“We are optimistic about the contributions YSN will make in the years to come. I invite you to help us envision an even greater Yale School of Nursing—one that educates a greater number of talented advanced practice nurses, makes more path-breaking discoveries, and helps bring better health care to people around the world.”

—Margaret Grey, Dean and Annie Goodrich Professor of Nursing

Strong clinical programs and academic initiatives sustain the Yale School of Nursing in a leadership role in nursing education. Dedicated to graduate-level study, the school is focused on educating advanced practice nurses and researchers. Students seeking master’s degrees in advanced practice nursing work alongside clinically active faculty members, senior nurse researchers, and experts in health care policy—an exposure that is the hallmark of the Yale experience.

Financial aid is essential to the future of this extraordinary nursing education. On average, nursing students enrolled in the master’s program receive $10,000 each year in Yale scholarships, but they can graduate with more than $122,000 in debt—a crushing burden. Too often, nursing students who enter Yale’s program with a commitment to underserved patients instead graduate to better-paying jobs that allow them to service their debt.

To ensure that economic hardship will neither bar a qualified applicant from Yale nor deter a graduate from working with the most needy populations, the school is deeply committed to raising new financial aid endowment and substantially increasing its need-based and merit-based aid.

“YSN has afforded me opportunities both locally and abroad to actively contribute to the mission of providing ‘better health care for all people’. I feel empowered that I am part of a community that recognizes pertinent needs and takes action towards a difference.”

Lindsay Geoghegan is a first year pediatric nurse practitioner specialty student at YSN. In 2010, Geoghegan spent three weeks working with women and infants diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Rwanda and gained a great appreciation for that population. She is currently applying for funding for research abroad during the summer months.
Giving opportunities

$100,000
Doctoral Fellowship in Nursing
The introduction of the Ph.D. degree in fall 2006 marked ten years of increasing growth in the development of YSN’s research programs. Endowed fellowships support nurse scientists in the doctoral program who, through their original research and scholarly inquiry, advance the profession and practice of nursing.

$50,000
Nursing Scholarship
Increasing scholarship support for our students is among YSN’s highest priorities. Yale nursing students graduate with an average debt burden of over $122,000, significantly disproportionate to their future income potential. While an increasing number of students qualify for financial aid, most finance their education through a combination of public funding, scholarships, and private loans. With decreasing public support and an average YSN scholarship of only $10,000 per year, students have little choice but to increase the amount of their private loans. An endowed student scholarship provides critical financial aid in perpetuity and helps YSN to remain competitive and continue to recruit the best and brightest students.

To learn more
Access Yale is a two-year, university-wide initiative in support of financial aid at Yale. The initiative seeks to build financial aid endowment across all of Yale’s schools, as well as raise current use funds that can go to work immediately to support financial aid in Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools.

For more information about how you can help support Access Yale at the Yale School of Nursing, please contact:

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A school with a long and distinguished history, the Yale School of Nursing has a leadership role to play in the preparation of nurses for tomorrow. In 1923, the school was the first of its kind to be founded in a university setting, and it has been innovating ever since. Today, Yale nurses provide superb care to patients. They also conduct research, shape policy, and build bridges to underserved people around the world. With your support, the school can educate even more of these extraordinary professionals, while contributing to a future in which we truly realize better health for all. Please join us in this most vital mission.

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A university initiative for financial aid