The John G. Nicholls Trust was formed to stimulate the work of scholars whose methods or goals provide a unique and promising approach to the study of achievement motivation. The Trust has been dissolved, but we remain proud to highlight the scholarship of the, then, advanced doctoral students and new assistant professors whose projects were sponsored by our organization. A quick search for these names in our academic outlets will reveal just how successful the Trust was in identifying outstanding scholars, early in their careers. The fund was liquidated by sponsoring conference travel for graduate students presenting exemplary research on achievement motivation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development and the American Educational Research Association, two organizations that received support from and supported the work of John G. Nicholls.

This work would not have been possible without the help of many senior scholars who helped us find outstanding applications for the small research grants we awarded over the 6-years life of the John G. Nicholls Trust. We awarded $18,000 to advanced doctoral students and new assistant professors, an amount three times the initial investment made by the scholars who wished to honor the life and scholarship of John G. Nicholls.

The funds of the John G. Nicholls Trust were managed by the Seattle Foundation, an organization that continues to accept funds for outstanding community-based work. Those of us honoring the life of John Nicholls knew that he pursued the study of motivation by relying on traditional and innovative research strategies. Susan Nolen, in her introductory remarks made at the 1996 Conference of the American Educational Research Association, talked about John's work. Feel free to access this biographical speech.

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