SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY

Somaiya FOUNDATION

Financial Aid and Scholarships

at Somaiya Vidyavihar

What our scholarships have made possible, and the students they have reached.













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Why it matters

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The gap

Every year, bright students earn a place at Somaiya but cannot take it up. Fees, books, travel and living costs put a degree out of reach for their families.

The answer

Financial aid and scholarships remove that barrier, so a student can focus on learning instead of worrying about the next fee.

The ripple

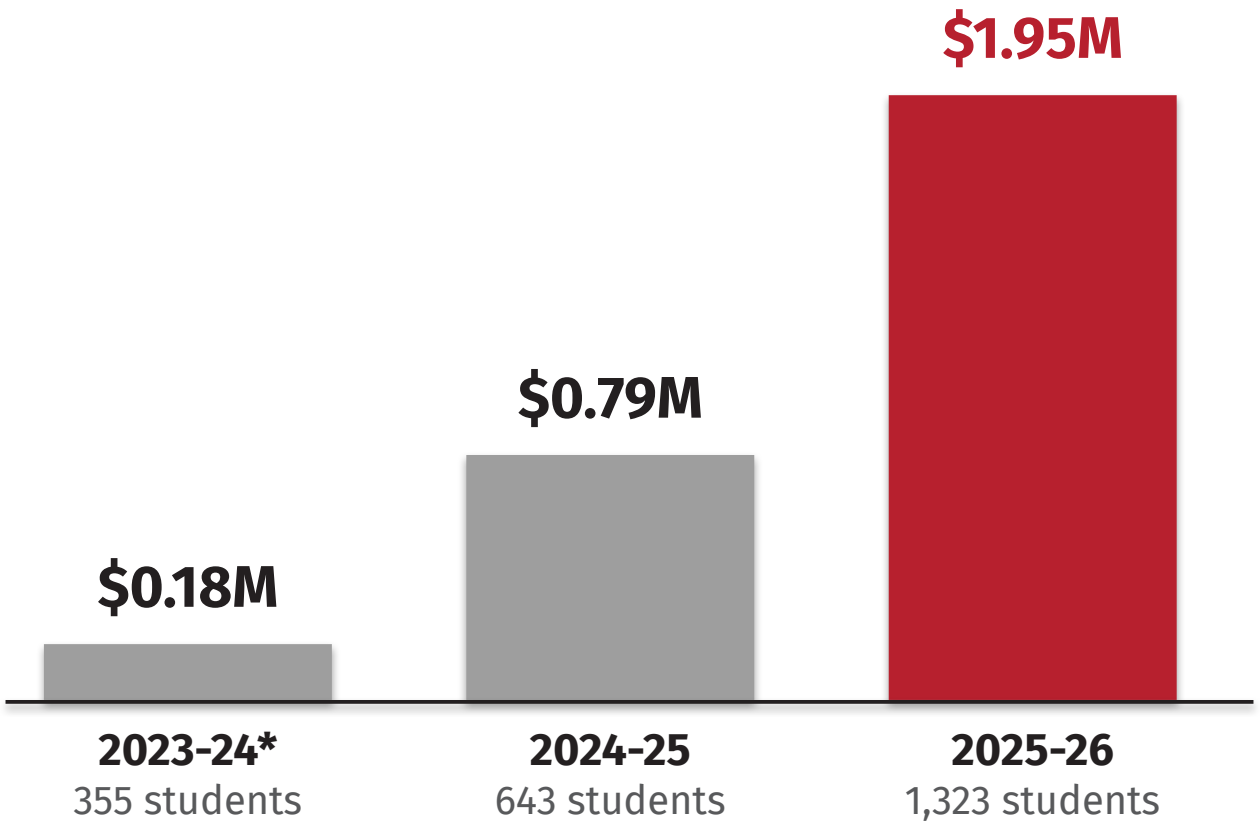
One degree changes a family. Graduates support their parents, pay for their siblings' studies and raise what the next generation expects.

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Financial aid given so far

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Scholarships and financial aid across Somaiya Vidyavihar, all schemes



2.5x
more aid in 2025-26 than the year before

2x
students supported in one year, from 643 to 1,323

97%
of 2025-26 aid came from the university's own funds

*2023-24 is a part-year snapshot. Rupee figures converted at Rs 100 = $1. 2025-26: Rs 19.03 cr university funds, Rs 0.48 cr CSR.

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How deep the support goes

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Students at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, by share of fees covered

28	students have their full fees covered
390	students have 50% or more of their fees covered
328	students have 20% to 35% of their fees covered

Aid is open to families earning under about $8,000 a year, and is decided by need.

More than a fee waiver

Scholars also get

- Skill-building and personality development sessions
- Help with communication and interview preparation
- A three-day personality development programme for new scholars

Reaching the Stars, January 2026

At the Scholarship Award Ceremony, students received their scholarships and a kit for the year ahead, handed over by university leaders and guests. The awards were supported by Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, with Deutsche Bank.







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In their words

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Engineering scholars at K. J. Somaiya



Ashish Dhiwar

B.Tech, Information Technology

Now at Barclays

“The aid played an important role in helping me reach where I am today.”



Siddharth Kalani

70% financial aid

Now at Rapid7

“With the right opportunities, hard work, and perseverance, you can go a long way.”



Siddharth Hefa

B.Tech, final year

CGPA 9.61, aiming for a master’s abroad

“I vividly remember the relief and joy I felt.”



Rabiya Darvesh

B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering

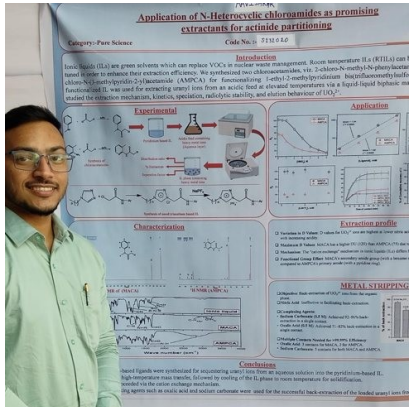
National-level swimmer

“My efforts in swimming were being recognized and valued.”

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In their words

Scholars in science, education and management



M.Sc. Chemistry scholar

CGPA 8.91

Now at CSIR-NCL, Pune

“The scholarship support helped me focus on my studies and research.”



Kavita Devaraj Gowda

M.Sc. Biotechnology

Now a research trainee, Thane

“It provided vital financial support, significantly reducing academic stress.”



Tabassum Musakunni

Bachelor of Education

Training to teach

“This support has empowered me to work towards becoming a dedicated educator.”



Partho Protim Sarmah

MBA

Hopes to give back

“I aspire to give back to society in the future.”

Scholarships created by donors

Families and friends of Somaiya who have built lasting support



Dr Meenakshi Rajan Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2017 by her family, for needy and promising Humanities students. Dr Rajan taught History at Somaiya from 1996.

398

students supported since 2014

The Savla family scholarships

Alumnus Dhiren Savla set up the Nirmala Raychand Savla and Bharati Nanji Gala Memorial Scholarships in 2014, with his sister Priti Shah. About $70,000 given so far.



Prof. Swati Desai scholarship corpus

A $10,000 corpus whose interest funds scholarships every year, creating a lasting source of support for students.

Rupee figures converted at Rs 100 = $1.

Why donors give

> “The entire process has been transparent, well-governed, and easy to coordinate, giving us great confidence in this partnership. Seeing the real difference this support makes in students’ lives reinforces why this collaboration is so meaningful to us.”
>
> **Ravi Chauhan, for the family of Dr Meenakshi Rajan**

> “Women are nation builders and the backbone of society. And there is no better way to empower them than enabling proper education.”
>
> **Dhiren Savla, alumnus and scholarship donor**

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