

Dear Professor Parker, dear Hellenic Society,

I have just completed my stay at the Fondation Hardt, which was made possible with a grant from the Hellenic Society. The experience has met and exceeded any expectations I had. As I had set out to do, I primarily dedicated my time in Geneva to expanding the bibliography of my PhD thesis. Since I do not have constant access to an academic library, it was immensely helpful to have one on the doorstep - and such a beautiful one, too. Most of the works I needed to consult could be found at the Fondation, and a few others were also very kindly fetched for me from the Geneva University library.

Apart from providing the scholarship I needed to carry out essential work, the Fondation also enabled me to do so without distractions. I am so grateful for the inspiring setting and the amazing work of the staff that made it possible. The lovely food deserves special mention. Furthermore, it was a privilege to meet my fellow guests, who contributed so much to the superb atmosphere: they were convivial, but also focussed on work and always ready to help. I hope that we shall keep in touch in the future. In conclusion, both my mind and my body have been nourished extremely well during my visit to the Fondation Hardt. This is possibly the best thing that could happen to someone who, like myself, is writing up their doctoral thesis.

With many thanks and best wishes,

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