

# Scholarship and Award Opportunities

## Division of Physical Therapy

The Shenandoah University Division of Physical Therapy (SUPT) is committed to supporting our students' academic journeys, clinical excellence, and professional development. Below are the premier scholarship and funding opportunities available to incoming and current DPT students.

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### Incoming & Program-Length Scholarships

#### PT Scholarship for Excellence

This prestigious scholarship is awarded to two incoming students annually and provides consistent financial support throughout the three-year duration of the program.

- **Application Process:** Once an applicant accepts their seat in the program, the application is distributed to the cohort.
- **Timeline:** Applications are typically sent in the **Spring** prior to Fall matriculation. Final selection occurs in the summer once the incoming class is finalized.
- **Contact:** Patty Kline (pkline@su.edu)

#### Elite Integrated Therapy Outpatient Orthopedic Scholarship

Designed for students dedicated to outpatient orthopedic care, this comprehensive award covers **full tuition for the third year** of the DPT program and the subsequent postgraduate orthopedic residency at Elite.

- **Commitment:** Recipients commit to three years of employment with Elite post-graduation/residency, receiving a competitive salary, benefits, and loan repayment.
  - **Eligibility:** Students may apply during their first or second year of the program.
  - **Contact:** Dr. Aaron Hartstein (ahartste@su.edu) or Dr. Matt Walker (mattheww@elitetherapysolutions.net)
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### Merit & Service Awards

#### The Kelly McGaughey Roseberry Physical Therapy Service Award

This financial award recognizes a **second-year** student who demonstrates an exceptional commitment to community service. Preference is given to students active in adaptive sports or those serving military members and veterans.

- **Selection:** Recipients are nominated and selected by the faculty.
- **Contact:** Dr. Megan Bureau (mbureau@su.edu)

#### K Madison Smith Award

Awarded to a **third-year** student in recognition of superior clinical performance.

- **Selection:** Candidates are nominated by Clinical Instructors; a selection panel identifies the final recipient.
- **Contact:** Dr. Megan Bureau (mbureau@su.edu)

### **Melissa Wolff-Burke Physical Therapy Clinical Education Endowment**

An endowment supporting students within the clinical education phase of the curriculum.

- **Selection:** Determined by the Clinical Education Team within the Division of Physical Therapy.
- **Contact:** Dr. Megan Bureau (mbureau@su.edu)

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## **Grants & Professional Development Funds**

### **Global Mission Fund**

Financial grants to assist with costs related to global education and international service-learning.

- **Eligibility:** Any student with a GPA > 3.0 not on academic probation.
- **Requirements:** A 500-word essay detailing how the experience fosters cultural humility.
- **Contact:** Dr. Kate Divine (kdivine@su.edu)

### **Student Professional Development Fund**

Grants intended to offset costs for professional conferences (e.g., CSM) or specialized courses.

- **Requirements:** A 500-word essay articulating the quality/value of the conference and its support of evidence-based practice.
- **Contact:** Dr. Aaron Hartstein (ahartste@su.edu)

### **Excellence in Physical Therapy Research Fund**

This fund supports the advancement of physical therapy research by covering costs for data collection or the dissemination of results.

- **Eligibility:** Open to current SUPT students, faculty, and alumni.
- **Requirements:** Submission of a project abstract/proposal and a detailed budget plan.
- **Contact:** Dr. Aaron Hartstein (ahartste@su.edu)

### **Joey Bickers AAOMPT Scholarship**

Provides financial support for annual membership in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT).

- **Eligibility:** SUPT students serving on the leadership team for the AAOMPT Student Special Interest Group (sSIG).
- **Contact:** Dr. Joe Signorino (jsignorino@su.edu)