

# Award supports medical education: JT Tai & Co. Foundation to RowanSOM

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Since 1993, the JT Tai & Co. Foundation has provided scholarships for hundreds of medical students across the country. The late JT Tai, a Shanghai-born antiques dealer, started the foundation, and today, YC Chen, his friend and business partner for more than 40 years, maintains and oversees the daily operations.

Tai always recognized the high costs associated with medical education and saw scholarships as an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people hoping to pursue careers

as physicians. The foundation has had a special interest in supporting the medical field because Tai believed scholarships are an important and effective way of helping people. He also understood that whether you are old or young, rich or poor, everyone gets sick. Helping the next generation of doctors is something he was very passionate about doing.

RowanSOM students, Sujana Bhattacharyya '17 and Sharde Chambers '17, were among those selected for 2016 scholarship awards from the foundation.