

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues and Students

The [SMU Resilience Fund](#) was established in May this year to help our students who are facing financial hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Fund will provide bursaries for undergraduate students and emergency grants for postgraduates so that they are able to continue with their education at SMU without financial concerns.

I am most heartened by the strong support shown by many SMU faculty, staff and alumni who came forward to contribute generously to the Fund. Cognisant that these are still very difficult times, I am proud to share that members of the University Management Committee, which I chair, and which comprises Provost, Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, Deans and a few Directors, have rallied together and pledged our support to the SMU Resilience Fund. Each has made a pledge to contribute 3% of their annual compensation to support students in need. At the same time, the Provost and I have each committed to contribute 6% of our annual compensation for the same purposes. I am pleased to add that the collective contributions have enabled the Fund to cross \$570,000, from the earlier base of about \$150,000.

The University Management stands in solidarity with the university community, and is committed to doing as much as we can to support students in need. I am grateful to each and every member of the University Management Committee for stepping forward, and for rallying together for a common cause.

There is no obligation, but if any colleague would also like to make your contribution and are in a position to give, we invite you to [make a contribution](#) so that we can support even more students through this crisis. Your generosity will make a difference to the lives of our students.

Thank you.

Warmest regards

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