A New Collaboration!

The National & International Scholarships Program and the newly formed Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) are pooling resources to hire an Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Coordinator. We aim to foster a campus climate that encourages high-achieving students to maximize their experience at Illinois. The coordinator will have primary responsibilities for the recruitment segment of the scholarships portfolio. Further, under the leadership of Professor Paul Diehl, Director of OUR, the coordinator will encourage and support undergraduate research activity and facilitate the campus Undergraduate Research Symposium. Given the complementary and often counter-cyclical nature of these two programs, the coordinator will be poised to help more top Illinois students participate in research and work towards seeking external scholarships support.

Spring 2012 Scholarship Results

Luce:
Daniel Rudin
Renata Sheppard

Beinecke:
Joanna Chromik

Goldwater:
Jacob Bercraft
Bryan Plummer
Shyam Saladi (honorable mention)

Fulbright Alternates:
Scott Harrison
Joseph Johnson
Amanda Robinson
TszWai (Sammi) Wong

Boren:
Andrew Barr
Chris Olen
Hristo Alexiev

Truman Finalist:
Aubree Henderson

Fulbright:
Rosemary Admiral
Jovana Babovic
Tiffany Bui
Dana Fager
Jeanine (Yana) Genchanok
Matthew Grobis
Rosalie Ierardi
Evan Murphy
Mark O’Donnell
Agata Parfieniuk
Niru Pradhan
Ryan Schmidt
The University of Illinois is one of approximately 100 colleges and universities annually invited to nominate one junior for a Beinecke Scholarship. From among the 20 recipients in 2012, Joanna is one of only three from a public institution.

Joanna is a rising senior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences pursuing a double major in communication and English. She is also enrolled as a James Scholar honors student. She initially selected Illinois because of our Division of General Studies, where course exploration is encouraged. Joanna experimented with psychology coursework, took a long look at architecture, and even spent several weeks in an MCB course. Yet, Joanna continually was drawn to the study of rhetoric and English literature. She currently is developing a senior thesis on Elizabeth Bowen as she seeks to become a leading scholar in expanding the canon of transatlantic modernist literature.

Joanna moved from Poland to Chicago at the age of seven. Her parents are self-employed in the cleaning and construction industries and Joanna is the first from her family to be afforded the benefits of college. She works upwards of 20 hours per week each semester to help support her education. As a production and publishing intern for the past year, Joanna has assisted in translations and learned the ins and outs of publishing at Dalkey Archive Press, which specializes in the publication of lesser known works deemed culturally or educationally valuable. This training informed Joanna’s vision as a scholar further advancing these works. Also, as a student worker at the Illinois library, she assisted in reorganizing the stacks from the Dewey to Library of Congress call number systems to make it easier for patrons to encounter related work they may have otherwise overlooked.

After obtaining her doctorate in English Literature, Joanna hopes to become a professor advancing the study of American and European modernism and critical theory, specifically psychoanalysis and feminism, and popularizing lesser known works, especially from early 20th century women writers. We wish Joanna the best of luck and congratulate her on winning this prestigious award to partially fund her graduate studies!
Fine & Applied Arts Alumni Shine in Luce Scholars Competition

Daniel Rudin, a May 2006 B.F.A. recipient in Industrial Design and Renata Sheppard, a May 2007 M.F.A. recipient in Dance Performance and Choreography, are among the 18 young scholars nationwide to be named to the Luce Scholars Program. The Luce Scholars Program is open to young stars from every discipline, so the fact that two were selected with ties to our College of Fine and Applied Arts is a real coup for Illinois. Daniel and Renata are now embarking on all-expenses paid year-long internships in Asia.

Daniel received his Associates Degree in Fine Arts from Parkland College before transferring to Illinois to study Industrial Design with the aim of preventing work-related accidents. After receiving his B.F.A. from Illinois, he began specializing in video production, using his knowledge from design to emphasize the body and its living spaces. His footage often addresses work-related problems, using labor abuses of the black market as subject matter. In 2008 he traveled to Central America to make a video on subsistence scavenging. The initiative turned into a short video called El Fortín and became the basis for fundraising to give transportation, roofing, and business financing to subjects of the video. In 2009 Daniel began an M.F.A. in Studio Arts at the University of Texas where he was subsequently nominated for the Luce Scholars Program. He has continued work with the local homeless community to produce videos, TV reports, and panel discussions. As a Luce Scholar in the Philippines, Daniel will be working with the social media organization, Rappler.com and continuing his filmmaking.

Renata Sheppard is an interdisciplinary dance artist with formal training in theatre, music, and visual arts who creates work for stage and screen. Her choreography has been presented throughout the United States and in Italy, Germany, and India. Her dance film, The Wait of Gravity, was an official selection at the 2011 San Francisco Dance Film Festival and New York’s SLAM Motion in Media Dance Film Festival.

Renata’s focus on interactive systems began by creating experimental Dance for Camera films and working as a researcher from 2007-2009 in the Tele-immersive Environments lab in the Department of Computer Science. At the lab, she developed a technology-based dance composition course and widely presented the Tele-immersive System. In 2011, Renata completed a Fulbright Grant to Italy at the Virtual Reality and Multi Media Park’s Allied Sciences Arts Lab and received funding to continue a second year as the Director and Choreographer of FraMESHift, an evening length show performed this past summer. Renata also spearheads Reviva!, an international summer workshop series at Arts Enter in Cape Charles, Virginia. The Luce Foundation has placed Renata with the Taipei National University for the Arts in Taiwan and provided her with intensive language training in Mandarin.
University of Illinois juniors Jacob Becraft and Bryan Plummer were awarded Barry M. Goldwater scholarships for the 2012–13 academic year. Shyam Saladi, a sophomore in Electrical Engineering, was named Honorable Mention.

Jacob Becraft is a rising senior majoring in Chemical Engineering. Since 2009, he has been researching gene and drug delivery in the laboratory of Dr. Daniel Pack of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. Jacob hopes to work towards a PhD in Bioengineering and to conduct research in medical and bioengineering applications on tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.

Jacob also is the project leader for a research design project focused on creating a point-of-use water filter that utilizes cattle bones to effectively and affordably remove arsenic and uranium from groundwater in financially limited regions. The project won an EPA P3 grant, which provides funding for travel, research, and development. The project is advised by Dr. Charles Werth of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. In 2011, the project received Second Prize in the National Design Competition of the Water Environment Federation’s Technical Exhibition and Conference. Jacob was also recently awarded the Udall Undergraduate Scholarship for his commitment to a career in environment, leadership potential, and academic achievement.

Bryan Plummer is a rising senior majoring in Computer Science and specializing in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. He transferred to Illinois from Mesa Community College in Fall 2011. Bryan seeks a PhD in Robotics and hopes to contribute to NASA’s Intelligent Systems Division, helping to guide the future of robotics and space exploration.

In 2010, Bryan began working with the DOMICILE project as the programmer working with a team of sociologists exploring population forecasting with an Agent Based Modeling approach. He also has worked for the last two summers at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in the Simulation Integration and Visualization Office exploring a snowflake crystal growth model and NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the Processing Algorithms and Calibration Engineering group.

At Illinois, he has worked with Dr. Derek Hoiem in Computer Science, investigating the use of shadows to infer scene geometry in an image and with Dr. Seth Hutchinson, in Electrical and Computer Engineering, on Simultaneous Localization and Mapping based robot navigation systems. Bryan also works as an intern for Aqueous Solutions LLC, a local company that develops The Geochemist’s Workbench, a geochemical modeling program.
Our Newest Fulbrighters

Up to sixteen Illinois students and recent graduates are spending the 2012-13 academic year overseas on Fulbright grants. The grantees will be pursuing fully funded research, studies, or English teaching on five different continents, sharing their Illinois experiences with, and learning from, their hosts.

**Rosemary Admiral** has been offered a grant to conduct research in Morocco. A PhD candidate in history, she plans to continue her dissertation research investigating how women engaged with Islamic law in fourteenth and fifteenth century Morocco. A former Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic with undergraduate degrees in Computer Science and Spanish, Rosemary has since switched her focus and has been awarded numerous Foreign Language and Area Studies grants to study Arabic. Rosemary plans a career as a professor of Middle East history.

**Jovana Babovic** is set to begin her Fulbright year in Serbia furthering her dissertation research on the relationship of the state and society to urban culture in interwar Belgrade. Jovana is a student of Modern European History with a focus on Eastern Europe, Russia, and urban history. She was born in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and began formally studying the region as a Master’s student. She earned a second Master’s degree in Central European History from Central European University in Hungary prior to beginning her doctoral studies at Illinois. Jovana looks forward to a career as a professor of history.

**Tiffanie Bui** has earned one of two Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships to Norway. She will be working with students at a Norwegian high school and a local university serving both as a resource person in conversation and writing groups and giving talks on American studies. Tiffany emigrated with her family from Vietnam at an early age. After transferring with an associate degree from Parkland College, she earned both her BA in English (May 2009) and MS in Library and Information Science (December 2011) from Illinois. Tiffanie has self-published two comic books. She plans a career as a school librarian or language arts teacher.

**Dana Fager**, a recent graduate with a BA in International Studies, will investigate changes in Japanese students studying abroad and potentially corresponding changes in hiring practices in Japan. Dana previously studied abroad for a year as an undergraduate at Konan University. She also was awarded Critical Language Scholarships from the US Department of State for intensive Japanese study in summer 2011 and 2012. On campus, Dana was a James Scholars honors student and a Chancellor’s Scholar. She worked as a Peer Advisor in the campus Study Abroad Office and also interned at the Consulate General of Japan office in Chicago. Dana intends to continue her work strengthening US-Japan relations through advocating for intercultural exchanges.
Jeanine (Yana) Genchankok will be working in Tanzania with a local nongovernmental organization assessing water quality, sanitation, and distribution locations in the Uru East region of the country. She graduated this spring from Illinois with a BS in Civil Engineering. Yana has volunteered with Engineers without Borders, Crisis Nursery, and the Oglala Lakota Research project, as well as worked with WaterCAMPWS (Center of Advanced Materials for the Purification of Water with Systems) here on campus. Upon her return, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in Environmental Engineering with a career focus on international development.

Matthew Grobis will utilize his Fulbright to research the link between animal personality and social learning in the Great Tit, a bird of the Paridae family, at the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology in Germany. Matt graduated as a James Scholar honors student with a BS in Integrative Biology in May 2012. Matt has been conducting animal personality research on stickleback fish with Illinois Professor Alison Bell for nearly two years and also performed fieldwork in Costa Rica with the Organization for Tropical Studies. Matt is working towards a career as a professor of biology.

Scott Harrison was named an Alternate to Germany. A PhD candidate in History, Scott's work focuses on the history of gender and sexuality in modern European history. After graduating from Marist College in history and education, Scott taught high school history for a year and also worked as a research assistant at the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC. He plans to become a history professor.

Rosalie Ierardi earned her BS degree in Animal Science this past spring and will carry out her project in Nepal studying the effects of heat stress on buffalo. Working with Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service, a nonprofit agency in Pokhara, Rosalie will spend nine months ascertaining what farmers can do to mitigate the impact of seasonal changes to buffalo milk production. Rosalie received her associate degree from Parkland College and gained practical experience at Illinois working at the meat science laboratory, dairy research farm, poultry research farm, and Veterinary Diagnostic Lab. She plans to pursue a career in production animal medicine as a veterinarian.
**Joseph Johnson** has been named an Alternate to France. Joe, a French major and Gender and Women’s Studies minor, graduated with a BA in May 2012. His Fulbright proposal is to spend a year at the Ecole Nationale des Chartes researching manuscript copies of the medieval French literature, Roman de Renart. A James Scholar honors student, Joe studied abroad for a year in France at Sciences Po. Stateside, he spent summers honing his skills, first investigating Roman de Renart under the Summer Research Opportunity Program in 2010 and then working with rare manuscripts at the Newberry Library in Chicago. Joe plans a career as a professor of French.

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**Evan Murphy** has been offered a Fulbright to Egypt. In Egypt, Evan proposes to further his history dissertation research examining how agricultural science became an authoritative source of agrarian knowledge during the British occupation circa 1900. Evan has previously spent two months in the Middle East, including a month of pre-dissertation research last summer funded by the Department of History. Evan plans to utilize his experience in Egypt to become a professor specializing in modern Middle Eastern social and cultural history.

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**Mark O’Donnell** will be venturing to Australia to enroll in an applied economics graduate program at Australian National University researching how effective the Australian Government agency “Infrastructure Australia” has been in attracting private sector investment. Mark, an August 2004 Illinois BS recipient in Finance, has spent the past four years working in transportation planning for Metra in Chicago and volunteering as a tutor for elementary school students through the Chicago Lights Organization. Since his Illinois graduation, Mark has also received a Master’s in Urban Planning and an MBA. He plans to use knowledge gained in Australia to help address infrastructure funding issues faced by the US.

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**Agata Parfieniuk** will work with scientists at the University of São Paulo Medical School, Brazil on genes in the pituitary gland to better understand the origin of hormone disorders. A May 2012 BS recipient in Molecular and Cellular Biology, Agata’s interest in the endocrinology field developed working in Dr. Lori Raetzman’s laboratory for three years. Agata emigrated from Poland to the US at age six. She plans to pursue an advanced degree in medicine or biology upon her return to the US.

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**Niru Pradhan** is using her grant to India to chronicle the work of the Akshaya Patra Foundation, an organization that delivers lunches to over one million children every school day. She will examine the residual effects of decentralized
versus centralized systems of food delivery on women’s empowerment in three rural communities in northern India. Niru also received a Critical Enhancement Language Award to improve her Hindi language skills, receiving two months of intensive language training and an additional two months of language instruction concurrent with her Fulbright grant. Niru received her BA degree in Political Science from Illinois in 2010 and upon her return to the States will attend graduate school in international development.

Ryan Schmidt is teaching English to high school students in South Korea as an English Teaching Assistant. Ryan graduated in May 2012 with a perfect GPA as a James Scholar honors student with a BA in History and concentration in Secondary Education. He has student taught at several middle and high schools. Ryan also served as a student instructor of undergraduate honors students at Illinois. He completed a capstone research seminar in the History Department and has presented his work on racial integration and the Civil Rights Movement. Ryan plans a career teaching high school history and working to eliminate educational inequality in the US.

Amanda Robinson has been named an Alternate to New Zealand. Her project seeks to study alternative ways to band and identify an endangered penguin species habitating on Banks Peninsula in New Zealand. Amanda received her undergraduate degrees in Biology and Russian Language and Literatures this past spring. Her work in conservation includes lab experience with Dr. Andrew Suarez and the Illinois Natural History Survey. Amanda hopes to continue her education in the field of conservation biology.

Tsz Wai (Sammi) Wong was named an Alternate for an English Teaching Assistantship to Turkey for the 2012-13 academic year. Sammi graduated this spring with a BA in French and International Studies. She also played violin with the Balkan Music Ensemble. She developed her interest in teaching English as a foreign language through her volunteer work with the Intensive English Institute on campus. She worked in the US Embassy while studying abroad in France and seeks a career with the federal government.
Whitaker Scholarship Funds Recent Alum

Jonathan Naber, a May 2011 graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Materials Science and Engineering, earned a Whitaker International Fellow Grant to fund overseas bioengineering research during the 2012-13 academic year.

The Whitaker Program aims to develop and broaden biomedical engineers and scientists by providing them with an international experience. Fellows receive funding to study at a university, conduct research, or work as an intern overseas. Approximately 15 all-inclusive student fellowships are provided each year. Jonathan is the third Whitaker recipient from Illinois in the past 7 years.

Jonathan is utilizing the fellowship to fund a 12-month trial of a low cost, below-elbow prosthesis he developed through his non-profit organization, Illini Prosthetic Technologies (IPT). Continuing work he began in January with the Range of Motion Project in Guatemala, he is collecting usage data from amputees using IPT-developed prosthetics and researching in-country manufacturing options for the product. His goal is to use the data to improve the prosthesis before potentially manufacturing and distributing it to amputees throughout Central America and the developing world.

Jonathan founded IPT while a sophomore at Illinois. He has previously spent time in Germany on high school exchanges and for summer school while in college. He has won numerous awards through the College of Engineering, as well as the Lemelson-MIT Illinois student prize for being the most inventive student at Illinois. Jonathan was the first undergraduate to receive this award. Further, he received the nationally competitive Simon Fellowship for Noble Purposes in 2011. Jonathan hopes to continue his journey to becoming an international leader in biomedicine for the developing world.

Editor’s Note: While the Scholarships Program formally administers a select few awards, program staff also offer advice and feedback on application materials for other nationally competitive scholarships, such as the Whitaker.
Students Earn National Language Scholarships

In three separate federal competitions, seven Illinois students cumulatively earned over $80,000 in scholarships to fund their studies abroad as part of a wider U.S. government effort to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical languages.

Illinois rising senior Andrew Barr will use a $10,000 Boren Scholarship to study Arabic at the University of Jordan in Amman during the fall 2012 semester. Andrew, a Midshipman in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program, is majoring in political science and pursuing coursework in the Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security Program (ACDIS), concentrating his research on suicide terrorism. He is active with the Illinois Model United Nations Team and has contributed articles for several online student journals.

Senior Chris Olen has earned a $20,000 Boren Scholarship for studies of Mandarin in Beijing and Shanghai, China during the spring and summer of 2013. Chris, a double major in political science and Spanish, seeks to investigate the ramifications of the interactions between the private sector in China and the Chinese government. Chris has served as a research assistant at the Illinois Cline Center for Democracy and is also active with Model United Nations here on campus.

Hristo Alexiev has received a Boren Fellowship of $21,200 to study Turkish and research at Boğaziçi University in Turkey. Hristo is a native of Bulgaria and an Illinois Master’s candidate in Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies. At Boğaziçi, he will focus his thesis studies on the regional role Turkey plays in the balance of interethnic and minority relations in the Balkans and its historical roots.

Additionally, four Illinois students earned U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) to fully fund overseas summer language study. CLS may be used to study Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu languages. Under the award, recipients (who nearly 1 in 4 self-identify as multi-racial or a person of color) spend seven to ten weeks in immersive language institutes in 14 countries where these languages are spoken. The CLS Program provides fully-funded, group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences.

Jeffrey Harmon studied Mandarin in Beijing, China through a CLS award this past summer. He is a senior in Global Studies who studied in China last fall and has been pursuing ethnographic research pertaining to the increase of Chinese international students to the University of Illinois. Dana Fager, a recent BA graduate in International Studies, earned her second CLS award to study Japanese in Kyoto, Japan (see p. 5
for more information about Dana who also was awarded a Fulbright Grant). A third undergraduate, rising senior Andrew Dolinar was awarded a CLS to continue his Russian studies in Kazan, Russia. A James Scholar honors student, Andrew is a double major in Sociology and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies who also worked to facilitate cross cultural interactions as a programming advisor for residential life. Zachary Sell received a CLS to continue his Hindi studies in Jaipur, India. Zachary is a doctoral student in history at Illinois.

Students were chosen for UK Summer Institutes based on their academic achievements, dedication to their local communities, and a desire to act as ambassadors for the US. This year, seven different summer institutes were offered to students.

The Fulbright Summer Programs covered all participant costs. In addition, Fulbright summer participants received a comprehensive pre-departure orientation, enrichment opportunities in country, and an opportunity to join Fulbright alumni networks.

James Addison, a rising junior in architectural studies, participated in the Nottingham Trent University Summer Institute. As a James Scholar honors student at Illinois, James is involved in Habitat for Humanity and is on the design team for the Illinois entry in the 2013 Solar Decathlon in China. Outside of academics, he is an avid photographer, loves to cook and try new foods, and enjoys watching and competing in sports. At the Nottingham Trent University Summer Institute, James planned to gain a new perspective on the local culture, meet new friends from all over the world, and explore the historical and contemporary architecture of the United Kingdom.

Part of the four-week Institute also included volunteering in the local Nottingham community as well as examining Midlands culture, history, and heritage.
Jennifer Speaker, a rising junior in urban and regional planning, participated in a 3-week summer program at King’s College London entitled “The Olympic City: Global Games, Local Impact” to gain insight into Olympic history, Olympic politics, and Olympic urban geography while residing in the city where the Games occurred. The program aimed to provide a global perspective on both the people and culture of the UK. Jennifer entered the University of Illinois through the Division of General Studies as a James Scholar honors student, and she currently serves as a committee chair for Habitat for Humanity, and a member of the Student Planning Organization and Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors Organization. Her interests outside of school include volleyball, rollerblading, volunteering, art, and music. Jennifer had never been out of the country and was excited to see the world through a different perspective.

Gary Yin, a junior in Economics and Accounting, travelled to Wales to experience a six-week program at three different universities: Cardiff, Bangor, and Aberystwyth. Gary was born in China and moved to the United States when he was three years old. Currently, Gary is a member of the Campus Honors Program and an active brother of Delta Sigma Pi and a project manager of a student-run consultancy group known as OTCR Consulting. Gary recently put together a proposal for the superintendent of Clark County School District to better serve the growing English as a second language population in Las Vegas.

The Wales Institute, “Contemporary Wales: Industry, Politics, Culture and Change” conveyed the role and influence of Wales, both nationally and internationally. Participants were taught about the Welsh culture, history, geographical differences, and role that industry has taken in shaping the historical, political, and cultural landscape of Wales.
Scholarship Committee Members

Illinois students are fortunate to have numerous exceptional faculty and staff devoted to helping them obtain scholarships. Committee members spend hours reviewing applications, engaging with candidates in interviews, and providing insightful feedback to assist in the revision process. We greatly appreciate all those who served on a prestigious scholarship committee during the spring and summer 2012 terms.

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Boren Scholarship
Open to freshmen through seniors for study abroad 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 nearly any country. Some English teaching programs available. U.S. citizen seniors, graduate/professional students, and alumni are eligible to apply.

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

Goldwater
One year of study for sophomores or juniors who are committed to achieving a PhD 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 Asia. Asia studies majors/minors or those who have spent more than 8 weeks in Asia are ineligible. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and alumni 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 recent alumni are eligible to apply. For U.S. citizens.

Mitchell
One year of postgraduate study in Ireland. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and alumni 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 alumni are eligible to apply. For U.S. and some non-U.S. citizens under the age of 24.

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

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