



## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

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### SECTION 1 | PERSONAL AND AWARD DETAILS

<b>Title</b>	Mr	<b>PID</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	Hamilton	<b>Forename(s)</b>	David N H
<b>Scholarship/award awarded</b>	Travelling	<b>Amount awarded</b>	1190

### SECTION 2 | PROJECT/VISIT DETAILS

<b>Name/Title</b>	Yale University's Special Collections and Manuscripts Department, Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974) archive
<b>Location</b>	New Haven, CT, USA
<b>Aims and objectives</b>	To work on their extensive Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974) archive

<p><b>Summary</b> <i>Include methodology, results and conclusions if applicable</i></p>	<p>My interest in Lindbergh started while writing my recent book on Alexis Carrel, the Nobel prize-winner. Lindbergh worked with Carrel at the Rockefeller Institute in New York for a while in the 1930s devising together their famous organ perfusion pump. Lindbergh's biographers have understandably concentrated on his famous flight across the Atlantic, the tragedy of the kidnap and murder of his son, and his isolationism before World War Two.</p> <p>As I hoped, the archive do reveal much about the organ pump but it also contained details of Lindbergh's imaginative other work, notably on new laboratory devices, including the first chamber for continuous cultivation of viruses. Much of this was unpublished because of Lindbergh's well-known aversion to publicity, but his massive archive has all the background information. Since his archive was kept closed by his family until fairly recently, these biomedical contributions had not been studied closely as yet. Indeed it is clear that Lindbergh's famously secretive life, rejecting the heroic celebrity role, was a policy to maintain his credibility among his peers as an innovative engineer and scientist.</p>
<p><b>Learning outcomes</b> <i>Detail here how the aims and objectives were met</i></p>	<p>In short, Lindbergh's serious side has not been fully explored, and added to these laboratory contributions, the files also give more light on his contributions to the aircraft engineering, his demonstration of the value of aerial survey by archaeologists and his famous early support of rocketry.</p> <p>While at Yale, I made contact with the medical history group there and attended their seminars. I was asked to return some day and give a presentation. The Special Collections Department also requested a seminar from me, should I get back again.</p> <p>All in all, a very successful visit, supported by the College. I now have a good draft of a new book on 'Charles Lindbergh: the Thoughtful Aviator' - or something like that.</p>
<p><b>Evaluation</b> <i>How has this scholarship/award impacted on your clinical/NHS practice or equivalent?</i></p>	<p>It has broadened my knowledge of the history of organ transplantation, and added some further insights into my interest in the nature of innovation.</p>

**SECTION 3 | IMAGES**

If available, please provide some images to support your report



**SECTION 4 | EXPENDITURE**

**Breakdown of expenditures**  
*Please demonstrate how the scholarship/award funding was used to support your project/visit*

The Fellowship largely paid for the basic costs of £350 flight, £760 accommodation and £250 living expenses

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