

1959

“a historic gift which my College and British medicine are unlikely to forget”

Funding to Royal College of Physicians

Robert Platt, President of the Royal College of Physicians describing the Wolfson's Foundation award to the College (June 1959).

1961



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Dorothy Hodgkin, first Wolfson Research Professor (of the Royal Society)

Dorothy Hodgkin (1910-1994), photographed in 1969. Dorothy Hodgkin was the first **Wolfson Research Professor** (of the Royal Society), holding the position between 1960 and 1977 during which time she was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1964) for her work unravelling the structure of biological compounds. She was succeeded by Alan Fersht (1977-89) and Alec Jefferys (1991-2013).

Purchase of Goya's 'Wellington', National Gallery

The grant from the Wolfson Foundation to the **National Gallery** was described by the Daily Telegraph as potentially “a turning point for patronage in Britain.” The painting was stolen from the vestibule of the National Gallery in August 1961, although subsequently recovered.



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example grants

1961

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Furnishing and equipping of the Hunterian Museum at the College
£250,000

Oxford Playhouse Theatre
Contribution towards the theatre
£5,000

1963

Weizmann Institute of Science
Cancer research at the Weizmann Institute
£320,000

The Shakespeare Exhibition
Contribution towards the exhibition, displayed across 1964 in Stratford, London and Edinburgh
£10,000

1965

Churchill College, Cambridge
Wolfson Court (hall of residence)
£300,000

Queen Elizabeth Training College for the Disabled, Surrey
Towards training adults with disabilities to play a part in industry and commerce
£10,000

1962

Royal National Institute for the Blind
Swimming pool for blind people at Rushton Hall, Northamptonshire
£20,000

British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association
Towards a home for limbless ex-servicemen in Scotland
£5,000

1964

National Institute for the Deaf
Training college for deaf people
£50,000