

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

## MS PROGRAM IN REGULATORY AFFAIRS

*College of Sciences*

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### Background

Our MS Program in Regulatory Affairs is a fully-online, self-supported program that receives no funding from the State of California. The fees for the 39 unit MS degree are currently \$850 per unit, which totals \$2,500 for a 3-unit course and \$33,150 for the entire MS program. This is a significant investment for students, who are, for the most part, working professionals with family commitments. Some students work for large employers that have funds available for education and offer partial reimbursement of fees at the completion of a course. However, many students do not have this benefit, and it is those student applicants for whom the scholarship has made the largest impact.

We offer five 9-week accelerated sessions each year — two per semester and one in the summer. Most students take one course each session, completing the program in 2.5 years.

### Impact on 2018 Recipients

The recipients of the scholarship in 2018 were Bryan Read and Connor Dowdy.

"The AMDM Scholarship that I received was hugely beneficial to me personally. I was awarded the scholarship at the end of the program when I was focused on finishing up my last class and the capstone project. With the aid of this scholarship I was able to completely focus on the coursework and completing the tasks at hand instead of worrying about paying off the semester's tuition.

I did not take out any loans, and I did not receive any tuition reimbursement from my employer, so I was paying for the tuition out of pocket. This scholarship immensely helped with the financial burden that I was under. I am very appreciative for receiving it and hope that the scholarship continues so other students of the program are able to get assistance with the cost of tuition." – Brian Read

"The AMDM Scholarship has helped me in many different ways. I decided to work on my degree in Regulatory Affairs after having a serious reaction to a medication that resulted in a series of hospitalizations and a long recovery. I wanted to find a career that allowed me to contribute to the development of new therapies. My undergraduate degree from UC San Diego demanded strong writing and analytical skills, and I felt that these skills, along with my long-standing interest in science, would be put to good use in the field of regulatory affairs. I paid for all of my courses in the SDSU program with student loans and money out of my

pocket and received no employer reimbursement. This scholarship has been a big help in relieving some financial pressure as I focus on finding the right position in industry to move me toward my career goals.” – Connor Dowdy

The AMDM Scholarships have made a positive difference in many lives, providing students with the added resources they need to succeed. These students have gone on to pull others up and pursue work that benefits the lives of many.

We want to express our sincere thanks to the wonderful people at AMDM for assisting our students in achieving their goals.

- Lorah Bodie, Ed.D.

Associate Director, SDSU Regulatory Science Programs