The Science Student Fund (SSF) was established in 2008 to provide for students in need of financial help at the Faculty of Science. The Fund comprises of two components: SSF Bursary and SSF Emergency Aid.

SSF Bursary
Generous gifts from our alumni, staff, students and friends enabled us to offer our SSF Bursary to support our needy students. These gifts helped many students from low income families to embark on their undergraduate education at NUS in spite of their financial challenges. For some of these families, the household lives on less than $1,000 per month.

This year, more than 1000 Science Students have applied for NUS Financial Aid. The Faculty was able to offer 74 SSF Bursaries at a total of $305,000 to them. The Faculty takes this opportunity to thank all donors for their generous contributions and pledges. With your support, SSF could help at least a fraction of our needy students.

A Class Gift is a heart-warming tradition for a graduating class to come together to support their juniors. To instill the spirit of giving, we have also encouraged our graduating students to contribute during their commencement year as a collective Class Gift for this SSF Bursary. We are proud to report that our Science 2014 Commencement Classes have contributed generously to support their juniors and this tradition has been ongoing since 2011.

Investment from the NUS Students’ Science Club’s reserve has also paid off when the interest generated is enough to support 1 SSF bursary. We are thankful to the Committee for their kind thoughts and generosity to work hand-in-hand with the Faculty to help our science students.

Since the establishment of SSF which complements our other Science Student Overseas Exposure Fund (SSOEF), we were very grateful to have received gifts to establish the following bursaries administer under SSF:

- Alice & Peter Tan Bursary/Scholarship
- Goh Foundation Bursary
- John & Lydia Ewing-Chow Bursary
- Kwan Fook Ngah & Kum Lai Yoke Bursary
- Saw Phaik Hwa Bursary
- Tan Eng Liang Bursary
- Tan Sau Fun Bursary
- SSF – Ang Miah Boon Bursary
- SSF – DSM Nutritional Products Bursary
- SSF – Lee Foundation Bursary
- SSF – M & G Bursary
- SSF – Wong Foo Siong Bursary

SSF Emergency Aid
Besides giving bursaries to help the needy students to finance and continue their studies, SSF also provides timely emergency aid to Science students who find themselves in sudden and dire need. Since AY2009/10, we have disbursed a total of $30,000 SSF Emergency grant to help our students.

We have witnessed the impact of your gift in encouraging, transforming and shaping a student’s future. This will, in turn, empower the students with the ability to help influence the lives of others in the future because your gift has made a difference in their lives.

We appeal to you to continue giving to this worthy cause of SSF. This is because an annual constant support will be needed if we wish to continue to help our needy students. Besides providing the donor a 250% tax deduction, the government also matches gifts with a 1-for-1 or 1.5 times endowed grant to the University. Please visit www.science.nus.edu.sg/images/giving/ssf/SSF_Report_2014.pdf to make your gift or contact us below if you need more information:

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(Science, Year 2)

My parents have been living on small unstable earnings from their “Flea Market” booth... I really hope that I could be financially-independent and need not depend on my parents' savings to cover my daily expenses.

(Science, Year 3)

My father’s business failed and got into huge monetary debts. We would receive numerous lawyers’ letters requesting to repay the debt or else legal action would be taken. My father eventually declared bankrupt and I recalled the time when people from the Singapore Court came and repossessed things in my house... I seldom see my father after the incident, even up till today... My mother took charge of the family, providing for myself and 2 elder brothers. However, she was injured during her work. She underwent 2 operations and was declared unfit for work... Two months ago, she underwent a total hip replacement surgery and is still recuperating.

(Science, Year 2)

Your Inspirations

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(Science, Year 2)

... this scholarship has inspired and given me immense motivation to continue doing my best as a student, son and member of society. This gesture of generosity and goodwill is something my family and I will cherish and remember for a long time to come... From the bottom of my heart, thank you...

(Science, Year 3)

...Thanks for the help I received from you, I will be able to fulfil my dream in pursuing my passion in science and be a scientist in the future hopefully... I will... contribute back to society in any way I can, be it monetary or others, spreading this blissfulness to more people.

(Science, Year 2)

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

St. Francis of Assisi