mission and student interests, Saint Joseph’s continues its commitment to Catholic Jesuit education in a world that needs leaders with a foundation in social justice and ethical decision-making.

“The Seeking the Magis academic plan identifies scholarships and endowment as top priorities if Saint Joseph’s is to continue to enhance its academic profile and continually deepen its transformational student experience,” adds Wachterhauser.

Now more than ever, the world needs these inspired global citizens who use their talents to seek the magis and live greater for others. Saint Joseph’s University needs your continued support to ensure this legacy continues. Learn more about the President’s Magis Scholarship Initiative and how you can help.

Scholarship Fast Facts

- 90% - the number of Saint Joseph’s traditional undergraduate student population who receive a scholarship award, either merit or need-based.
- $53.8 million – the amount awarded in 2011-12, in institutional scholarships.
- $12,850 per student – the average institutional aid package.
- $26,721 – the median debt burden total for four years per graduate (2012). As a result, many students must augment their scholarships from Saint Joseph’s with student loans.
- 4% - the percent of the scholarships awarded to undergraduate students are generated from endowment earnings.