Highlights from 2020

ASF students lead in representative roles — In 2020, several ASF students were elected to and served on boards and committees that shape the AUC community. Ignacio Sánchez Abenante was elected to the AUCSA board and also serves on the Diversity Commission. Karla Rojas was elected to Student Council and Upeka Erikson is a Peer Support leader, part of the AUC Well-Being Team.

ASF alumna joins AUCAA Board — Thao Lam, Class of 2016, joined the AUC Alumni Association board in 2020. She is currently a PhD candidate at the Amsterdam Public Health institute. Through AUCAA, she hopes to stay engaged with the AUC community, which she feels privileged to be part of, and raise funds for the AUC Scholarship Fund to help other students like herself pursue a degree at AUC.

ASF supports 17 new AUC students — The AUC Scholarship Fund was able to award scholarships to 17 incoming students for the 2019-2020 academic year. During the same year, a total of 67 AUC students were supported by a scholarship. These students represent 34 different nationalities, including 16 Dutch students. Quotes from some of the incoming class can be found on the back.

Planning underway for renewed DAP Award — The original iteration of the ASF Diversity Award Programme (DAP), which aimed to significantly extend the scholarships available to candidates from minority backgrounds, held its last intake in 2017. In 2020, the ASF Board green-lit development on an updated programme to continue AUC’s commitment to a diverse and inclusive student body.

AUC Scholarship Fund & AUC Alumni Association: a lasting partnership

The AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) supports excellence and diversity in the AUC student body by facilitating access to the AUC programme for talented low-income and minority students. Each year the AUC Scholarship Fund awards ASF scholarships to AUC students on the basis of merit and financial need. The focus is on talented students (both Dutch and international) who might otherwise be prevented from accepting their place at AUC because of their financial circumstances. The ASF is funded entirely by donations from a variety of sponsors and stakeholders and has been able to support many students over the years, by allowing them to complete their undergraduate studies at Amsterdam University College and setting them up for success after graduation.

AUC’s Alumni Association (AUCAA) is committed to supporting the ASF as part of its core values, including setting up activities to aid student connection and identifying potential financial support.
The AUC Scholarship Fund is an independent foundation under Dutch law and is overseen by the ASF Board. Members of the ASF Board for the duration of 2020 were:

• Prof. Dr. Vinod Subramaniam (Rector Magnificus, VU)
• Prof. Dr. Karen Maex (Rector Magnificus, UvA)
• Dr. Nina Tellegen (Executive Director, Amsterdam Economic Board)
• Ms. Maryam Alaoui (AUC alumna)

Dr. Nina Tellegen officially joined the ASF Board in December 2019 and her first meetings were in 2020. Ms. Maryam Alaoui was reappointed to the board after her previous term expired in August 2020. In November 2020, Prof. Dr. Karen Maex stepped down from the ASF Board as the member representing the UvA Executive Board. Drs. Jan Lintsen has been nominated as her replacement.

Supporting the AUC Scholarship Fund

The AUC Scholarship Fund thanks its success to its supporters over the years and it is always open to forming new partnerships. There are several ways to contribute to the ASF including flexible donations, named scholarships, joint-partner scholarships and sponsoring the Diversity Awards Programme for first-generation university students and Dutch students with a migration background.

Please reach out to the Alumni & External Relations Officer, Gerylaine Campos, to find out more. Email: g.campos@auc.nl

Facts and figures for 2019-2020

Students with an ASF scholarship 67
Average ASF scholarship amount (EUR) 9,240
Total amount of ASF scholarships awarded (EUR) 619,150
Number of students with a DAP award 13
Average DAP scholarship amount (EUR) 5,000
Total amount of DAP awards (EUR) 65,000
Number of different nationalities 34