Happy 2013! In my three months as Acting Director of National & Internations Scholarship Program, I am both thankful and amazed at the level of dedication our faculty and staff have in helping students enrich their undergraduate experience. By supporting our students when they first arrive on campus through introductory coursework, laboratory positions, and undergraduate research, we, as a campus, have propelled them to be recognized with prestigious national and international scholarships. The success of our institution is evident by our latest Marshall Scholar, Jonathan Naber, and the nine new Gilman scholars. We look forward to announcement of multiple scholarship awards this spring (Truman, Goldwater, Boren, Beinecke, Luce, and Fulbright nominees). In this issue of the newsletter, we welcome new staff members, share our campus successes, and thank those who have served during scholarship review.

Sincerely, Ryan Tomasiewicz, Acting Director

Who’s New in the Office

Matthew Price began working for the Scholarships team in December 2012. He graduated from Florida State University with a doctorate in American Literature. While at FSU, he was an instructor of composition and literature courses as well as an academic advisor in the College of Social Science. He enjoys working with students from diverse backgrounds in translating their experiences and accomplishments into compelling personal statements and application packets for scholarships. Along with his responsibilities for the National and International Scholarships' office he is also the coordinator for the newly created Office of Undergraduate Research.

William Brown began working with international programs at the University of Illinois starting in 1992 and started in our office in October 2012. He has a Ph.D. in German and has been a teacher in the USA and abroad, but his true professional interest is working with motivated and intellectually curious students of any background. He has administered competitive scholarships and fellowships for young professionals and has led groups of students on programs abroad. In his free time you might find him exploring county parks or forest preserves, cooking for his family, reading Swedish crime fiction, or making terrible puns.
Each year, about 40 students from the United States are selected as Marshall Scholars for postgraduate study at a university in the United Kingdom. Naber is the third U. of I. student in the last six years awarded this honor. He graduated from Illinois in May 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in materials science and engineering.

While at Illinois, Naber conceived of providing prosthetic arms for amputees who could not afford expensive devices. He experimented and created prototypes, gathered and managing a team, and, after establishing a nonprofit organization, raised more than $140,000 in start-up funds. The result, Illini Prosthetic Technologies, which provides artificial limbs to amputees in the developing world.

Naber is working in Guatemala to further develop and test IPT’s prosthetic limbs and is creating connections to produce the prostheses in Guatemala using locally available products.

Through the Marshall Scholarship, Naber plans to earn a master’s degree in public health in developing countries at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a second master’s, in development management, at the London School of Economics and Political Science. After his studies in England, Naber envisions forming a new team and addressing some systemic failings in how amputees are cared for, as well as work to prevent future amputations.

Naber 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. He was the first undergraduate to receive this award. He received the nationally competitive Simon Fellowship for Noble Purposes in 2011 and earned a Whitaker International Fellow Grant to fund his current bioengineering research in Guatemala. He has donated more than $40,000 in prize money to IPT.

Phyllis M. Wise, the chancellor of the Urbana campus, said Naber is an exemplary scholar and a "person of tremendous character with significant leadership skills. ... His appetite for social entrepreneurship has become an example to our students."
Illinois Recognized as Top Producer

The University of Illinois was again awarded the distinction of Top Producer by the Fulbright Program for the 2012-2013 year. Twelve U of I students accepted Fulbright awards which placed the University of Illinois among the top five percent of public universities in the nation.

An impressive 46 Illinois students and alumni applied for Fulbright funding for the 2012-2013 grant cycle, which could not have been accomplished without a close collaboration between student, faculty, and the National and International Scholarships Program. In fall 2012, 47 faculty members served on 12 campus review panels, interviewing students, reviewing their work, and rating their applications. A further 19 faculty members and staff worked to provide feedback to our early applicants over the summer.

This impressive showing continues to demonstrate that U of I students are among the best in the nation. National and International Scholarships advisor Bill Brown contends that, “I think the continued success of University of Illinois students in winning Fulbright awards demonstrates the impressive network of high achieving students and faculty members willing to work tirelessly to help our students succeed.” We will continue to bring high achieving students and faculty together in effort to remain one of Fulbright’s top producing universities.

In Their Own Words:

The Impact of the Scholarships Process

The experience of being a scholarship winner has provided me with a lot of opportunities. It has given me the confidence to introduce myself to professors and researchers in my field. I have gone so far as to write emails to leading minds in my field to ask for career advice and they have been very encouraging in their replies. I also believe that this experience has given me a great deal of exposure. I am able to meet with professionals in my field and have been invited to participate in seminars and other research projects at my institute. I feel very fortunate to be a scholarship winner and believe that this experience will be important in many stages of my future career development. Niru Pradhan (Fulbright)

Looking back on the Boren scholarship application process, it is clear that, aside from the award itself, the “Statement of Intent” component was the most beneficial part of the application experience. Not only did it offer an opportunity to thoughtfully examine my short and long-term goals in the context of the scholarship, but the chance to receive input from a faculty panel as well as the extraordinary staff of the Scholarships Office (Mr. Schug and Dr. Hastings) proved invaluable. Andrew Barr (Boren)

Make sure you’re applying to study to a place where you would like to be and which will help you advance your studies and career. One full academic year is a long time. If you win the scholarship, don’t think that the struggle is over. Studying abroad can be fun but it is also a lot of hard work. If it is done early, in other words, if you start working seriously early on it would be easier to enjoy the good times (and have time for them). Hristo Alexiev (Boren)

The biggest thing I remember about the application process was the initial phase of e-mailing lots of folks I didn’t know, in the hopes I’d find a personal connection to Nepal. I was amazed by the positive responses received for these efforts. Even if I hadn’t gotten the Fulbright, I’d be much better off for having met and learned from these individuals, including the helpful advisers at the National and International Scholarships Office. Rosali Ierardi (Fulbright)
2012 - 2013 University of Illinois Applicants

We congratulate the following applicants who took the time to write, reflect, write, dream, write, research, write, soul search, and submit an application for a prestigious scholarship for the 2012 - 2013 academic year. We salute their friends, families, teachers, and professors who encouraged and support them to achieve at Illinois.

**Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship**
- James Addison
- Lindsey Anderson
- Stephanie Mundis
- Annie Sae-Hoon
- Michelle Kelleher
- Behrang Khoshnood
- Rosa Kleinman
- Adrianna Krzywicka
- Jillian Lohndorf
- Julia Lucas
- Andrew Mack
- Nellie Manis
- Michelle Martinez
- Tara McGovern
- Matthew Moynihan
- Elizabeth Mucha
- Jonathan Naber
- Erin O'Sullivan
- Elizabeth Philipp
- Tomeka Reid
- Sylvia Safin
- Joshua Shelly
- Marlee Stein
- Lindsey Stirek
- Joseph Weber
- Daniel Werst
- Amanda White
- Leighann Wood
- Jeffrey Yeung

**Boren Scholarship National Security Education Program**
- Justin Del Rosario
- Collin Friedemann
- Mallory Meade
- Jeane Wickham
- John Hoffman
- Paula Bucko
- Seth Cazzell
- Rebecca Gludell
- Michelle Kelley
- Okan Koksal
- Moniqu Richards
- Shyam Saladi
- David Schmid
- Jack Weinste
- Samuel Zschar

**Churhill Scholarship**
- John Hoffman
- John Hoffman
- Emily Blumenthal
- Jeanine Genchanoki
- John Hoffman
- Nathan Hoffman
- Michelle Ashton
- Megan Betti
- Joanna Chromik
- Claire Johnson
- Jonathan Naber

**Fulbright Program**
- Jacqueline Alexander
- Daniel Amador
- Mary Auner
- Sophia Balakian
- Gregory Ballweg
- Kayla Bell
- Alexa Beller
- Liliana Carrizo
- Kendra Chapman
- Joanna Chromik
- Joanna Dabrowska
- Justin del Rosario
- Brendan Doshi
- Joshua Erb
- Christina Ferraro
- Alexandra Gecas
- Amanda Goodsett
- Jessica Hajek
- Neetu Hariraran
- Suzanne Hemphill
- Sheffin Joseph

**Gates Cambridge Scholarship**
- Emily Blumenthal
- Jeanine Genchanoki
- John Hoffman
- Nathan Hoffman
- Emily Blumenthal
- Jeanine Genchanoki
- John Hoffman
- Nathan Hoffman

**Goldwater Scholarship**
- Paula Bucko
- Seth Cazzell
- Rebecca Gludell
- Michelle Kelley
- Okan Koksal
- Moniqu Richards
- Shyam Saladi
- David Schmid
- Jack Weinste
- Samuel Zschar

**Luce Scholarship**
- Samantha Chadwick
- Alexa Beller
- Jordan Hanford
- Adina Raqizen
- Jacqueline Smerz

**Marshall Scholarship**
- Stephanie Ashton
- Megan Betti
- Joanna Chromik
- Claire Johnson
- Jonathan Naber

**Mitchell Scholarship**
- Megan Betti
- Joanna Chromik
- Tara McGovern
- Jonathan Naber

**Rhodes Scholarship**
- Joanna Chromik
- Matthew Grobis
- Jonathan Naber

**Truman Scholarship**
- Olivia Altmayer
- Matthew Campion
- Maria Jolly
- Jami Shlensy
Nine University of Illinois undergraduates were awarded Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad during the spring 2013 award period.

Illinois was among the top 15 schools in the nation in terms of the number of recipients. Illinois’ success over the past several years is due to the outstanding collaboration between the Office of Student Financial Aid, various campus study abroad offices, and the National and International Scholarships Program.

The Gilman Scholarship program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This scholarship program helps students with demonstrated financial need increase their language ability and gain exposure to a different culture. The increases in competency gained from study abroad will prepare students for leadership roles in our increasingly global society.

Gilman Scholars receive up to $5,000 to apply toward their study abroad program costs, and a limited number of Critical Need Language Scholarships are given each year for a total award of $8,000. Applications for summer or fall 2013 Gilman study abroad scholarships are due by March 5 and application are available online in January 2013. The National and International Scholarships Program will assist all students in the development and review of application materials.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes**

The National and International Scholarship Program would like to extend our deepest thanks and best wishes to Laura Hastings for her outstanding work as co-director. Laura has been an inspiration, a guide, and a mentor to hundreds of outstanding Illinois scholars. She will be missed in the Campus Center for Advising and Academic Services. We wish her the best in her future endeavors!
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 2012 - 2013 academic year.

Beinecke Brothers Memorial Campus Review Committee
Joseph Hinchliffe  Director of Undergrad Studies, Political Science
Marian Stone  Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Office of Undergrad Academic Affairs

Boren Scholarship National Security Education Program Campus Review Committee
Rajeev Malik  Assistant Director for Academic Programs; Acting Associate Director, International Programs & Studies
Angela Williams  Associate Director, Center for South Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

Churhill Campus Review Committee
Peter Orlean  Professor, Microbiology
Derek Robinson  Emeriti Faculty, Mathematics

Goldwater Campus Selection Committee
Carol Augspurger  Professor, Plant Biology
Vicki Coverstone  Professor, Aerospace Engineering
Brian Demarco  Associate Professor, Physics

Luce Campus Committee
Nancy Abelmann  Professor, Anthropology, East Asian Languages & Cultures
Anne Burkus-Chasson  Associate Professor, Art & Design
Clark Cunningham  Emeritus, Anthropology

Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, and Gates Campus Review Committee
Monica Fountain  Retired
Jonathan Higdon  Professor, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
Tony Leggett  MacArthur Professor of Physics, Physics
Nicholas Llewellyn  Lecturer, Chemistry

Truman Mock Interview Committee
Kenneth Ballom  Dean of Students, Dean of Students
Dara Purvis  Visiting Associate Professor, College of Law
Robert Rich  Retired
Penelope Soskin  Honors Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
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![Thank You](image)
Looking For 2013-2014 Applicants

The University of Illinois has a great history of earning prestigious national and internal scholarships. And, with your help, we hope to continue this tradition. The National and International Scholarships Office is looking for freshman who are just beginning to work in a research lab to the senior who wants teach English abroad after graduation.

Our office is dedicated to assisting students in finding the right opportunities to compete on the national stage. We can help you unlock your potential, learn about yourself, and become more competitive for prestigious scholarships. We will work with students to present their best attributes to each of the 12 prestigious scholarship opportunities. Students are encouraged to make an appointment as soon as possible to discuss these opportunities.

Do you know a student who demonstrates:

- A considerable degree of maturity, self-reliance, self-discipline, and resourcefulness
- Initiative, drive, and a willingness to see things through to the end
- The potential to become leaders, opinion formers, and decision makers
- Strong preparation for the proposed course of study or research
- An outstanding track record of non-academic and academic involvement
- A commitment to community
- An intellectually well-rounded and broad set of interests
- An outward-looking disposition and engaging personality
- A [social] life (bookworms, recluses, and couch-potatoes are frowned upon)
- Critical thinking skills
- Outstanding communication skills
- How and why a particular course of study, research, or internship will enhance their career goals
- Potential to put the experience to good use
- Potential to act as an ambassador and positive representative for the scholarship awarded

“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.”
Scholarship/fellowship committees give preference to candidates who combine high academic ability, personal integrity, an ongoing commitment to community service, and the potential to make a significant contribution to their discipline and professional career. Candidates also must demonstrate the potential and desire to play an active role in the life of their host community.

**Powerful letters provide ample detail and evidence of:**

- familiarity with the candidate
- her/his past accomplishments
- her/his leadership potential (especially her/his potential for distinction in her/his field and chosen profession)
- her/his plans and preparation for research or study with the scholarship
- how such plans fit into the candidate’s long range career goals
- why you believe that she/he merits strong consideration by the selection committee

The best recommendation letters seek a balanced, detailed, honest yet favorable portrait of the candidate from your perspective that addresses the criteria desired by the particular scholarship. Students should provide you with a copy of her/his transcripts, résumé, and program proposal. She/he should also provide you with information about the scholarship including the general criteria and the University of Illinois application process. Feel free to ask the candidate if there is anything that she/he would like you to mention in your letter. Please feel free to contact the National & International Scholarships office for assistance in writing recommendation letters.

“Recommendation letter should be easy to read and free of errors. You can tell how much effort a referee has put into their letter by these two measures alone.”
Prestigious Scholarship

Beinecke
For juniors committed to gaining a graduate degree in the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences. For U.S. citizens based on academic merit and financial need.

Boren Fellowship
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 semesters.

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.

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

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

We assist you through the prestigious fellowship application process in your quest for greater knowledge, personal growth, and professional development.

As an additional benefit, you just might win a scholarship.

Although many nationally and internationally competitive scholarships and fellowships are available for graduate and undergraduate study and/or research around the world, competition is steep.

The National and International Scholarships Program administers several awards and offers counseling on many others for top University of Illinois students and recent alumni. Throughout the application process, we provide advice and feedback for applicants. Despite the highly competitive nature of these programs, University of Illinois applicants have competed successfully over the years.

We can help you unlock your potential, learn about yourself, and become more competitive for prestigious scholarships. Interested persons – from first year undergraduates, to PhD candidates, to recent alumni – are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss these opportunities.

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