

Dear Seoul National University College of Medicine Alumni Association,

Hello. My name is Jenny Cho, and I was recently announced as one of four recipients of the esteemed SNUCMAA scholarship! Words cannot describe the elation I felt upon receiving the email and the letter of my winning this scholarship! I continue to reminisce that day, jumping out of my chair during a zoom lecture for my computer science class and running out of my room to tell my mom the exciting news. Despite my response being an unexpected and funny one to all the students who watched as I ran away during the zoom lecture, a rush of adrenaline and empowerment rushed through me as I realized that there is a strong community that sees my potential and is willing to invest in my future to enable me to pursue my passions.

As I have started instruction at UCLA, I am gradually becoming busier with schoolwork and the need to explore what is offered of remote learning. I took interest in various organizations that align with my passions in computer science and education such as Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), an organization consisting of educators, students, and professionals whose passions align in computer science research and advancement. In efforts to contribute to the education community, I intend to learn how computer scientists can impact the field of education in the years to come. To do so, I plan to apply to an education technology fellowship at UC Berkeley.

Although opportunities like the UC Berkeley fellowship are amazing, these opportunities are far from my reach. I am still a beginner programmer with little knowledge of technology's versatility. To break this gap, I've been spending my nights studying the underlying workings of computers and how programming has shaped the softwares and hardwares that billions of people rely on worldwide. In the following weeks upon the application deadline and interview, I will continue to spend my nights studying to hopefully become a part of this fellowship! Keeping in mind that a community as inspiring as SNUCMAA is supporting my educational aspirations, I will continue this scary yet exciting approach to what, I believe, will enable me to improve the current world we live in. Higher learning will forever be my lifelong goal as I believe it is essential to bringing good to society, and I will continue to passionately embark on any challenge that comes forth my educational and career goals. The fear of not being able to pay my college expenses is not enough to halt my desire to learn. Thank you, Seoul National University College of Medicine Alumni Association for wholeheartedly welcoming and investing in my ambitions.

Sincerely,
Jenny Cho