Experiential learning is one of the defining features of a Waterloo education. When I speak with our alumni, nearly all of them tell me about how their undergraduate co-op experiences have influenced their career trajectory. Many credit their co-op roles with redirecting them by affirming their interests or helping them find their niche.

Our students have countless opportunities, both paid and unpaid, to make a real contribution in their communities. The Faculty of Health’s Student Experiential Learning Fund is designed to help them think outside the box and take advantage of these opportunities by removing the barriers to affordability that often come with working in the not-for-profit space.

When students have a chance to integrate their career with care for society, they embark on some of the most meaningful learning experiences of their lives. Students working with organizations fighting for social justice, for example, gain a firsthand glimpse of the world through someone else’s eyes. Time and again, I hear alumni share how much their perspective changed as a result of working for and alongside people who are overlooked in our communities. Experiential learning actively works against ‘Not in my backyard’ syndrome. As a mother, I’ve also seen this paradigm shift in my own children, who grew up volunteering and raising funds for homeless shelters.

Ultimately, I hope this Fund promotes innovative thinking among Faculty of Health students to serve our communities through the gifts they bring to the table. From the homeless shelter to the health-care clinic, our students have tremendous research talent and problem-solving skills to offer not-for-profits and other organizations dedicated to social impact. Through these partnerships, Waterloo will continue to participate in a wider effort to make an impact in our community, an effort motivated by compassion over profit.

I hope you will join me in creating as many opportunities as possible for meaningful learning experiences.

Lili Liu, Dean, Faculty of Health

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