PURPOSE:
The Strnad Fellowship Program was established by Mr. James and Mrs. Edna Strnad to stimulate and recognize creative inquiry by enabling talented underclassmen to undertake projects of research, study, or inquiry well beyond the usual. The ultimate aim is to provide the Fellow a "unique educational experience" that would not be available to him outside the guidance and facilities of the school and without the financial support of the Fellowship Program.

NATURE OF THE PROJECT:
The Strnad project is to be conceived and designed by the Fellow with the guidance of a Sponsoring Advisor who is normally a member of the faculty. To qualify, a project must involve advanced, creative "research, investigation, or study" such as to lead the Fellow into "new areas of inquiry" and result in a "product or unusual activity as opposed to a mere sedentary study." The project is elected in addition to the Fellow's regular program of study. Fellows may work independently or in teams and may undertake joint projects with Strnad Fellows at Hathaway Brown School.

QUALIFICATIONS:
To qualify for a Strnad Fellowship a student's "background must show outstanding interest and ability in the project discipline to be pursued." Fellows should have completed the available "advanced academic program of the school" for the discipline in which their project is proposed. Fellows must be able to work both independently and as members of a team. They must demonstrate the maturity and character to work in the absence of superior authority on or off campus. Sophomores and Juniors are eligible to apply for a Strnad Fellowship each spring for the following school year. Sophomores who apply must have projects that require two years to complete.

EVALUATION & CREDIT:
The Strnad Fellowship project is evaluated by the project advisor(s), assisted by an Strnad committee. The project becomes a formal academic commitment carrying one semester credit. Its satisfactory completion becomes a part of the Fellow's academic transcript.

FELLOWSHIP REPORTS:
Each Fellow is expected to participate in a special assembly of the Upper School in the spring of his senior year. Each Fellow will present an oral report of his project and his experiences as a Strnad Fellow. Each Fellow will prepare, in addition to the oral report, a written report for publication.

PRODUCT AND EQUIPMENT:
All products of the Fellowship and any equipment or materials acquired with funds provided by the Fellowship become the property of University School at the end of the project period.