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Dear Mr. Weyl,

It's a pleasure to write and share with you a copy of a letter I wrote recently to the sponsor of the graduate fellowship you've been awarded for the 2007-08 academic year and to offer my congratulations!

Very few of our graduate students are aware of the extraordinary history that lies behind Princeton's aid program, or know much about the individuals with strong ties to the University who've made so many of these generous fellowships possible. The storied tradition of student assistance at Princeton dates back to 1792 when James Lesley, Class of 1759, bequeathed funds for the University's first charitable scholarship. The legacy of graduate aid dates back to the 1800's when Princeton President James McCosh urged the "Friends of the College" to provide fellowships for promising seniors so that they might continue their studies after graduation as you are doing.

The Graduate School devotes special attention each year to naming students with outstanding credentials to endowed fellowships and, not surprisingly, the selection process is especially keen. You have been selected this year to receive assistance through THE J. WALLACE ELY '32 FUND. While this does not provide you with any additional funds, it is intended to recognize the excellence of your academic work to date and your reputation as a promising scholar in your field.

When you have a moment, we would very much appreciate your writing the sponsor to express your thanks. News of your background, academic pursuits and career aspirations will be of interest, I'm sure, and will go a long way towards ensuring our continued ability to provide similar assistance to future graduate students. Please be good enough to forward a copy of your letter to me at the address below -- or via [scholars@princeton.edu](mailto:scholars@princeton.edu) -- for our records.

Many thanks in advance, and continued success with your graduate studies at Princeton.

Sincerely,



Jotham Johnson, '64  
Director of Stewardship