2018 Trevor Brown Bursary

The Bursary began in 2003, with the first award having been given in the Spring of 2004. It was named the Trevor Brown Bursary fund in 2005 to recognise the contribution of the Society’s founding President; the Bursary having been one of his key initiatives, following his unexpected death.

In each year since 2004, bursary grants have been awarded to current students as a contribution towards expenses incurred for their work or research either on a project with a link to France or French society or carried out in France.

Over the years, we have had a succession of intriguing projects. Examples are the influence of Goya’s satirical prints on French romantic arts, the emergence of 18th century French Opera Comique, ranging to the Influence of French Colonial Architecture on Art Deco design, or Connections between Jim Ede and the 1950s French art scene.

We request that successful candidates provide feedback on their project, whether in the form of a short report sent to the Bursary sub-Committee or, whenever possible, through a presentation to our Members at a suitable event. Carl Frayne, a beneficiary of an award in 2017, will give a presentation on the French exiled religious congregation in the early Twentieth Century at the Society’s AGM in May.

The amount we collect in donations determines the number of Bursaries we are able to award. Typically, we can afford between 3 and 5 per year, for amounts per Bursary that vary between €250 and €500. In 2017 we allocated 5 Bursaries for a total amount of €1,500.

The success of our Bursary initiative gives something concrete back to our University and its Students. It has now started to create a solid reputation for Camsoc at high levels within several groups of the University hierarchy and within the Alumni Groups network.

Our Bursary budget is therefore dependent on the generosity of our Members. Donations are invited with the call for subscriptions and with the invitations to our Annual Dinner and Garden Party. We are also delighted when a Member who is unable to attend an event donates their registration fee to the Bursary rather than asking for a refund.

We also run a Tombola at the Annual Dinner, and all of the proceeds of this are donated to the Bursary Fund.