

The Blankenship Awards

Celebrating Academic Excellence



Funded through the generosity of **Edward G Blankenship (Gary), PG Architecture 1968**, the Blankenship Awards were established to recognise academic excellence at Downing. Each year, students achieving first class results within their subjects are eligible for the respective Blankenship Award. These awards are particularly special to Downing because they can be used flexibly. In years when there are no eligible candidates in a particular subject, the funds can be used to provide travel grants, vacation study, course materials, textbooks and hardship relief. The Blankenship Awards truly celebrate achievement and open up opportunities for Downing students.

The following areas within Downing are supported through Blankenship Awards:

Architecture



Edward G Blankenship Scholarship and Book Prize

Awarded to Downing Architecture students performing with distinction in the subject. The award comprises a book token, a cash scholarship and the gift of a beautifully illustrated book on Santiago Calatrava, the renowned Spanish architect, sculptor and engineer. Each book carries a specially designed bookplate featuring a photo of the College and words that were originally inscribed in a carved overmantle in the main lounge at Mr Blankenship's former dorm, John Jay Hall, at Columbia University.

Economics



Dr and Mrs H Lawrence Wilsey Scholarship in Economics

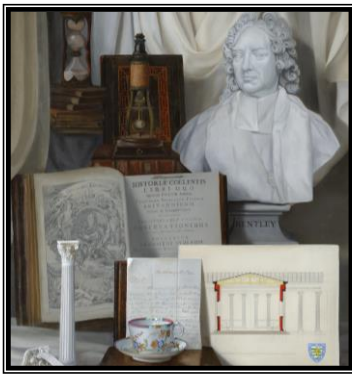
Descended from Early California pioneers, H Lawrence Wilsey earned degrees at the University of Southern California, and his PhD at Cornell University. Dr Wilsey then commenced a long and diverse career, writing many papers and books and promoting economic development in Norway's Marshall Plan and dozens of other countries on five continents. After serving as a university vice-chancellor, Dr Wilsey headed two banks. His wife, USC graduate Luana Wilsey, worked closely with her husband's many endeavours while running her own business and doing many activities for charities and the arts. The recipients of the Dr and Mrs H Lawrence Wilsey Scholarship will be Downing scholars who have achieved a First in Economics. A Book Prize and bespoke book plate will also be given to each scholar.

Fine Arts and Dance



Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Twining Egginton Scholarship

Geoffrey and Susan Egginton are life-long supporters of the arts in New York State. Geoffrey majored in Fine Arts at Colgate University and received a Master's Degree in Architecture at Columbia University. He has practiced architecture since that time, specializing in airport planning and design. Susan was an original member of the Connecticut Ballet Company as a teenager, and, as an adult, she continues to study various forms of dance. She has been an active Board Member and volunteer at the White Plains (NY) Performing Arts Center. The scholarship is to be awarded annually to Downing Scholars who have excelled in fine arts or dance.



Fine Arts and Humanities

The Landrum & Brown Scholarship

The Landrum & Brown Scholarship was established to support Fine Arts and Humanities within the Downing community. Landrum and Brown is a worldwide aviation consulting firm with offices in America, the Pacific Rim, and the Middle East. Mr Blankenship is a former officer of the firm and continues to serve as a Board Member Emeritus.

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Law

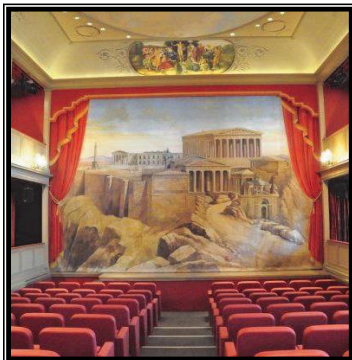
The Kathryn Wilsey and Keith W Lerch Book Prize and Scholarship

The proceeds from the scholarship fund support Downing students excelling in Law. A book prize is also to be awarded to each scholar, including a bespoke bookplate. The scholarship and prize are named in honour of Keith W Lerch and his wife Kathryn Wilsey. Mr Lerch came up to Downing in 1970 to write a thesis in Comparative Law after graduating from Harvard University and the Yale Law School.



The John H Morrison OBE Scholarship in Law

MAGNA CARTA of 1215 is often deemed The Foundation of Freedom for its determination of the Rule of Law which remains fundamental in the 21st Century. The modern legal profession bears responsibility for the Rule of Law. John H Morrison OBE (hon) was educated in the law at Oxford and Harvard. He devoted much of his professional time as a lawyer for more than fifty years to honouring the Rule of Law by his worldwide work with lawyers and their associations. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to a Downing College student who has excelled in Law and will go forth mindful of the vitality of MAGNA CARTA.



Music and Theatre

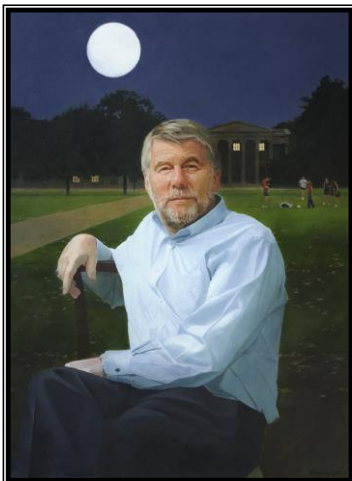
The Judy C Petty Book Prize and Scholarship.

As a member of the Executive Committee of The League of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association and Friend of Downing College for many years, Judy Petty's devotion to music and theatre is well known in artistic circles. The Judy C Petty Award was established in Judy's honour to support music and theatre at Downing College. A book prize is also to be awarded to each scholar, including a bespoke bookplate.

Neuroscience

The B J Everitt Prize in Neuroscience or Psychology

Professor Barry Everitt was elected to the Fellowship at Downing College in 1976 and became Master of the College in 2003. He is an international authority on the neural and psychological mechanisms underlying learning, memory, motivation and reward especially related to drug addiction and is a Fellow of the Royal Society and of the Academy of Medical Sciences. He is known also for his commitment to promoting inclusiveness and social cohesion. The B J Everitt Prize is to be awarded to a final year student having achieved a distinction in neuroscience or psychology within Part 2 of the Natural Sciences tripos. The award was established to honour Professor Everitt in the final year of his Mastership.



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