

The Sharman Fund

A word from Mike Sharman's Family – 27.09.2014

The Sharman Fund has been set up by the Sharman Family and Cambridge University Institute for Manufacturing (IfM) to celebrate the achievements and vision of the work started by Mike Sharman and his colleagues back in the 1960s. In its broadest sense the fund hopes to increase access to IfM's courses and promote its potential to the students of the future. In no small way this would focus on the links between the course and its partners in the wider world to help support a practical and dynamic relationship between new ideas and those who might benefit from them. The fund would help to resource initiatives that reach out directly to the students of the future and introduce them to manufacturing industries of today, inspiring new generations to the benefit of all. Importantly, it would offer students who may have never considered a future career in manufacturing the chance to benefit from Mike's legacy at IfM.

In a literal sense this legacy springs from Mike's passion for history, learning and railwayana! When his family embarked upon the sad task of finding new homes for Mike's vast collection of railway memorabilia, they hit upon the idea of setting up a fund to make this task rather more positive. To this end the proceeds from the sale of some of Mike's collection has provided a kick start for the fund. We hope that, with the help of others, this fund can grow to provide lasting support for the activities of IfM that focus on encouraging access and developing direct links with industry.

If you would like to get involved, there are many ways that you can do so:

- By making a one-off donation as an individual / company
- By making regular donations over time
- By offering a legacy
- By providing practical links with industry for visits from school students, intake graduates or project work with IfM to develop opportunities through your own manufacturing business

If you wish you can benefit from:

- Regular updates through newsletters and social media and a listing as a donor
- Opportunities to stay in touch with other donors and course leaders at IfM
- Get your business involved and enhance its CSR activities through the activities of the fund
- Or just stay anonymous and keep your head down as a discreet donor!

If you would like to make a donation today (all contributions are extremely welcome, however modest) that would be fantastic. Please make use of the Gift Aid declaration below so that we can add an extra 25% from the government.

If you would rather think about it and contact us later then that is fine too. We would love to tell you more about the sort of 'outreach' initiatives that are being considered. Your contribution could pay for transport to get a bunch of young students to a factory visit - or enable other IfM projects that encourage young women or other under-represented groups to consider a future in manufacturing design or management. Or perhaps your contribution could help provide additional grant aid to those who would love to get involved in the course but don't have the resources to feel confident about making that step. The possibilities are endless and can be influenced by you too! Please do get involved and add your passion to that of 'Uncle Mike', his family and the great work of IfM. Thank you.

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Gift Aid Declaration:

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The fund has been established in memory of Mike Sharman who pioneered graduate and post-graduate education in manufacturing from the 1960s until his retirement in the 1990s.

The fund is an endowment fund linked to the charitable purposes of the Institute for Manufacturing (IfM) at the University of Cambridge, which will be administering it. It does not seek applications from outside bodies or individuals, but is a discretionary fund for use by the IfM within the guidelines of the endowment fund itself.

The fund seeks to support activities that reflect the principles which defined Mike Sharman's approach to the development of education in manufacturing during his lifetime:

- Practice-based teaching and learning
- Close engagement with industry
- Access to the course for UK nationals from all backgrounds, especially those from disadvantaged or challenging circumstances

General principles of the fund:

- Encouraging activities that connect the academic to the practical
- Project-based activities that develop knowledge and benefits in the round to both students and their industrial partners (ie. not purely research / academic experiments)
- Fostering interest in engineering from early-years schooling upwards through outreach activities, especially those aimed at girls and young women and other under-represented groups
- Increasing access to IfM courses by outstanding students who may struggle to find financial, mentoring or other practical support elsewhere

This would take the form of:

- Supporting innovative staff initiatives for practice-based teaching and engagement with industry
- Improving the understanding of manufacturing and its role in the economy – particularly amongst further and higher education students in the wider community
- The support of outstanding students seeking to study manufacturing at IfM, but who lack the resources to do so
- The establishment of a 'Sharman Prize' which would be awarded once a year to students on IfM courses who apply to take forward projects that show particular innovation in furthering the aims and principles of the fund

As well as a core donation from the Sharman family, The Sharman Fund will receive donations from supporters, amongst whom are likely to be alumni taught by Mike Sharman. Disbursements will be administered by the IfM. Decisions will normally be made at regular meetings of the Board of Management, which will include ex officio the Head of the Manufacturing and Management Division of the University, and of the MPhil in Industrial Systems, Manufacturing and Management (or its successors) and a member of the Sharman family.

The performance of and arrangements for the fund will be monitored annually and reviewed every five years.

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