Established in 1970 as the International Shannon King, Human Nutrition Scholarship to students in the Department of International Health in Kenya, was devoted to improving nutrition. In 1983 the Diana Hess Memorial Fund was renamed in her honor. At her retirement in 2001, Dr. Robert Black renamed the fund in her honor. Established by Procter & Gamble in 2003, this fund supports master’s, doctoral and post-doctoral students committed to improving the health and well-being of women and children through the provision of clean water and improved nutrition.

Diana Hess Scholarship
Staci Sutemaster, Health Systems
In 1983 the Diana Hess Memorial Fund was established with contributions from her family and friends. Diana Hess, a former Peace Corps volunteer from her family and friends. Diana Hess was devoted to improving human nutrition.

Lillian Hiss – Ethel Crosby Scholarship
Isabel Slettebak, Health Systems
This award was established to honor Lillian Hiss and Ethel Crosby, nurses who dedicated their careers to public health nursing at the Catsville Health Clinic. In 1971, the Clinic was sold, and the proceeds were donated to the School to support graduate students with nursing backgrounds.

Joh Snow Award
Diana Lu, Global Disease Epidemiology & Control (GDEC)
Michelle Selim, GDEC
This award provides support to outstanding, second-year master’s students in the Department who are engaged in internships in the field.

Mary and Carl Taylor Fund
Katherine Merrill, SBI
The Mary and Carl Taylor Fund was created in 1995 with contributions from faculty and alumni in honor of the Taylor’s commitment to the students of the School of Public Health and to improving international health through research and action. The fund provides support to a student working in the area of international health.

The Harry J. Prebluda Fellowship in Nutritional Biochemistry
Anita Panjwani, Human Nutrition
This fellowship was established in 1990 by Mrs. Harry J. Prebluda and her children in memory of her late husband. Harry Prebluda earned his doctorate degree in Biochemistry at the School in 1937 and worked closely with E.V. McCollum. The fellowship fosters the careers of outstanding young scientists focusing on nutritional biochemistry and metabolism.

Humanitarian Assistance Award
Quinn Marshall, Human Nutrition
Kayla Pfeiffer-Mundt, Health Systems
This fund provides support to master’s and doctoral students who are committed to improving humanitarian response and health for refugees, displaced persons and populations affected by conflict and natural disasters.

The Elsa Orent Keiles Fellowship in Human Nutrition in International Health
Farah Behbehani, Human Nutrition
Marie Spiker, Human Nutrition
This fellowship was established in 1996 with a bequest from the estate of Elsa Orent Keiles, ScD ’25, a graduate of the Department of Chemical Hygiene (now Epidemiology & Control) and Molecular Biology). In keeping with Dr. Keiles’ research interests, the award provides tuition support for graduate students with demonstrated financial needs in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology or the Program in Human Nutrition in International Health.

Henry & Lola Beye Award
Marwa Ramadan, Health Systems
This fund was established in 2001 through the estate of Lola Beye, widow of Henry Beye, MD. Dr. Beye received his MPH degree from the School in 1942 and was an authority on tropical diseases. He conducted intensive studies on elephantiasis, hemorrhagic fever, filariasis, and schistosomiasis. Mrs. Beye, a nurse, often worked in the field with Dr. Beye. This fund supports an outstanding student who has completed a medical degree and is pursuing a graduate degree in the Department.

The David and Elinor Bodian Scholarship
Erin Hunter, SBI
The David and Elinor Bodian Foundation established this award to honor the late Dr. David Bodian, who served on the School’s Faculty from 1942 to 1947, and his wife Elinor. Dr. Bodian’s seminal research on the behavior of the poliovirus contributed to the development of the polio vaccine and to worldwide progress in combating this crippling disease. The fund provides annual support to a doctoral student at the School whose dissertation research is at a critical juncture.

The George and Carol Eliasberg Family Foundation in memory of Carol Eliasberg Martin established this award to honor the late Dr. David Bodian, who served on the School’s Faculty from 1942 to 1947, and his wife Elinor. Dr. Bodian’s seminal research on the behavior of the poliovirus contributed to the development of the polio vaccine and to worldwide progress in combating this crippling disease. The fund provides annual support to a doctoral student at the School whose dissertation research is at a critical juncture.

Ankita Meghani, Health Systems
Dr. Geogedra Buchbinder received her MPH from the School in 1984. She then moved to Hawaii and began a public health career by teaching Population Science and International Health. Her career was progressing extraordinarily well when she was diagnosed with cancer. This fund was established by friends and colleagues after her death to celebrate her all-too-brief career in public health. This fund annually supports students, junior faculty, or other priority projects in international health.
Marie Spiker, Human Nutrition, received the Commission on Dietetic Registration Diversity Scholarship from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation. Spiker is pursuing a career in nutrition and dietetics and is a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the world’s largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The Academy is committed to accelerating improvements in global health and well-being through food and nutrition.

Aurash Sorosh, Human Nutrition, was awarded the Janette Smith Memorial Scholarship from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation. Sorosh is pursuing a career in nutrition and dietetics and is a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the world’s largest organization of food and nutrition professionals.

Mathu Santosham, MD, MPH ’75, professor, Health Systems, was awarded the 2017 Prince Mohdil Award in the field of Public Health, which recognizes “outstanding contribution in the field of public health for the sake of the well-being of the peoples.” Over the past decade, Santosham has served as a leader in global, regional, and country-focused post-licensure work that moved evidence to policy and onward to implementation and scale-up, ensuring that children around the world, especially those most in need, had access to these life-saving vaccines.

Caitlin Kennedy, PhD ’09, MPH ’04, associate professor and director, Social & Behavioral Interventions (SBI)

An integral part of Global Health Day at Johns Hopkins is recognizing the faculty mentors who play a role in shaping international student experiences. Nominated by students, these mentors showcase the qualities and attributes that define dedicated, passionate, caring mentors.