

Dear Mejuri Bursary,

I am a third year orthopedic surgery resident at the University of Manitoba. With the support of the bursary received I will be able to attend a basic fracture fixation course that is highly recommended for my year of study. I am very thankful for your financial support. Without this support I would not be able to complete this course as I have two children at home that are definitely my priority.

As for my plans for the future, I have two years of study remaining in general orthopedics and then I plan to do a fellowship to specialize in my field. I have not yet fully decided upon this area yet but my top two choices are: Shoulder/Elbow Arthroplasty/ Upper Limb Sports versus Hip & Knee Arthroplasty.

I truly appreciate the Mejuri bursary supporting a female in orthopedic surgery as there is a huge gender gap within my field. In addition, I am one of the only Indigenous orthopedic surgery residents that I know of across the country. We definitely need more! The financial stressors faced during residency are real and with your support it makes it much easier to focus on studying.

In the Spirit of Truth, Reconciliation & resurgence,

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