

The Davies-Jackson Scholarship

at St. John's College
University of Cambridge



A Unique Opportunity for Study at Cambridge University

The Davies-Jackson Scholarship presents a unique opportunity for students with exceptional academic records, who are among the first in their families to graduate from college, to participate in a course of study at St. John's College, Cambridge University. After two years of study, candidates are awarded a Cambridge BA degree, often referred to as the Cantab degree, which is the equivalent of a master's degree in the U.S.

Supported by an anonymous benefactor, the Davies-Jackson Scholarship covers all fees, room, and board during term-time for two academic years (beginning in September), and living expenses during summer vacation. Travel to and from England is also covered. The award is valued at \$50,000, depending on prevailing exchange rates.

The list of the institutions from which students are eligible to apply for the scholarship, along with more information and application forms, can be found on the Davies-Jackson website: www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson.

Applications must be received by November 14, 2008. Award(s) are announced in January 2009.

“Over 30 years ago, HUGH SYKES DAVIES, a don at St. John's, offered a place to a young, working class American from a small urban college. I took that place and became part of an intellectual community 700 years old. Forever after, I measured what I was told, or saw, against the intellect, eccentricity, custom, and beauty that is part of daily life at the College.”

During my first year a friend told me that one of the dons was looking for three students to crew a small boat sailing to America. I asked to go, and the don, R. MEREDITH JACKSON, took me on. The long sail to Virginia left me with an abiding love of the sea, and memories I call up often.

Before graduating, I promised Hugh Sykes Davies that if ever the time came when I could “put back” something of the gift he and Meredith and the College had given me, I would. That time came, and I have.

The Davies-Jackson Scholarship is a gift from Hugh Sykes Davies, who took a chance on a city kid from an unknown college; from Meredith Jackson, who took him to sea; and from the College, which gave him the tuition that he could not pay.”

Benefactor
Davies-Jackson Scholarship

Areas of Study

- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Classics
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- History
- History of Art
- Modern and Medieval Languages
- Music
- Philosophy
- Social and Political Sciences



“The teaching at St. John’s is intellectually challenging, offering a far more in-depth look at what you are studying. Your supervisors seek not merely to teach you facts; they teach you new ways of thinking. Cambridge itself is a beautiful place that I will never forget.”

Michael P. Gallen
LaSalle University (PA)
Davies-Jackson Scholar, 2005

“My time at Cambridge has been one of the most intensely challenging and rewarding academic experiences. I have greatly solidified my knowledge in my subject area and have had a chance to work with academics and researchers who are the top in their fields.

I have also had a most wonderful opportunity to work on other parts of my person, both physically and mentally. I have taken up playing the guitar, I now swim and run regularly, and I have been able to travel in continental Europe, as well as to take a brief journey to Africa.”

Delicia Reynolds
St. Peter’s College (NJ)
Davies-Jackson Scholar, 1999

Davies-Jackson Scholarship Recipients

2008
Brian Biggs
Social and Political Sciences
Bradley University (IL)

2007
Randalle Hughes
English
Mercer University (GA)

2006
J. Nathan Matias
English
Elizabethtown College (PA)

2005
Michael P. Gallen
History
La Salle University (PA)

2003
Rose Holande
Social and Political Sciences
St. Peter’s College (NJ)

2001
George J. Maher, IV
Social and Political Sciences
St. Lawrence University (NY)

1999
Delicia Reynolds
Social and Political Sciences
St. Peter’s College (NJ)

1998
Kevin M. Troiano
Music
Roosevelt University (IL)

1997
Colleen Willenbring
English
College of Saint Benedict (MN)

1996
Patricia Ronan
History
Catholic University
of America (DC)

1994
Richard Pressley
Music
Butler University (IN)

1992
John Doffing
History
Marquette University (WI)

1990
Catherine Lappe
English
Loyola University of Chicago (IL)

Awards were not granted in the years not listed.



How to Apply

Applications are accepted from September 10, 2008 through November 14, 2008, and the successful candidate is announced in January 2009.

Information and applications are available online at:
www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson

For further information, or to submit an application, contact:

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“The Davies-Jackson Scholarship is designed especially for students from families with modest economic backgrounds and who are among the very first in their families to have graduated from college. We seek applications from students who have demonstrated enthusiasm for and achievement in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, and who wish to enrich the depth of his or her learning and experience within the British tutorial system.”

A. Graham Down
Director
Davies-Jackson Scholarship Program



Founded in the 16th century, St. John’s College has 750 students, and is one of the most renowned of 31 colleges comprising Cambridge University, one of Europe’s oldest and most distinguished institutions of higher learning.