

The Davies-Jackson Scholarship

at St. John's College
University of Cambridge



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A Unique Opportunity for Study at Cambridge University

The Davies-Jackson Scholarship presents a unique opportunity for students with exceptional academic records, who are 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 2, 2009.
Award(s) are announced in January 2010.**

Areas of Study

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



“Over the past year I’ve seen, heard, smelled, tasted, and felt things of which I would have never dreamed. I’ve been able to maintain my previous academic interests while teasing out new interests in other fields. Cambridge has opened a whole new world of experiences to me and has fundamentally and irreversibly changed me for the better.”

Brian Biggs

Bradley University (IL)

Davies-Jackson Scholar, 2008

“I do not have enough thumbs to rate the Davies-Jackson Scholarship. The Affiliated BA at Cambridge gave me two wonderful years of flexible, guided opportunity with some of the sharpest, toughest to please, and nicest people in my field. Providing access to the best of undergraduate teaching and postgraduate life at Cambridge, under the encouragement of a caring scholarship committee, this program has turned my unlikely aspirations into achievable opportunities.”

J. Nathan Matias

Elizabethtown College (PA)

Davies-Jackson Scholar, 2006

How to Apply

Applications are accepted from September 10, 2009 through November 2, 2009, and the successful candidate is announced in January 2010.

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 the 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.

“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

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Davies-Jackson Scholarship Recipients

2009

Danae Mercer
Social and Political Sciences
Creighton University (NE)

2008

Brian Biggs
Social and Political Sciences
Bradley University (IL)

Joshua Wisebaker

English
Wittenberg University (OH)

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 Holandez
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.*

