

## **EDNA PURDIE MEMORIAL FUND**

The Fund was instituted in 1970 in memory of Edna Purdie, Professor and Head of Department of German at Bedford College (1933-62), by the amalgamation of donations from friends and colleagues.

Professor Edna Purdie was born in 1894 and conducted research work on the literary ballad in English at Somerville College, Oxford University, between 1916 and 1917. Prof. Purdie lectured in German at the University of Liverpool between 1917-1921 and on German and Teutonic Philology at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, between 1921-1933, before becoming a Professor of German Language and Literature at Bedford College, University of London, between 1933-1962. Upon retiring in 1962, Professor Purdie was conferred the title Emeritus Professor.

Professor Purdie became Chairman (1950-1953) and subsequently Director (1953-1956) of the Institute of Germanic Languages and Literature. She was also President of the Music Society at Bedford College and made a Fellow of Trinity College of Music in 1951.

### **Conditions of the Award:**

1. Students and former students of Royal Holloway College, Bedford College and Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, are eligible to apply to the Fund for assistance with completion and/or publication of scholarly work, dissertation and thesis in Germanic and English Studies or in Comparative Studies where there is a substantial Germanic element.
2. Applications will be considered by The Travel Awards and College Prizes Allocation Panel who will consult the Head of the School of Modern Languages before making an award.
3. Recipients of the Award are required to submit a brief report of the activities for which they have utilised the Award. This report will be published on the Royal Holloway Travel Awards and College Prizes webpage.
4. It is a condition of award that recipients will acknowledge the award in their published work, dissertation or thesis.