

JAMES AND JEAN DAVIS PRESTIGE VISITORS

In addition to William Evans Visiting Fellowships, the University Council in 1990 decided to offer a limited number of “William Evans Prestige Visitorships”. From the beginning of 1995 these Prestige Visitorships have been renamed the James and Jean Davis Prestige Visitorships in acknowledgement of the bequest made by Professor Norman Davis in memory of his parents, which supplemented the William Evans Fund.

Prestige Visitors will be scholars of such outstanding distinction and international eminence that their visit is likely to be of interest to the wider academic community rather than merely to those within their own specialist field or discipline.

Prestige Visitors to date have included:

Lord Walton of Detchant, Emeritus Professor of Neurology, University of Newcastle.

Dr Stuart Saunders, Vice-Chancellor, University of Capetown.

Professor William McNeill, Emeritus Professor of History and Past Robert A. Millikan Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago.

Professor Jacques Body, Emeritus Professor of Comparative Literature and formerly Vice-Chancellor of L’Université Francois-Rabelais (Tours).

Baroness Mary Warnock of Weeke, Former Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge.

Dr Baruch Blumberg, formerly Master, Balliol College, Oxford and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Medicine for 1976.

Professor Jean-Marie Lehn, Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for 1987.

Professor Sir Anthony Leggett, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Physics for 2003.

Professor Harry Kroto, Florida State University, and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for 1996.

Justice Edwin Cameron, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

Baroness Brenda Hale of Richmond, Chancellor of the University of Bristol, and Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

Selection and appointment of Visitors

Suggestions of names for consideration may be forwarded at any time throughout the academic year and at short notice. Proposals should be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor’s Executive Assistant for consideration by the Vice-Chancellor’s Advisory Group. Proposals must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and sufficient background information to enable an informed judgement to be made. For nominations forwarded by staff in their respective Divisions, Pro-Vice-Chancellors will be asked to provide the Advisory Group with an assessment of the nominee in terms of the criteria for Prestige Visitors.

Invitations will be issued on behalf of the University by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor’s Advisory Group.

Terms and Conditions

Visitors should have University-wide appeal. They normally will be expected to spend up to thirty days as guests of the University, to present a public lecture of general interest from within their area of expertise, to give a forum for postgraduate students, and possibly one or more seminars of a more specialised nature. In addition, Visitors must make themselves available for media interviews, which will be coordinated through the University’s Media Office. All actual and reasonable costs associated with their visit will be met by the University from the Williams Evans Fund, including business class travel for the visitor and partner, the actual cost of accommodation in a good motel, or its equivalent, and a grant of \$120 per person per day (per diem allowance).

Co-ordination of Visit

Prior to any formal invitation being made, approval in principle will be granted subject to a budget for the visit being submitted by the nominator through the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International). The budget will include not only budgeted costs for the Visitor’s travel, accommodation and per diem, but also costs associated with the public lecture, and appropriate entertainment costs. When final approval is granted for the visit and a formal invitation is offered and accepted, responsibility for co-ordinating arrangements for the visit on behalf of the University will rest with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Payment of the per diem allowance must be administered through the Vice-Chancellor’s Office (please contact the Executive Assistant).