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**GWU Graduate Student selected by charity for a first of its kind $5,000 Grant**

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The BUCK Cancer Foundation (BUCK) announced the winner of their 2018 Pay A BUCK Forward educational grant for $5,000 on Friday, November 30. This innovative program allows students to eliminate additional loans in exchange for a promise to grant future students a percentage of future income — students funding students!

Previously, these income share agreements have been utilized by a few colleges as an alternative to student loans. As David Simmons, Consultant for Voya Financial and board member of BUCK explains, “As far as we know, this is the first time a nonprofit outside of the educational space has utilized income share agreements to align pillars of the organization with the passion of students. We hope this will serve as a blueprint for other nonprofits to utilize, thus affecting change at a foundational level.”

Tatiana Znayenko-Miller, a graduate student at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Science majoring in integrative medicine, was awarded the grant. From her work with the Ryan White Program, volunteering at The Center for Mind-Body Medicine and her near 4.0 GPA in her undergraduate program, Tatiana is a perfect candidate for our Pay A BUCK Forward educational grant program.

Tatiana remarked,“It is fortunate to have the opportunity to collaborate with an organization that maintains a mission, to build a bridge between all viable forms of cancer research, in which I comprehensively believe – and, intend to dedicate my life to the furtherance of as an integrative physician.” The Pay A BUCK Forward educational grant program offers innovative pay-back grants to any students pursuing a degree in integrative medicine or a complementary cancer treatment.

The BUCK Cancer Foundation offers two grant periods and awards at least one educational grant each year. BUCK’s goal is to help fund the education of future physicians who are supportive of integrative medicine. Lori Nonnemaker, the President of BUCK, stated, “BUCK is focused on making integrative oncology standard cancer care in America and we are excited to award our next educational grant to Tatiana who is a great representative for our Pay A BUCK Forward program”. BUCK’s next educational grant period opens on November 1 and ends December 31, 2018.

ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND BUCK CANCER FOUNDATION

**George Washington University** School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) is the 11th oldest medical school in the country and the first in the nation’s capital. Since its establishment, the school has been at the forefront of medical education, and has grown to include highly-ranked programs in the health and biomedical sciences. With dozens of top-tier residency programs, SMHS is a competitive and esteemed destination for medical school graduates across the country.

Today, students and residents are exposed to some of the most innovative educational techniques, taught by world-renowned faculty members, in state-of-the-art facilities. Outside of the classroom, students and residents enjoy unmatched opportunities to engage with nearby government, non-governmental, and non-profit organizations -- many of these opportunities are due to the school’s prime location in the nation's capital. SMHS graduates are well-trained, compassionate health care professionals who are exceptionally prepared to participate in the decisions affecting the future of our nation’s health care.

The **BUCK Cancer Foundation** seeks to support and fund opportunities and endeavors that help build a bridge between ALL viable forms of cancer research and treatment (natural, holistic AND conventional) and unite them in one goal: to provide greater comfort to cancer patients during treatment while working toward a cure. For more information, please visit our website at [www.buckcancerfoundation.org](http://www.buckcancerfoundation.org).

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