The Faculty believes in investing in talented students, to shape their abilities and develop them as rounded individuals. This empowers them as future leaders who can effect positive change in our society and beyond.

Moving ahead after SG50, we are stepping up efforts to open up more opportunities for talented students to benefit from our Transformative Science education.

To achieve this vision, we will invite philanthropic support to raise 100 Science scholarships per year, amounting to a scholarship fund of over $45 million. We will actively partner with our donors to attract and nurture the brightest students.

Recipients of the NUS-Faculty of Science Merit Scholarship will be groomed under a mentorship programme by our distinguished alumni and academics. They will also get to interact with industry leaders and undertake community service. Scholarship recipients will gain exposure to life-changing opportunities, enabling them to hone their leadership skills and to acquire the value of giving back to society.

A fund-raising committee, led by Prof SHEN Zuowei, Dean of Science and Prof Leo TAN, Director of Special Projects, was set up to drive this initiative. The Committee members include Heads of departments, Prof CHAN Woon Khiong, Director of Alumni Relations and Ms Susan TAN, Director of Administration.

Donors can enjoy tax benefits and have their gifts matched by the Government. We also offer naming opportunities, where donors can make a gift to honour individuals, corporations or foundations. There will also be publicity acknowledgements.

In September 2016, the Faculty received our first donation under the new scholarships initiative from alumnus Mr LEE Kiow Seng, Chief Executive Officer, Seagift Food Pte Ltd. Seagift Food, an industry leader in the frozen seafood business, gifted $300,000 to establish the NUS-Seagift Merit Scholarship for Food Science and Technology undergraduates. The scholarship will cover the full term of the student's candidature.