

23 April, 2013

**Subject:** Paul Nurse JR Fellowship at Linacre

Dear Former Junior Research Fellow at Linacre College,

**Re: Paul Nurse Junior Research Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences Fund at Linacre College**

I am writing to inform you that recently, the former JRF and current Adjunct Fellow Dr Leonid Nikitenko has kindly initiated a new fund as a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign at Linacre College.

The **Paul Nurse Junior Research Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences Fund** has been set up with the aim of supporting future generations of young academics at Linacre College. With permission to use his name and a donation towards this new fund, Sir Paul Nurse joins Leonid and Linacre College in seeking to help an early career academic.



Sir Paul Nurse himself is a former Linacre College member. He was a Professorial Fellow at the College while working as a Professor of Microbiology at the University of Oxford, and later when he was Royal Society Napier Research Professor. Sir Paul is a geneticist who works on mechanisms that control cell division. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2001 and the Royal Society Copley Medal in 2005, having been knighted in 1999. Sir Paul Nurse has been CEO of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Cancer Research UK and, more recently, the President of the Rockefeller University, New York. Currently, he is the President of the Royal Society and the Director and Chief Executive of the Francis Crick Institute in London.

During his two JRF years at Linacre in 2002-2004, Dr Leonid Nikitenko was inspired by the academic community of the College, and in particular by the achievements of Sir Paul Nurse, as a former Linacre College member himself, in the field of biomedical sciences. Influenced by these memories, which affected the choice of his career path and by Sir Winston Churchill's words "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give", Leonid has recently initiated this new Fund at Linacre College with the full support of the Principal and the Developmental Office.

The main information about the Fund can be found in most current issue of Linacre News and on our webpage: <http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/Development/50thAnniversaryCampaign/NewsJRFFund>

Since February, Sir Paul Nurse and Dr Leonid Nikitenko have already raised £1,125 towards a target of £5,000 for the years 2014-2016 and towards £60,000 to endow the JRF position. As the organizers of the Fund, and together with The Development Office, they would welcome donations from all current or former Members of the College and from Friends.

As an ex-JRF at Linacre College and former/current member of the Oxford University, if you are interested in learning more about this Fund or in joining Sir Paul Nurse and Dr Leonid Nikitenko in making a donation, please feel free to contact Ros Connell, Development Officer, directly on [ros.connell@linacre.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ros.connell@linacre.ox.ac.uk)

This Fund is a significant part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign and Linacre College would be grateful for all gifts or small regular donations towards supporting the **Paul Nurse Junior Research Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences at Linacre College**.

Donations can be made to the Paul Nurse Junior Research Fellowship at Linacre through the Oxford University Giving Pages on [http://www.giving.ox.ac.uk/colleges/linacre\\_college.html](http://www.giving.ox.ac.uk/colleges/linacre_college.html)

This Fund, once implemented, will bring the total number of JRFs at Linacre to 17, an impressive figure, and one which we hope, during the Campaign, eventually to augment to 20. Junior Research Fellows are key members of Linacre's community, and we are delighted to see the number growing.

Best regards

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