The Fulbright Program recently announced the universities that produced the most 2010-2011 U.S. Fulbright Students. Fifteen University of Illinois students accepted Fulbright awards for 2010-2011, placing the University of Illinois among the top five nationally among public institutions.

A record 58 Illinois students and recent alumni have applied for Fulbright funding for the upcoming 2011-2012 grant cycle, so the University is already building on its students’ recent successes. Campus participation reflects a group effort – in this fall’s competition, 48 faculty members served on 20 campus review panels, interviewing students, reviewing their work, and rating their applications. An additional 23 faculty and staff worked to provide feedback to our early applicants over the summer.

These committee member efforts were repeatedly recognized by our candidates. Reported one such applicant, “It has been a smooth and even enjoyable process… I also appreciate that no efforts were spared in assisting me in putting together the strongest application possible, especially when it came to detailed feedback on my essays.” We strive to continue collaborating to provide this enriching experience for even higher numbers of competitive Illinois applicants.

Josie Chambers is one of 31 Americans (and one of only four students from public universities) to receive a Marshall Scholarship this year. She will obtain graduate training in the United Kingdom to prepare for a career uniting efforts to develop sustainable and just tropical forest management plans.

Josie graduated summa cum laude as a James Scholar from Illinois in May 2010 with a degree in Honors Integrative Biology and minors in Anthropology and Chemistry. The two-year Marshall Scholarship will fund Josie’s master’s degrees in Integrated Resource Management at the University of Edinburgh and Conservation Leadership at the University of Cambridge.

States Professor John Cheeseman, who recommended Josie to our office, “Josie is an inspiring and exciting student. There are none better as leaders or as team players, and none could have more creative imagination or the intellectual capacity to execute her designs. She will do well as a Marshall Scholar.”

At Illinois, Josie worked in Professor Charles Whitfield’s laboratory for four years on genomic aspects of brain and behavior, performing bee brain dissections and molecular analyses. She spent a summer studying the influence of tourism on monkeys in Costa Rica and another in Uganda investigating primate feeding ecology by monitoring red colobus monkey foraging behavior.

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We congratulate the following applicants who took the time to reflect, write, ponder, write, dream, write, research, write, soul search, write, and submit an application for a prestigious scholarship in 2010. Below, President Michael Hogan, key administrators, and committee members pose with many of our fall 2010 scholarship applicants at a September reception honoring our candidates.

**Fulbright Grant**
- Yusra Al-Shawaf  Psychology, Chemistry
- Namita Arora  Business Administration
- Melinda Bernardo  Anthropology
- Richelle Bernazzoli  Geography
- Jack Brofman  History, Political Science
- Jessica Campion  Advertising, Italian
- Tyler Carrington  Modern European History
- Josie Chambers  Integrative Biology
- Brady Collins  Political Science
- Kendra Dickinson  Spanish, Environmental Studies
- Richard Doherty  Communications
- Kenneth Donohue  Political Science
- Rachael Dotter  Political Science
- Christine Evans  German, Mathematics
- Harry Fischer  Geography
- Margaret Fitzpatrick  Educational Policy Studies
- Daniel Fulco  Art History
- Dominique Gilbert  Environmental Science
- Zach Grotovsky  German
- Lauren Hilton  International Studies
- Peter Hoffman  Advertising
- Michelle Hollander  Civil Engineering
- Mariah Howard  Communication
- Katherine Hudak  French
- Michael Kim  English
- Brittany Koteles  Spanish
- Sibu Kuruvilla  Materials Science
- Michelle Lee  Global Studies
- Nick Mangialardi  Arabic
- Eric McKinley  History
- Tim Meyers  Media Studies
- Andy Miller  Music
- Michelle Mosenkis  English, Psychology
- Kerri Mullen  Comparative Literature
- Gregory Nagy  Linguistics
- Christine O’Connor  Integrative Biology
- Madeline Olszak  Spanish
- Kim Parker  Civil Engineering
- Kate Peterson  History of Art
- Benjamin Poole  History
- Archana Prakash  History
- Regina Pritchett  Urban Planning
- Ellen Schenk  Molecular & Cellular Biology, Spanish
- Jeff Schlueter  History
- Catherine Schmidt-Jones  Curriculum & Instruction
- Brie Sherow  Urban Planning
- Iryna Sukhnatska  Political Science
- T.J. Tallie  History
- Jeffrey Todd  Global Studies

- Lauren Turk  Communication, French
- Jonas Vaikenonis  International Studies
- Jerry Vassalla  Spanish, International Studies
- Dana Westgren  Marketing Management
- Kristi Wilson  Art & Design
- Tessa Winkelmann  History
- Elaine Wu  Psychology
- Ryan Young  Media Studies
- Emily Zarndt  Physics

**Gates Cambridge Scholarship**
- Josie Chambers  Integrative Biology
- Grant Zimmerman  Biochemistry

**Goldwater Scholarship**
- Gloria An  Chemical Engineering
- Raaed Chowdhury  Electrical Engineering
- Peter Fiflis  Nuclear, Plasma, Radiological Eng
- Jon Hansen  Nuclear, Plasma, Radiological Eng
- John Hoffman  Physics
- Justin Kopinsky  Math, Computer Science
- Dave Korenchan  Bioengineering
- Radu Lazar  Bioengineering
- Michael Skulski  Engineering Physics
- Lucas Smith  Biochemistry
- Cassandra Wesseln  Integrative Biology

**Marshall Scholarship**
- Josie Chambers  Integrative Biology
- Chuan Li  Civil & Environmental Engineering

**Rhodes Scholarship**
- Josie Chambers  Integrative Biology

**Truman Scholarship**
- Molly Hathaway  Art Education
- Stephanie Maldonado  Social Work
- Sarah Peters  Economics
- Cassie Pontone  Anthropology
- Emma Tauer  Psychology, Painting
- Richard Young  Civil Engineering

**Luce Scholarship**
- Laura Chandler  Music
- Lorita Ivanova  Political Science, Sociology
- Aramide Odusanya  Economics

**Churchill & Gates Cambridge Scholarships**
- Brock Bobbitt  Engineering Mechanics
- Cyrus Rashtchian  Computer Science
Reflections and Advice from Illinois Scholarship Alumni

We asked various Illinois prestigious scholarship alumni to muse a bit on their experiences. Here are some illustrative quotes:

What are your memories of the campus scholarship process?

I remember the campus scholarship process as a mix of ups and downs that allowed me to grow significantly in my career and as a person.

My UIUC scholarship application process was made as smooth as it could be thanks to the National and International Scholarships Program office. I felt well informed about each step of the process.

I remember being intimidated by the process and doubtful of my chance for success. Fortunately, my graduate mentor strongly encouraged me to apply and emphasized the benefit and learning opportunity of working through the application, regardless of the outcome.

Looking back, what tips do you have for future applicants?

While applying, do not let yourself get discouraged simply by the title or prestige of the scholarship. Do not create unnecessary limits for yourself.

Starting early and having multiple people review your personal statement are my two main recommendations for future applicants. While it can be frustrating to get multiple perspectives on your drafts, it is still important I think to get a wide range of views.

Be very specific in your statements, but the more details you provide about how you envision using your time/money/expertise, the stronger your application will be. Also if you have any prior experience that will help you be successful, mention it! Don’t be shy in mentioning your qualifications.

Where are they now?

Elizabeth Buhe (awarded a Fulbright to France in 2007-08) has a paid internship at The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles in the department of Sculpture and Decorative Arts. She works with curators on upcoming exhibitions and permanent collections. She completed an MA in Curating at The Courtauld Institute of Art in London and is currently investigating PhD programs.

Ian Clausen (awarded a Marshall in 2007-08) is in his 3rd year of studying Christian Ethics at the University of Edinburgh. He has lectured at Aberdeen, Oxford, and Cambridge and teaches first year students at Edinburgh. He recently completed a book chapter on St. Augustine to be published by Oxford Press. In August of 2009, Ian married his high school sweetheart, Lauren, who joined him at Edinburgh.

Jennifer Halvorson (awarded a Fulbright to Denmark in 2006-07) is a visiting artist with the glass program at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. She earned her MFA at Rochester Institute of Technology and recently completed a residency at Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center in New Jersey. Jennifer’s current work is focused on history and the values of home.

Jenny Ifft (awarded a Gates in 2001-02) is finishing her dissertation “Essays on Environmental and Health Risk” for a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Berkeley. She is engaged to another Berkeley economics student.

John Kim (awarded a Language Flagship Fellowship in 2008-09) is on target to graduate this spring with an MA in Korean for Professionals from the University of Hawaii and Korea University. In pursuit of a career with the Foreign Service, John recently passed the written portion of the Foreign Service exam.

Charity (Flener) Lovitt (awarded a Fulbright to Germany in 2007-08) has moved to Seattle and is seeking a teaching position in Chemistry. She is finishing a book based on a study abroad symposium she led at a national conference for the American Chemical Society.

Joannah Metz (awarded a Gates in 2003-04) finished her PhD in Planetary Science at Caltech, where she was a science team member for the Mars Exploration Rovers and the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. After returning from a five month trip around the world (New Zealand, Australia, eastern and southern Africa, and Jordan) she began a position as an exploration geologist at Shell in Houston.

Tim Peters (awarded a Fulbright ETA to Argentina in 2007-08) is a columnist for McSweeney’s Internet Tendency, where he writes about his day job as a caddy in the suburbs of Chicago.

Derek Vardon (awarded a Goldwater in 2008-09) began doctoral studies in Environmental Engineering at Illinois with fellowship support from the NSF and EPA. His research focuses on the use of algae for biofuel production with an emphasis on biofuel characterization and the sustainable application of catalysts for biofuel production.
Emelyn Baker, Critical Language Scholarship: I can clearly tell that the summer spent abroad has caused my Chinese skills to improve greatly. I certainly never expected that I’d become such good friends with other Critical Language Scholarship recipients. We’ve all formed pretty strong friendships that I predict will last a long time.

Ewan Robinson, Fulbright, Senegal: I have been pursuing a research project on participatory environmental protection programs around the town of Kaolack, in the region known as Senegal’s peanut basin. I interviewed village chiefs, community forest guards, politicians, forestry agents, and leaders of different local associations. I’ve also worked on developing professional collaborations to try and have my work produce some kind of an impact, even after I return home. I still have difficult days. Sometimes I feel very out of place in a foreign culture. I wonder what on earth I am doing here. Yet, on a daily basis, I am encouraged by the incredible friendliness, resilience, and energy of many of the people I talk to in the process of doing research.

Sam Ero-Phillips, Fulbright, Nigeria: (photo) I was in Ghana this last week for a conference on appropriate technology and extremely busy preparing for a meeting in the village with the community to present the plans and models for the new school facility. Life is good. Very busy at the moment actually. I spent the 1st month and a half just setting myself up.

Renata Sheppard, Fulbright, Italy: I am writing to you from my desk at the Virtual Reality and Multi Media Park in Turin, Italy, where I spend my days happily working away. We are in the process of planning a 10 day research trip for 5 artists (and yes, I'm one of them!!!) to India---as the research stage of a larger scale project...creating a technological opera that fuses the cultural dance and art forms of India with a western perspective. Wow, right?? I am just in shock at the perspective I've gained already in these few weeks of being here and the opportunities for future work that are opening up.

Erik Connelly, Fulbright TA, Korea: I did not exactly know what to expect before arriving, but every day brings new adventures. Visiting ancient temples and castles, learning Geum-do (Korean fencing), and hiking Korea’s scenic landscapes are just a few of the interesting cultural experiences Korea is sharing with me. Daily though, I am also able to exchange some of my own American customs with new people and friends I meet.

Ryan Rogowski, Boren, China: I have had a spectacular experience adjusting to life in China and improving my Chinese level. I have been able enjoy an array of activities such as visiting the Summer Palace, having a Chinese style barbecue in the park, and even participating in a Beijing television talk show!

Brett Cox, Boren, Tajikistan: (photo) I am conducting surveys (in Tajik) in villages around the country, some close, some far. After doing that, I am quite interested in being an interpreter on the ground and I am currently seeking an internship at FINCA. I have taken some amazing trips to desolate mountain regions in the eastern and northern parts of the country.

Emma Swift, Fulbright TA, Vietnam: In addition to teaching the whole freshman cohort of TOEFL majors at Quy Nhon University, I am organizing English club activities, movie nights, conducting interviews with administrators at local colleges and universities, and keeping my days filled with laughter and absurdity. Learning the phrase "bao nhieu thien" for "how much does it cost" felt like a whole new world had been opened up to me.
Students at Illinois are fortunate to have numerous exceptional faculty and staff devoted to the scholarships process. Committee members spend hours reviewing applications, engaging in interviews, and providing insightful feedback to assist in the revision process. We greatly appreciate those who served on prestigious scholarship committees this past fall.

**2010 Churchill Campus Selection Committee**

Tony Crofts Prof. Emeritus, Biochemistry  
Peter Orlean Prof., Microbiology  
Derek Robinson Prof. Emeritus, Mathematics

**2010 Luce Campus Selection Committee**

Nancy Abelmann Prof., Anthropology  
Clark Cunningham Prof. Emeritus, Anthropology  
Elizabeth Oyler Assoc. Prof., East Asian Languages & Cultures

**2010 Goldwater Campus Selection Committee**

Carol Augspurger Prof., Plant Biology  
Linn Belford Prof. Emeritus, Chemistry  
Vicki Coverstone Prof., Aerospace Engineering

**2010 Truman Campus Selection Committee**

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Penny Soskin Assoc. Dean, Coll. of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
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John Mackay Post Doc, Mathematics  
Bruce Michelson Prof., English  
Colin Wraight Prof., Biochemistry

**2010 Fulbright Interview Committees**

Annie Abbott Dir., Advanced Spanish Language  
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Josie co-founded a campus branch of the organization *Roots and Shoots* to advocate for environmental justice and organized a university-sponsored conservation lecture series. She developed an environmental education program for a local elementary school and produced a video of the program for a national *Roots and Shoots* conference.

Josie excels in other interests as well, performing as one of the few non-music majors in the University of Illinois Chorale, and singing in the university opera *La Bohème*. She also finished in the top 3 percent of over 3,300 female runners in the Illinois half-marathon this past May.

Josie is currently working in Peru with Neotropical Primate Conservation, an organization that aims to protect the remaining habitat of the critically endangered yellow-tailed woolly monkey.
Prestigious Scholarship Opportunities

**Beinecke** *(Campus Deadline: 1 February 2011)*
For juniors committed to gaining a graduate degree in the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences. For U.S. citizens based on merit and need.

**Boren (NSEP) Grad** *(National Deadline: 1 February 2011)*
For U.S. citizens enrolled in or applying to a graduate degree program. May include domestic language and cultural study with overseas study or all overseas study in a non-western country. Funding for 1 to 6 academic semesters.

**Boren (NSEP) Undergrad** *(Campus Deadline: 19 January 2011)*
Open to freshmen through seniors for semester or yearlong study in a non-western country. For U.S. citizens.

**Churchill**
One year of postgraduate study leading to a degree in engineering, mathematics, or the sciences at Cambridge University, England. Seniors and graduate students are eligible to apply. For U.S. citizens under the age of 26.

**Fulbright**
One year of study or research in any country where there is a Fulbright Commission. Some English teaching programs available. U.S. citizen seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply.

**Gates Cambridge**
One to four years of study leading to a degree at Cambridge University, England. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. For U.S. and non-U.S. citizens.

**Goldwater**
One year of study for current sophomores or juniors who are committed to achieving a Ph.D. in the research fields of mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. For U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or permanent residents.

**Luce**
One-year internship in East or Southeast Asia. Asia studies majors/minors or those who have been to Asia for more than 8 weeks are ineligible. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and young professionals are eligible to apply. For U.S. citizens under the age of 30.

**Marshall**
One to three years of study leading to a degree at any British university. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. For U.S. citizens.

**Mitchell**
One year of postgraduate study in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. For U.S. citizens under the age of 30.

**Rhodes**
One to three years of study leading to a degree at Oxford University, England. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. For U.S. and some non-U.S. citizens under the age of 24.

**Truman**
For juniors interested in eventually pursuing a graduate degree towards a career in public service. For U.S. citizens.

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Do you know a potential applicant for any of these awards? We are accepting nominations at topscholars@illinois.edu
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