SIM University (UniSIM) is raising funds for injured navy serviceman Jason Chee (right) who recently enrolled for a degree course at the private school. The 29-year-old lost his legs and left arm in a ship accident last month.

The school is accepting donations – by cheque or credit card – till the end of the month. UniSIM, which offers flexible programmes for working adults, informed all its staff and students of the initiative via e-mail. Graduates were informed online on the school’s alumni portal. The drive – not open to the public – has so far raised more than $5,000. Credit card donations are done through a website. Donors must identify themselves, though the information will be kept confidential.

The fund-raising idea came from a group of Mr Chee’s schoolmates. A UniSIM spokesman said yesterday that it will sponsor Mr Chee for the rest of his studies at the school. “We look forward to welcoming Jason back to the university when he is ready.”

Mr Chee, who had signed up for a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics course in July last year, has completed one semester. Students generally take three to eight years to finish a course. In the Dec 10 accident, he was caught between a motorised winch and a rope on board warship RSS Endeavour. His condition has stabilised and he will be moved out of the intensive care unit at Changi General Hospital soon.

Mr Chee is an only child. His 72-year-old father is retired while his mother died last September. The amount raised by UniSIM will add to the $370,000 collected by Thomson Shunfu Residents’ Committee, which has ended its donation drive for the serviceman.

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