

## THE BROAD MEMORIAL FUND

The fund was established in 1983 as a result of a donation by Mrs Margaret Broad. The fund is in memory of Dr John Broad and Philippa Broad who died in the Mount Erebus air disaster. Philippa Broad had intended to start a M.Sc. in Earth Sciences at the time of the disaster.

The capital of the Fund has been invested: the income from the fund is used to assist graduate students in Earth Sciences engaged in Antarctic research or in a research area of current interest to the Department.

### 1. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 1.1 Grants from the Fund will normally be made only to enrolled students who are currently undertaking research towards a Masters or Doctoral thesis in Earth Sciences, and who are not in receipt of other awards providing significant funds and/or are not receiving substantial financial assistance under a research contract.
- 1.2 Under the terms of the Broad Fund, research related to Antarctica has first priority. Other than this, applications will be considered on merit for research in areas appropriate to the current interests of the Department of Earth Sciences.
- 1.3 Grants will be made primarily to assist students with field or other research costs which are not met by the Department, by contracts, or by other specific research-support funds.

### 2. METHOD OF APPLICATION

- 2.1 Applications for grants should be made by the student on The Broad Memorial Fund application form, available from the Earth Sciences Administrator, normally at the start of the second year of the M.Sc. programme, or once in the course of an M.Phil./PhD research programme. Applications are normally invited during March each year, and close on 31 March, annually.
- 2.2 The applicant is to describe the nature of the research being conducted or proposed, the progress achieved to date, and detail the purpose for which the grant is sought.
- 2.3 In support of the application, the Chief Supervisor of the applicant's research is to comment on the quality of the research so far undertaken, to be satisfied that the programme can be completed within the minimum time for the degree, and to certify that the applicant is not in receipt of significant funds from research contracts or other sources.

### **3. AWARD OF GRANTS**

- 3.1 Normally several awards will be made each year. However, the number and value of the awards in any one year is dependent on the income available and will be determined at the discretion of the Professor(s) of Earth Sciences.
- 3.2 Awards made will be on merit, but will also take into account special conditions of financial hardship, special needs, and the motivation of the applicant, as indicated for example by the quality and amount of work completed by the date of application.
- 3.3 Awards will be made on the recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor of the Professor(s) of Earth Sciences, who will seek advice from the Chairperson and such other staff in the Department as appropriate.
- 3.4 Successful applicants will be notified within two months of the application closing date in the year of the award, and funds will become available immediately thereafter.