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The Don Wood Fund for Undergraduate Scholarships in Economics

Since the Queen's Economics Department emphasizes academic achievement and expects students to work hard, it is important to recognize outstanding performance. There are several scholarships and prizes, of widely varying amounts, for undergraduate students in Economics. However, because the number of students has increased enormously over the past two decades, the ratio of awards to students is very much lower than it once was. Moreover, recent reductions in the payout from the University Endowment have reduced the value of most awards. This means that many excellent students never have the opportunity to win an award, or, if they do, they receive only a nominal sum.

Some years ago, the Department received a very generous gift to establish the **Don Wood Fund for Undergraduate Scholarships in Economics**. This fund honours the late Don Wood, MA 1953, who taught in the Department from 1960 to 1985 and was the first Director of the School of Industrial Relations. Don was a fine scholar and an exceptional colleague. He died in June, 2003 in his 84th year.

The Don Wood Fund, which has been augmented by further gifts since it was established, allows the Department to award a variable number of scholarships to exceptional students entering their second, third, or fourth years of study in Economics. These may be based either on overall achievement in Economics courses taken to date or on achievement in specific courses where prizes already exist. The Don Wood Fund is thus much more flexible than any existing scholarship fund in the Department. It gives the Department the ability to reward a variety of types of academic excellence. In a typical year, eight to ten students receive these awards. Further gifts would be very valuable indeed, as they would allow us to increase both the number and the value of awards.

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