The Werner Lowenthal Fund is managed by the MCV Foundation. The mission of the MCV Foundation is to inspire and steward philanthropy throughout the MCV Campus of VCU.

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- Providing financial stability by augmenting other traditional sources of revenue
- Enhancing programs to a level of quality that would not be possible without this additional support
- Allowing strategic planning over longer time horizons

For more information on the Lowenthal Endowment Fund and to learn how you can make a gift to the Lowenthal Endowment, please contact Ellen Firkins, Director of Development.

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A Passionate Man

Dr. Werner Lowenthal was a beloved Professor of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics and the Director of Continuing Education at the VCU School of Pharmacy. He joined the School’s faculty in 1961 and gave thirty-one years of his heart and soul to pharmacy education before he retired in 1992.

Werner was a man who loved his family, respected his students’ right to a good education and had a special passion for scholarship. He was always proud of the school and the research he and others did. Orphan drugs were one of his “crusading issues” and so it is ironic that he died of a disease about which there is little known and for which there is no cure: Creutzfeld-Jacob Disease.

In establishing the Lowenthal Fund, Dr. Meth’s hope was “that the research funded by this scholarship will look at a number of these types of disorders” so that experimental treatment becomes an option for individuals diagnosed with rare fatal diseases.

Dr. Lowenthal is remembered fondly by his students for his Pharmaceutics Ethics course, rock paperweights and most importantly his undying passion for scholarship and the discovery of new knowledge. Through this fund, Dr. Lowenthal’s passion will live on.

The Endowment Fund

The Werner Lowenthal Endowment Fund was established in 2000 by Dr. Hilda Meth in memory of her late husband. Dr. Lowenthal’s distinguished career at the VCU School of Pharmacy as Professor of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics spanned from 1961 until 1992. His contributions to the academic program and service to the school were extraordinary.

The purpose of the Lowenthal Endowment Fund is to support graduate students pursuing a Ph.D. at the VCU School of Pharmacy with a specialty in one of the pharmaceutical sciences and who are participating in hands-on research in the area of genetically based neurological diseases. The Fund stipend may be utilized for not only a student stipend but also in support of research expenses.

Recipients will be selected by a School of Pharmacy committee chaired by the Dean. The committee may consider current students or may use the award to aid the recruitment of students.