Scott and Laura Malkin and Jane Maples have donated funds to establish the John Maples America Fund at Downing College in memory of Downing Alumnus Lord Maples. John Craddock Maples read Law at Downing and served as a career politician in Britain. Soon after his education at Downing he spent time in the United States which began a lifelong connection to the country personally and professionally, first at Harvard Business School and then in the world of commerce and politics. This fund is established to encourage the same intellectual and cultural exchange of ideas for current Downing students.

The fund provides an annual sum of £2,000 to support the travel and maintenance costs for Downing students whether undergraduate or graduate, during a summer placement, internship (paid or unpaid) or other vacation study project in the United States.

The student(s) summer plan supported by the John Maples America Fund must be in the broad area of business, law, politics or international relations.

Applicants are required to demonstrate that the salary (if applicable) or other sources of financial support (such as family) are not sufficient to cover their financial needs in the United States. Costs supported can include travel to and from the United States, accommodation or other living expenses. Successful applicants are required to write a full report for the Donors and the College on their return from the United States.

Applicants must secure the internship/placement/project/summer school course independently. All visas required for immigration purposes or otherwise must be secured by the student or their sponsoring institution, company or firm.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must be made [online](#). The online process requires the completion of a personal, academic record and questionnaire section. In addition, the name of your Tutor and Director of Studies (for undergraduates) or Supervisor (for Graduates) should be provided by the deadline advertised on the College website. For further information please [email](#) the Tutorial Office.