

Student Benefactions for TCD Geology Students (Latest Version 05-02-2025)

1. BACKGROUND

For over 150 years, Geology at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) has strived to give a world class education in the broad field of geosciences to both undergraduate and post-graduate students. Most of our students and staff, past through present, have proceeded to successful and productive lives, often noting their special time at TCD. Some of our broad and collective *alumni* have responded with welcome and gracious donations. Beyond *alumni* support given for the Joly Lecture and numerous specific items within the Museum Building and very much appreciated by members of Geology, three benefactions specifically support students.

2. CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AWARDS

2.1 DAVE JOHNSTON MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 1998 in memory of Dave Johnston by his family and friends to support field-based studies by an **undergraduate** or **postgraduate** student in Geology. Strong preference will be given to applicants whose research involves field mapping. The annual income from this fund may be awarded to one or more projects in any year. **Approximate annual value, €500.**

2.2 JULIAN BOLDY BURSARY

This bursary was established in 1992 in memory of Julian Boldy by his friends John and George Kurkjian. The bursary is awarded annually to help support (but excluding conferences) a **postgraduate student(s)** in (or exceptionally an undergraduate) student in Geology. **Approximate annual value, €1,650.**

2.3 ADRIAN PHILLIPS FUND

This fund was established in 2003 by a gift from Professor Adrian Phillips. The fund is to be operated by the Department of Geology to support the teaching of students in field-based techniques in the Earth sciences. **Approximate annual value, €800.**

2.4 PAUL AND JACKIE BLUNDELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Paul and Jackie Blundell scholarship was established in 2023 through a generous gift of Trinity alumni Paul and Jackie Blundell. The scholarship will support **undergraduate** students in geosciences with demonstrated need, to undertake fieldwork or to engage in study visits in support of their research projects. Specimen analysis costs are not supported. It is anticipated that several awards will be made per annum. **Approximate annual value, €6,000, but across multiple students with a cap of €1500 per student.**

3. APPLICATION EVALUATION

The TCD Benefactions Committee administers and assesses the above funds. This committee comprises of at least three people: (i) the Head of Discipline, (ii) one other member of Geology academic staff, and (iii) a representative of the broad TCD Geology *alumni*, which can include current post graduate students, postdoctoral students, and staff, both technical and academic, who received a TCD degree.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please complete the following form and submit by Email to **the Department Chair (presently Prof. Gerald Dickens, dickensg@tcd.ie)** between **15 March** and **15 April**. Please include in the SUBJECT Line "**TCD Geology Benefactions Request -- YOUR NAME**".

Applications are awarded on a combination of Merit and available funding. Merit for rising senior sophister (SS) students generally implies having an average mark across junior sophister (JS) modules exceeding 65. Should funding be available after **April**, additional applications may be considered.

5. EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that recipients of these awards:

- a) appropriately acknowledge the funding in resulting publications (including theses and mapping projects);
- b) submit a brief to the department highlighting how the funds were used, so that this information can be shared on our department web page or within other venues, such e.g., Ge(o)SSIP, Trinity News. Typically, this would be photos of you "in the field" or conducting research, and a paragraph or two on what you learned personally and geologically from the experience associated with the funding;
- c) write a thank you letter to the benefactor, where appropriate.

Student Benefactions Form

Student Name: _____

Benefaction(s) Requested: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Project Title: _____

General Rationale for Requested Funding: _____

Specific Purpose for Requested Funding: _____

I agree to appropriately acknowledge funding and report findings should I receive this funding.

Signature, Date and Email: