



Richard Bangs Collier Pleneurethic Scholarship 2025-26 Academic Year

Submit completed applications to SFS (Jones 019 or jpotter@pugetsound.edu) by March 31, 2025

Richard Bangs Collier was fascinated by the relationship between the mind, body, and environment, and dedicated his time and resources to examining this connection in the interests of human health. Collier firmly believed that human mental and physical health could only be achieved through a holistic understanding of “the physical, chemical, mental, and cultural environments of the brain,” and, further, that “the way the brain is affected by these environments and responds to them determines one’s health, character, and ability to make responsible choices.” Indeed, he founded a field called Pleneurethics aimed at studying these links and their relation to behavior (plenary=whole, neuro=the nervous system, ethics=responsible behavior).

Mr. Collier was keenly interested in thinking that crossed normal disciplinary lines, especially work that combined humanistic and ethical concerns with the work of the sciences as they are broadly defined. There are a range of ways in which various disciplines, from neuroscience to religion, have both historically and are currently engaged in the issue of mind-body-environment interactions. In other words, the attempt to apply holistic thinking to understanding health and behavior is an old one, and it continues.

One \$2,800 scholarship will be awarded to an upper-level student pursuing studies in the fields of philosophy, literature, history, mathematics or natural sciences.

Eligibility requirements:

- Junior or senior class standing during the 2025-26 academic year.
- Maintaining at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average.

Name: _____ UPS ID: _____

2025-2026 Class Standing: Junior Senior Cumulative GPA: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Compose a 2–3-page double spaced essay describing your interest in historical or recent work studying the relationship between mind, body, and environment in your discipline of choice. Your essay can focus upon the specific framework established by Collier in Pleneurethics, or address the themes with which he was more generally concerning: the relationship between the mind, body, and environment and the influence of this relationship on health and behavior.

I understand the selection committee will have access to my academic records. I agree that if I am selected for a scholarship, the university may supply information regarding my academic performance and other information (such as, but not limited to the information submitted with this application) to the scholarship donor.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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