



SUBJECT	Establishment of New Endowments
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LEAD EXECUTIVE	President and Vice-Chancellor
PRESENTED BY	Hubert Lai, University Counsel Q.C.
SUPPORTED BY	none

PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission has not previously been considered by the Learning & Research Committee nor any committee thereof.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The endowment funds listed under this docket have been approved by the President on the recommendation of the University Counsel in accordance with UBC Policy FM5 and are presented to the Board of Governors FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Under UBC Policy FM5 (Endowment Management Policy), the Board of Governors has delegated authority to the President to approve, upon the recommendation of the University Counsel, the establishment of new endowment funds. Spending may begin upon execution of the endowment documentation by the President.

Since the last docket report was prepared for the Board of Governors, the University Counsel has recommended and the President has approved the establishment of the following Endowment Funds. Where the University is providing matching funding in accordance with the Blue & Gold Campaign for Students, the amount is indicated in brackets following the description:

UBC Vancouver Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards:

1. **Jordan L. Burke Memorial Award in Forestry:** Gifts in the amount \$87,139 from family, friends and colleagues, in memory of Jordan L. Burke (1982-2019), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Jordan L. Burke Memorial Award in Forestry Endowment Fund” (the “Burke Fund”). The University will add matching funds from the Faculty of Forestry. The Burke Fund will support awards for outstanding graduate students in the Faculty of Forestry who have demonstrated a passion for teaching in their roles as Teaching Assistants (TAs). Jordan (B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. 2016) was a postdoctoral research and teaching fellow with the Forest Insect Disturbance Ecology Laboratory in the Faculty of Forestry. His research focused on the range expansion of the mountain pine beetle in British Columbia and Alberta. Jordan served as a TA and instructor to many undergraduate students in the Faculty of Forestry.

This award was established in recognition of Jordan's legacy as an enthusiastic and encouraging instructor. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2019/2020 academic year)

2. **David Green Award in Oceanography:** A gift in the amount of \$50,000 from David Green (B.Eng., Ph.D. 1976) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "David Green Award in Oceanography" (the "Green Fund"). The Green Fund will support awards for students beyond their first year of study in a graduate program, whose research is focused on oceanography. The students will be evaluated on qualities of academic and research excellence, outstanding originality, and dedication to the field through service and leadership. David founded a number of environmental consulting and technology companies that specialize in solar and LED technologies. In 2004 he was recognized by the Victoria Innovation, Advanced Technology and Entrepreneurship Council for his contributions to Victoria's technology sector. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)
3. **Mary E. Gibbons Memorial Centennial Scholars Award:** A gift in the amount of \$500,000 from Richard P. "Dick" and Colleen A. Gibbons of Whistler, BC, along with matching funds from the University, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Mary E. Gibbons Memorial Centennial Scholars Award Endowment Fund" (the "Gibbons Fund"). The Gibbons fund will support awards, in memory of Mary E. Gibbons (1919-1970), for outstanding domestic undergraduate students entering university directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Recipients are academically qualified and would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever is the shorter period). Preference will be given to students from regions in the following order of priority: the Sea to Sky Region, Nelson, BC and its immediate surrounding areas, and Burnaby, BC. Mary was born in Nelson, British Columbia to Richard and Elsie Long. Her father died of cancer when she was twelve, and Mary and her two siblings were raised by their mother. She married David Walter Gibbons in the late 1930s and moved to Burnaby. Mary was devoted to her sons, David and Dick (both UBC Law graduates and Thunderbird Varsity Football players) and worked various jobs to help support her family. Mary died of cancer shortly after her fifty-first birthday. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year) (Blue & Gold: \$500,00 UBC match)

Scholarships:

1. **Robert Lashin Scholarship in Electrical Engineering:** A gift in the amount of \$30,000 from Houle Electric Limited, in honour of Robert Lashin, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Robert Lashin Scholarship in Electrical Engineering Endowment Fund" (the "Lashin Fund"). The Lashin Fund will support scholarships for outstanding Bachelor of Applied Science students specializing in Electrical Engineering. Robert Lashin (B.A.Sc. 1972) dedicated his career to Houle Electric and was instrumental in the company's growth and vision. He received several prestigious awards for his contributions to the industry, including the VCRA Lifetime Achievement Award and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. (First award available for the 2019/2020 academic year)

2. **Imre S. and Irena Otvos Graduate Scholarship in Forestry:** A gift in the amount of \$50,000 from Imre S. (B.S.F. 1961, M.Sc., Ph.D.) and Irena Otvos (B.A., M.S.), along with matching funds from the Faculty of Forestry, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Imre S. and Irena Otvos Graduate Scholarship in Forestry Endowment Fund” (the “Otvos Fund”). The Otvos Fund will support scholarships for outstanding graduate students in the Faculty of Forestry who are researching entomology, pathology, or forest health. Imre graduated with the last class of students from the Sopron Division of the Faculty of Forestry in 1961, and went on to receive his M.Sc. and Ph.D. from UC Berkeley before working for the Canadian Forest Service and Natural Resources Canada. Irena studied in England, France, Spain and at UC Berkeley, where she received her M.S. and began her Ph.D. before dedicating her life to her family and teaching in the Greater Victoria School District. This scholarship was established in recognition of the support Imre and Irena received while pursuing their degrees. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)
3. **Carl Leggo Graduate Scholarship in Arts-Based Inquiry:** Gifts totaling \$21,309.20 raised through a fundraising campaign from colleagues and friends of Dr. Carl Leggo, along with matching funds from the University, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Carl Leggo Graduate Scholarship in Arts-Based Inquiry Endowment Fund” (the “Leggo Fund”). The Leggo Fund will support scholarship(s) for graduate students who are pursuing arts-based inquiry as part of their graduate thesis research. Arts-based inquiry may employ one or several artistic genres (drawn from literary, performative or visual arts), but its most fundamental feature is that the arts comprise an essential aspect of the work's epistemology or way of knowing. Arts-based inquiry is relevant to and cuts across all phases of the research cycle, and may be applied in any or all of the following: the generation of research questions; the methods of data collection, analysis, interpretation, and representation; and the modes of knowledge translation and exchange. The scholarship is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year) (Blue & Gold: \$8,690.80 UBC match)

Prizes

1. **Faculty Women's Club Mary and Michael Gerry Prize in Family Practice:** A gift in the amount of \$30,000 from Mrs. Mary Gerry and the late Dr. Michael Gerry will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Faculty Women’s Club Mary and Michael Gerry Prize in Family Practice Endowment Fund” (the “Gerry Fund”). The Gerry Fund will support prizes for outstanding domestic fourth-year M.D. students who have demonstrated academic excellence and are pursuing a career in family practice. The prizes are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2019/2020 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

Bursaries:

1. **James Rolland Heyworth Graduate Bursary in Biomedical Engineering:** A gift in the amount \$94,500 from the estate of Dr. James Rolland Heyworth (B.A.Sc. 1961, M.D. 1968) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “James Rolland Heyworth Graduate Bursary in Biomedical Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “Heyworth Fund”). The Heyworth Fund will support bursaries for graduate students in the School of Biomedical Engineering. Dr. Heyworth served as the Head of Biomedical

Engineering at St. Paul's Hospital from 1973 until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

2. **Varga Family Bursary:** Gifts of \$30,000 from two generations of UBC alumni, Paul Varga (B.Sc. Forestry 1959), Sharon Varga, and their son, Lawrence Varga (B.Sc. Pharmacy 1995), along with matching funds from the University, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Varga Family Bursary Endowment Fund" (the "Varga Fund"). The Varga Fund will support bursaries for undergraduate and graduate students. Preference will be given to students who are (1) on the UBC Rowing Team, (2) in the Faculty of Forestry, or (3) in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2019/2020 academic year) (Blue & Gold: \$30,00 UBC match)
3. **Edgar H. Schroeder Bursary in Engineering Physics:** A gift in the amount of \$50,000 from Edgar H. Schroeder (B.A.Sc. 1962, M.A.Sc. 1964) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Edgar H. Schroeder Bursary in Engineering Physics Endowment Fund" (the "Schroeder Fund"). The Schroeder Fund will support bursaries for Bachelor of Applied Science students specializing in Engineering Physics. After graduating from UBC, Mr. Schroeder was employed by RCA in Montreal as a telecommunication systems engineer. After two years, he relocated to the United States where he spent the remainder of his career with the Boeing Commercial Airplane Co. in Seattle, focusing on a wide variety of system development activities related to avionics and flight controls for the then-new Boeing airplanes. Mr. Schroeder received financial support while pursuing his degrees and created this bursary to help make post-secondary education more accessible to future generations of UBC students. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)
4. **IODE BC Centenary Indigenous Bursary in Medicine:** A gift in the amount of \$30,000 from the Provincial Chapter of British Columbia of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE), along with matching funds from the University, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "IODE BC Centenary Indigenous Bursary in Medicine Endowment Fund" (the "IODE Fund"). The IODE Fund will support bursaries for First Nations, Inuit and Métis students of Canada enrolled in the M.D. program. Preference will be given to students in their fourth year of the M.D. program. This bursary was established by IODE BC on the occasion of its Centenary Anniversary (2013) to celebrate their longstanding commitment to recognizing scholastic excellence and supporting the financial need of students at all levels of study. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year) (Blue & Gold: \$60,000 UBC match)

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Medicine

1. **Dr. Leonard Jenkins and Diana Jenkins Memorial Endowment Fund in Medicine:** With a bequest of \$50,000 from the Estate of Jeanette Diana Rosemary Jenkins in memory of her late husband, Dr. Leonard Jenkins, the University will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Dr. Leonard Jenkins and Diana Jenkins Memorial Endowment Fund in Medicine" (the "Jenkins Fund"). The Jenkins Fund will support general medicine research at the University. During his lifetime, Dr. Jenkins served as the Head of the Department of Anaesthesiology at UBC.