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Dear Prospective Donor

#IMADEADOCTOR Fundraising Campaign

The Medical School SRC recently launched a campaign to raise funds for students with historical debt, to enable them to register for study in 2020. The campaign was put on hold as the Foundation was conceptualising a University wide campaign. Should you wish to support medical students, please use the UKZN Foundation's secure online platform to make your donation at <https://ukzn.devman.co.za/devman/online/giving/>

Under the CAUSE please select **Campaign I Made a Doctor**.

Once the Foundation has received your donation, you will receive an acknowledgement letter and a Section 18A tax certificate which you can use in your SARS tax submission.

On behalf of the medical students I express our deepest gratitude to you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely



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**University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)
Medical School Campus Representative Council (MCRC)
Proposal for Fundraising**

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS FACING EXCLUSION

The Medical School Campus Representative Council (MCRC) is an elected body that serves the Medical School community of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. It has a constituency of +/- 1 700 MBChB (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) students. The fundamental principle of the MCRC and the Medical School community is that of “one love for all.”

Noting the above stated fundamental principle, over the past years, the MCRC has been consistently maintaining 0% financial exclusion. This was through assistance by other identified stakeholders within the College of Health Sciences. Unfortunately, for the academic year 2020, these stakeholders are unable to assist due to financial constraints. This predicament has hence prompted the MCRC to initiate a fundraising programme/campaign on the theme: **#IMadeADoctor**.

Background

The University of KwaZulu-Natal's key goal is to create an enabling environment for all students to pursue their studies. Furthermore, it creates opportunities to a previously disadvantaged group. As such, for the past years, UKZN has employed a quota system in the admission of first entrants into the MBChB programme. This has very much opened doors for pupils predominantly from quintile 1, 2 and 3. What is rather challenging is that these students are financially disadvantaged and that has led to them facing financial exclusion as they are unable to pay their historical tuition debt.

For the academic year 2020, the MCRC has established that 188 medical students may be excluded when the registration closes on the 6th of March 2020.

The Executive Management Committee and the Chief Finance Officer determined UKZN's conditions for registration which entails, amongst others, that students are ought to pay 15% of their historical debt. Calculations made amounted to R1 500 000.

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Aim

The MCRC has taken an initiative to raise funds towards clearing the students that are faced with financial exclusion.

Identified Stakeholders

- College of Health Sciences
 - SCM
 - LMMS
 - Nursing and Public Health
- Companies/retails around Medical School Campus
- Municipalities of affected students
- Companies/retails around homes of affected students
- Religious organisations/leaders
- Any other individual that is willing to offer a helping hand

Contact Persons

- MCRC Student Support Services Officer & Co-head of Task Team: **Ms. Xoliswa Njapha – 073 405 3293**
- Co-head of Task Team: **Mr. Thanduxolo Dube – 083 471 4948**

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