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David Colegrave Foundation 2009 scholarship details

The David Colegrave Foundation is encouraging UK horticultural students to apply for a number of scholarships available for this academic year. This year sees the introduction of a new bursary set up in collaboration with Wyevale Garden Centres which will be awarded to students with an interest in retail horticulture.

The Foundation, which was established in 1992 after the death of one of the UK's leading seedsman, David Colegrave, has also launched a new look website – see www.davidcolegravefoundation.org.uk The website provides full details about all the scholarships available, application forms along with case studies from previous successful students.

This year the Foundation is able to offer the following scholarships and bursaries:-

Floranova Ornamental Horticulture Research Scholarship, which provides an award of **£1,500** to support a student with a particular interest in ornamental horticulture research and development.

Ball Colegrave Scholarship Award for 2009, which provides a bursary of up to £2500 to support a young person employed on a Commercial Bedding Plant Nursery to fund travel to Europe in order to develop their knowledge and experience in bedding plant production and marketing.

Ed Markham International Scholarship Award for 2009. This award is designed to allow students in the United Kingdom and North America to participate in an international work-study experience. An award of **US \$4,500** will be made to one student annually to work for a minimum of 8 weeks in a horticultural business in the US., Canada or the UK and to allow the award recipient to extend their stay in the country to enhance their cultural experience. The award for 2009 will be for a British student to work in North America.

Wyevale Garden Centre Bursary Award, offering **2 bursaries of £1,500 each** for a minimum of 5 years. The bursary will be made available to any students studying horticulture. Preference will be given to those who have an interest in retail horticulture. Closing date for applications for 2009 is 30th November 2008.

A trustee of the Foundation, Jeff Colegrave, said, “The Foundation is looking for keen students with a real passion for horticulture to apply for the awards that we have on offer. The introduction of this new bursary, in collaboration with Wyevale Garden Centres, helps to widen the appeal of the Foundation as it is specifically aimed at those with an interest in retail horticulture. We hope that in combination with the other scholarships that we have on offer we provide a variety of opportunities for those that really want to further their career within the industry.”

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David Colegrave was one of Britain's leading seedsman, founding the U.K.'s largest ornamental seed company. The David Colegrave Foundation was established following his death in 1992 and seeks to provide scholarships for horticulture students. The David Colegrave Foundation is administered by The Horticultural Trades Association.

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