The Jacob D. and Lillian Rindsberg Memorial Fund was established in 1999 by the late Sid Rindsberg in honor of his parents, who were both educators. Sid Rindsberg (ENG ’43) was a charter member of the College of Engineering’s Baldwin Society and the UC Foundation’s Herman Schneider Legacy Society. A lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Sid spent most of his career as a civilian with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers working on many projects along the Ohio River and its tributaries. Sid spent much of his time pursuing lifelong interests as a musician, photographer and as a railroad buff. Before his death in 1999, Sid said:

"I have two basic reasons for supporting the College of Engineering. I am indebted to the College for the top-notch education and training that led me through a very rewarding career. I also recognize that, in order for the college to continue to attract the best students and sustain its quality programs, alumni support is a necessity. In addition to my annual giving, the College is named in my will for a bequest to establish an endowed scholarship fund to be named in honor of my parents."

The Fund was set up to provide fellowships to engineering students who desire to become educators. Following are the guidelines that will be used to determine fellowship recipients.

**Awards:**
The awardees will be known as Rindsberg Fellows. The award will be a fellowship in the amount of $8,000 per year, which will supplement the graduate research stipend that the student is currently receiving. A student receiving a Rindsberg Fellowship will thus receive at least $26,000 per year (minimum $18,000 graduate assistantship plus an $8,000 fellowship). In addition, Rindsberg Fellows will receive up to $2,000 per year for travel expenses to conferences, symposia, etc. The Fellowship program is open to all who are qualified, but preference may be given to American citizens, especially women or minorities, or Permanent Residents.

The purpose of this program is to prepare engineering PhD candidates for academic careers. Therefore, all Rindsberg Scholars will participate in the “Preparing Future Faculty” program operated by the College of Engineering Division of Graduate Studies. This involves taking two courses on effective teaching, working with a faculty mentor to develop teaching skills, and teaching all or part of a regular academic course under the supervision of the faculty mentor. At the completion of the award, Fellows will write a synopsis of their experiences and make a presentation to the academic community.

**Fellows Selection:**
All candidates for a Rindsberg Fellowship must be already admitted into doctoral candidacy. They must submit an application which includes the following:

1. A statement of career objectives.
2. A statement describing who their academic mentor will be and their proposed program for teaching skills development and teacher training.
3. A reference letter from the student’s advisor, letter must include grant name and amount of stipend that student will be receiving, with a guarantee that funding would be available for the term of the Rindsberg fellowship.

Application process is each year in early November. An announcement is sent to all COE graduate faculty. A faculty committee is assembled by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research to select the awardees. The number of awardees will depend on the amount of funds available from the Foundation and the quality of the applications. Awardees will be notified in early December, and the fellowships begin in winter quarter for four quarters.

Fellows may apply once for a second year of funding if they have not completed their PhD degree requirements. No Fellow may receive funds for more than two years.

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