

Graduate education was extremely important to Robert Gardner, and he offered many seminars, that were in fact extra courses, to train graduate students. The students responded with enthusiasm, and during his career 13 Ph.D. and 18 Master's students finished under his direction. In addition Robby served a term as Director of Graduate Studies and was the cofounder, with Udo Simon of the Technische Universität Berlin, of an exchange program between UNC and TU Berlin that brought many graduate students and faculty from Berlin to Chapel Hill. His guidance and support had a deep influence on the German students who visited Chapel Hill, and some of them extended their stays at UNC.

Robby was proud and supportive of all his students, both during graduate school and after graduation. His students followed many different careers from business to academia, and he made an effort to keep up with all of them. To honor his contributions to graduate education the Mathematics Department has created the Robert Brown Gardner Memorial Fund which is devoted to supporting graduate student activities.

Contributions to the Robert Brown Gardner Memorial Fund can be sent to:

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