

## **The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation announces grants for the 2011-12 academic year**

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation have approved forty-three grants for 2011-12, awarding \$2,180,717 for scholarships and fellowships.

Grants totaling \$1,430,500 are designated for student scholarships at forty-two colleges and universities. Within this total, \$488,500 will be in the form of matching challenge grants to build Newcombe-endowed scholarship funds at forty institutions. Additionally, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation will receive over \$750,000 to continue administration of the Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships program through 2011-12.

The 2011-12 awards bring the Newcombe Foundation's cumulative grant awards since 1981 to \$54 million. Based upon thirty years of institutional reports to the Foundation, over 33,000 Newcombe Scholarship awards have assisted students at ninety-eight colleges and universities. Also since 1981, 1,107 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships have been funded through annual grants to the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. At last report, Newcombe-endowed scholarship funds at fifty-eight universities and colleges had a combined market value of over \$14 million.

### **Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students**

The Trustees of The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation have awarded grants for 2011-12 totaling \$1,046,500 to thirty-one universities and colleges (listed below) in the Foundation's Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students program. The Newcombe Foundation works in partnership with each funded institution to encourage degree completion among mature women students who have financial need, limited resources, and, often, family and work responsibilities. The Foundation recognizes, values, and encourages the development of programs, special initiatives, and organizational structures that welcome and support mature women students as they navigate the process of earning a degree.

Thirty of the thirty-one funded institutions have received prior funding by the Foundation. For the sixteen institutions that have been funded since the program's inception in 1981, this will be the thirty-first year of Newcombe Foundation support. Fourteen institutions have been funded previously for periods ranging from two years to twenty-nine years. One institution, Mercy College, is receiving its first grant award during 2011-12.

Most of the universities and colleges that were funded during 2010-11 added funds from other sources to the financial awards received by Newcombe Scholars, and twenty-nine of the thirty-one institutions funded have committed to do so in 2011-12.

Within the grants for 2011-12, \$715,500 will directly fund student scholarships during 2011-12 and \$331,000 will fund challenge grants to build existing Newcombe-endowed scholarship funds at twenty-nine institutions. The latest reported combined market value of Newcombe-endowed scholarship funds at thirty-two institutions that have been funded through the Mature Women Students program is \$5.1 million; these funds provided \$144,000 in endowment income toward 2010-11 Newcombe Scholarships.

The thirty-one new grants bring the Foundation's cumulative funding for Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students to \$16.9 million since 1981.

*Grantees for 2011-12:*

American University	Marywood University
Arcadia University	Mercy College
Bloomfield College	Misericordia University
Cedar Crest College	Moravian College
Columbia University	Neumann University
School of General Studies	The New School for General Studies
Elizabethtown College	University of Pennsylvania
Fordham University	Rider University
Gannon University	Rutgers University,
Georgian Court University	Douglass Residential College
Gwynedd-Mercy College	Saint Joseph's University
Hunter College	University of Scranton
Kean University	Towson University
La Salle University	West Chester University
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Widener University
University of Maryland, College Park	Wilson College
University of Maryland University College	

**Newcombe Scholarships for Students with Disabilities**

The Trustees of The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation have awarded grants for 2011-12 totaling \$299,000 to eight universities and colleges (listed below) in its program of Newcombe Scholarships for Students with Disabilities. The Newcombe Foundation provides these scholarships through partnerships with selected colleges and universities that welcome enrollment by students with disabilities and are committed to their success. Each of the currently funded institutions has received grants continuously in this program for many years.

Within the grants for 2011-12, \$226,500 will directly fund student scholarships during 2011-12 and \$72,500 will fund challenge grants to build existing Newcombe-endowed scholarship funds at eight institutions. The latest reported combined market value of Newcombe-endowed funds at nine institutions that have been funded through the Students with Disabilities program is \$2.2 million; these Funds provided \$75,000 in endowment income toward 2010-11 Newcombe Scholarships.

The eight new grants bring the Foundation's cumulative funding for Newcombe Scholarships for Students With Disabilities to \$8.3 million since 1981.

*Grantees for 2011-12:*

Brooklyn College	McDaniel College
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	New York University
Gallaudet University	The Pennsylvania State University
Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus	Temple University

**Special Scholarship Endowment Grants**

The Trustees of The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation have awarded one new multi-year endowment challenge grant of \$100,000 in the Foundation's Special Scholarship Endowment Grants program to Davis & Elkins College, located in Elkins, West Virginia. Through Special Scholarship Endowment Grants, the Foundation strives to help selected colleges and universities build Newcombe-endowed scholarship funds that support completion of bachelor's degrees by students who need financial assistance from within an identified group at each funded institution.

The grant to Davis & Elkins College is designated to provide scholarship support for graduates of high schools located in the surrounding seven-county Appalachian region. Davis & Elkins' grant will provide \$25,000 for each of four years through 2014-15, to be matched dollar-for-dollar by other sources secured by the institution. In connection with this grant, an existing Newcombe Foundation-endowed scholarship fund at the institution will be rededicated toward serving the same target population as the new grant. The fund at Davis & Elkins is currently valued at \$258,000.

Davis & Elkins College joins Maryville and Tusculum Colleges as active multi-year grant recipients in this program.

### **Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships**

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation of Princeton, New Jersey has received a grant of over \$750,000 to continue administration of the Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships program in 2011-12. The grant will furnish \$25,000 stipends to at least twenty-one nationally selected scholars in the humanities and social sciences whose dissertations constitute original and serious study of ethical or religious values. It will also underwrite WWNFF's administration of the program, including costs for rigorous academic evaluation of more than six hundred applications. In the thirty-one years since 1981, the Newcombe Foundation has awarded \$19.7 million for the program of Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships. These fellowships have been awarded to 1,107 scholars, including twenty-one for the 2011-12 academic year.

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