

# News Release

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## University of Rhode Island Scholarship Increased in Honor of Dr. Martin J. Bide

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, March 19, 2018**— AATCC Foundation is pleased to announce that the AATCC Foundation University of Rhode Island Scholarship has been renamed the AATCC Foundation Martin J. Bide University of Rhode Island Scholarship. Scholarship funding has also been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year.

These changes occurred due to a generous contribution from AATCC Foundation board member and donor, Charles E Gavin, III, who chose to honor Dr. Martin J. Bide for his years of assistance and involvement with AATCC and AATCC Foundation, Inc.

The original AATCC Foundation University of Rhode Island Scholarship was established by Charles and Carol Ann Gavin in January 2016, as a \$1,000 scholarship. Charles Gavin was a past President and Treasurer of AATCC, and the first individual to make a donation to AATCC Foundation, Inc. after it was established as a separate public charitable Foundation in 1997.

The Martin J. Bide University of Rhode Island Scholarship is targeted to undergraduate students pursuing degrees in textile fashion, merchandising, and design at the University of Rhode Island. The student recipients should have demonstrated scholastic progress towards their intended degrees. Given this, and the need to apply the scholarship to future study, the recipients will usually be sophomores and juniors at the time of application. Financial need and demonstrated work experience and history should also be taken into consideration. Finally, the scholarship recipients must be US citizens.

Students applying for the AATCC Foundation Martin J. Bide University of Rhode Island Scholarship should **submit their applications through AATCC Foundation's scholarship online portal by March 31, 2018**. Once an individual is nominated for scholarship by the Martin J. Bide University of Rhode Island Scholarship Committee, the Foundation Board of Directors will confirm the nomination.

**About AATCC:** [AATCC](#) is the world's leading not-for-profit association serving textile professionals since 1921. AATCC, headquartered in Research Triangle Park, N.C., USA, provides test method development, quality control materials, and professional networking for members in about 60 countries throughout the world.

**About AATCC Foundation:** [AATCC Foundation Inc.](#) was established in 1997 and operates in the furtherance of the charitable mission of the Association.

AATCC Foundation Inc. promotes the science and knowledge of textile design, coloration, materials, processing, and testing through research and education and seeks ways to develop and promote quality standards throughout the world. For further information on the AATCC Foundation, please access the AATCC Foundation website or contact Perry Grady by [email](#) or by phone at +1 919.414.9260.



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