Professor Frank Derbyshire graduated with a 1st class Honors B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering from Manchester University, England, followed by a M. Eng. from McMaster University, Ontario, Canada, and subsequently a Ph.D. from Imperial College, England. During a career that spanned nearly 30 years in academia and industry, Professor Derbyshire distinguished himself as an internationally recognized expert on coal and fuel sciences and carbon materials. He published extensively and authoritatively on these topics in the scientific literature, and was well respected in the professional societies. He was a model scholar-educator who appreciated everything about what makes for a world-class research and doctorate-granting university: the encouragement of scholarship and a spirit of inquiry; the free and open expression of ideas; the training and education of students; the generation of new knowledge and contributions to the body of literature; the advancement of the state of the art; and the dissemination of investigations, research and study for the benefit of the public and society. For his longstanding contribution to these most important aims this endowment has been named in the memory of Frank Derbyshire.
### Purpose of Endowment

The fund shall be known as The Frank J. Derbyshire Research Professorship Endowment, and the income or proceeds derived from investing the principal amount of the fund will be used for the purpose of establishing one or more Derbyshire Research Professorships at the University of Kentucky. The awards will be made for up to a five year period to faculty members who are tenured full professors and have made outstanding contributions to research and graduate education. The funds can be used for research related expenses including appropriate salaries, equipment and materials.

### How to Contribute

The University of Kentucky Research Foundation (UKRF) made a generous gift of $100,000 to establish and endow the Derbyshire Research Professorship, which was subsequently matched by an equal amount from the state Research Challenge Trust Fund for an initial principal amount of $200,000. The endowment agreement further stipulates that the principal may be added to later by the “Donor (UKRF) or others” (funds which may or may not be matched by the state depending on the availability of new funding for the Research Challenge Trust Fund).

The Derbyshire Professorship Endowment welcomes gifts of all sizes and will assure donors that their donations will be directed to the purpose and recipients identified above. Our goal is to increase the principal of the endowment to provide more adequate awards to outstanding faculty, to make multiple awards to recipients or possibly to raise the endowment to the level of an endowed chair.

### Requirements and Selection

A faculty committee will recommend the recipient(s) to the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies who will make a selection after consultation with the Vice Chancellors of the Lexington Campus and Medical Center, and the Dean of the Graduate School.

General inquiries about the selection process can be directed to:

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