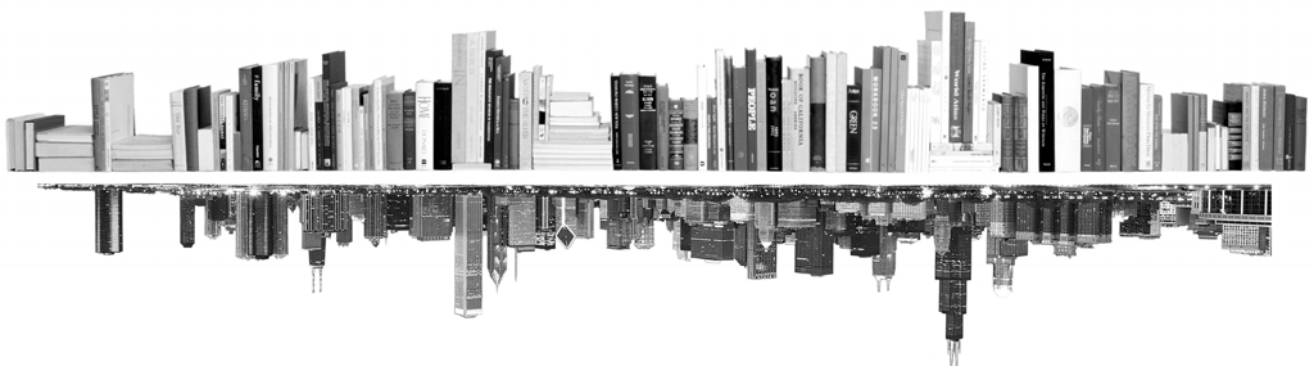


China Scholarship Council Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  
National Institutes of Health Fulbright-Hays  
American Society of Microbiology Point Foundation  
Fulbright Woodrow Wilson Foundation  
Mustard Seed Foundation  
American Council of Learned Societies

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National Security Education Program  
Commercial Real Estate Women of Chicago  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Council on Social Work Education American Heart Association  
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship  
Spencer Foundation Vietnam Education Foundation  
American Institute of Indian Studies Field Museum  
American Association of University Women  
Sigma Xi Ford Foundation  
National Science Foundation Jack Kent Cooke Foundation



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**Summary**

**GRADUATE COLLEGE MISSION**

The Graduate College at the University of Illinois at Chicago is dedicated to a simple idea: bringing together superb students with outstanding research faculty in a diverse and stimulating urban environment.

**GRADUATE COLLEGE KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES**

**Diversity**

**Program Quality and Innovation**

**The Quality of the Graduate Experience**

The Fellowships Office of the Graduate College operates by following both its Mission and key strategic issues, as described in the Graduate College Strategic Plan. In doing so, this document reports external awards won by UIC graduate students since the inception of the Fellowships Office in 2002, plus the historical development of the office, efforts made to reach all graduate students at UIC, and related initiatives.

**Selected awards from the 2009-2010 year**

Over the course of 2009-2010, UIC graduate students held or won:

- 24 International Fulbright fellowships
- 19 individual National Institutes of Health fellowships
- 18 American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowships
- 3 Schweitzer Fellowships
- 3 American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowships
- 3 U.S. Fulbright Student Program Fellowships (to Brazil, Indonesia and the Ukraine)
- 2 National GEM Consortium Fellowships
- 1 Knauss Sea Grant, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- 1 DAAD Research Grant

These awards are in addition to current students holding multi-year fellowships including the Graduate Research Fellowships from the National Science Foundation, fellowships from the Max Kade Foundation, the Field Museum, and the Vietnam Education Foundation.

**GRADUATE STUDENT EXTERNAL AWARDS, 2009-2010**

Over 2009-2010, graduate students held the following fellowships:

American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (3)  
American Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry Pre-doctoral Fellowship (1)  
American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (1)  
American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowships (8)  
American Physiological Society Porter Fellowship (1)  
Chicago Consular Corps Scholarships (8)  
BEST program, (Central Bank of the Philippines) (1)  
China Scholarship Council Graduate Scholarship(5)  
Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Graduate Fellowships (29)  
FMC Technologies Fund Fellowships (3)  
Ford Foundation International Fellows Program Fellowship (1)  
Fulbright International Fellowships (24)  
Government of Egypt Doctoral Fellowship (1)  
Institute for Environmental Science & Policy Fellowship (1)  
International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Fellowship (1)  
Knauss Sea Grant, NOAA (1)  
Max Kade Foundation Fellowships (3)  
Oak Ridge Institute Research Fellowship,  
co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the EPA (1)  
National Institutes of Health National Research Service Awards (19)  
National GEM Consortium Fellowships (2)  
Oxford-Man Institute Scholarship (1)  
Point Foundation Graduate Fellowship (1)  
Schweitzer Fellowships (8)  
U.S. Fulbright Student Fellowships (1)  
Universidad Nacional de Colombia Fellowship (1)  
U.S. Dept. of Transportation Eisenhower Fellowship (1)  
Vietnam Education Foundation Fellowships (3)

These students received over \$1.8 million in stipend funds for 2009-2010. Please note that this Report does not include information on internal fellowships given by the Graduate College or individual departments at UIC, such as the following:

Abraham Lincoln Fellowships	Navona Fellowships (Art & Design)
Bentley Brinkerhoff Gilbert Award (History)	Neurosciences Fellowships
Dean's Scholar Awards	Paaren Fellowship (Chemistry)
History of Poland Fellowship (History)	Polish National Alliance Research Award (History)
Jane Addams Dean's Fellowship (Social Work)	Ragsdale Political Science Fellowship (Political Science)
Kouvel Fellowship (Hispanic Studies)	University Fellowships
Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships	
Moriarty Fellowship (Chemistry)	

### **TRAINING GRANTS, 2009-2010**

In the 2005-2006 year, the Graduate College provided nine full or partial tuition waivers to graduate students chosen to work with training grants, most notably the NIH-sponsored AIDS International Training and Research Program and the NSF-sponsored Robert Noyce Teaching Scholarship Program. In the summer of 2006, UIC faculty won two IGERT grants (Integrated Graduate Engineering Research and Training) from the National Science Foundation, two GAANN awards (Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need) from the U.S. Department of Education, and (in partnership with several Chicago institutions), a Louis B. Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation “Bridge to the Doctorate” Program grant. The Graduate College was pleased to partner with the respective academic programs to provide waivers for student trainees; a total of 106 were provided in 2009-2010.

Excluding those graduate students who have won individual training grants, such as the NIH National Research Service Awards, in 2009-2010 waivers were provided to one hundred and six graduate students for the following training grants:

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN), Nursing:	4
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN), Physics:	7
National Institutes of Health (various programs, see below):	47
NSF IGERT in Computational Transportation Science:	10
NSF IGERT/LEAP Program:	9
NSF Louis Stokes Bridge to the Doctorate:	16
NSF Scientists, Kids and Teachers (SKIT):	4
NSF UIC/CPS Noyce Program	9

It must be noted that there may be more students currently sponsored by these training grants, who are often set up as research assistants; and that other training grants exist on campus. Training grants listed above are those which have partnered with the Graduate College to provide full or partial tuition waivers to graduate students funded by these grants.

Appendix 3 contains a complete chart of all NIH training grants that were awarded Graduate College waivers in 2009-2010.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS AT UIC: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

Until 2002, there was no central office at UIC to collect information on graduate students and the awards they had won. The position of Fellowship and Financial Aid Coordinator was created for the 2002-2003 year. As of August 2002, the Fellowships Office has been able to collect information on current graduate students' awards, assist graduate students in finding and applying for funding, and work as the official liaison for major fellowships (see Appendix 3).

According to Graduate College records, the number of UIC graduate students winning external fellowships has steadily increased over the past six years.

<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER OF GRADUATE STUDENTS WITH EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS</u></b>
2002-2003	53
2003-2004	64
2004-2005	71
2005-2006	77
2006-2007	79
2007-2008	81
2008-2009	94
2009-2010	123

Thus, from 2002 to 2010, the number of graduate students winning external fellowships has more than doubled. Specific fellowship information for the 2009-2010 year is provided in Appendix 1.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2009-2010

Three graduate students won U.S. Fulbright student fellowships for study, research and teaching abroad: **Christopher Davis**, a doctoral student in Anthropology, will visit Brazil to study calendar markings on ancient stones. **Brett McNeil**, a master's degree student in History, will teach English in Indonesia. Finally, **Aleksander Najda**, a doctoral student in Art History, will travel to the Ukraine to work the Odessa Fine Art Museum on detailing the early life of Vasily Kandinsky.

**Danielle Christmas**, a doctoral student in English, received an Honorable Mention for her application to the Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships.

**Vickii Coffey**, a doctoral student in Criminology, Law & Justice, won an American Society of Criminology Minority Graduate Fellowship. She is also a winner of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and an Abraham Lincoln Fellow.

**Anna Maria Czupryna**, a doctoral student in Biological Sciences, and **Carlos Roman Salas**, a doctoral student in Psychology were both named as Honorable Mentions for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

**Bethany Elkington**, a doctoral student in Pharmacognosy, won an individual fellowship from the National Institutes of Health National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. This follows her year of research sponsored by the U.S. Fulbright Student Program in Laos. She is one of eighteen graduate winners of individual NIH fellowships, a record number for UIC.

**Meghan Ginter**, a master's degree student in Occupational Therapy, won an Avery Brundage Scholarship from the University of Illinois Office of University-wide Student Programs. UIC has not had a winner of this scholarship in more than five years.

**Caroline Gottschalk-Druschke**, a doctoral student in English, won a Dissertation Fellowship from the American Association of University Women. She also won a Dean's Scholar Award from the UIC Graduate College, and was previously a trainee with the UIC LEAP interdisciplinary training grant sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

**Nathan Hare**, a doctoral student in History, won a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to study Arabic in Egypt over the summer 2010.

Several graduate students with external fellowships also won in the 2010 UIC Research Forum: second-place winners in Social Sciences and Business Practices **Camille Quinn** (with Qiana Cryer) holds a DFI fellowship. The Honorable Mention for this category, **Jared Maeda**, holds a Dissertation Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Second-place winner in the Physical Sciences and Engineering category **Anita Ramirez** also holds a DFI fellowship.

## **OUTREACH**

As stated in previous Annual Reports, the overarching mandate for all activities is outreach. The primary goal is to reach as many UIC graduate students as possible to inform them of fellowship opportunities and ways the Fellowships Office can aid them in searching for, applying for, and supplementing their funding. Since 2005, several initiatives have been launched in the Fellowships Office in order to reach UIC faculty, staff, related offices, and alumni. Initiatives launched in 2009-2010 are described here.

## **FUNDING SEMINARS**

The 2008 Fellowships Annual Report contains a complete description of the development of Funding Seminars. Over the 2009-2010 year, ten Funding Seminars were held attended by over 150 students. A complete breakdown of student attendance can found in Appendix 2.

## **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Since its establishment in 2002, the Fellowships Office has given information sessions on specific external fellowships in which graduate students appear to have the most interest: the U.S. Fulbright Student Program, the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, and the Jacob K. Javits fellowship. As of July 2010, twenty-one students have attended information sessions given in 2009 and 2010.

## **WAIVER HANDBOOK**

The Graduate College provides a quota of waivers to each graduate academic program, administered by the Fellowships Office. In addition, Graduate College waivers are also given to supplement certain individual external fellowships, or students sponsored by training grants. The Waiver Handbook online describes these waivers in detail, as is updated every August. Given its size, the Waiver Handbook is not provided in the appendices, but can be accessed easily via the Graduate College website.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Presentations for students**

Also since the establishment of the Fellowships Office in 2002, presentations on graduate funding to various groups of students have been given, at the request of students, professors, or administrative staff. For example, the Fellowship Coordinator is invited annually to present to graduate students in Political Science, Anthropology, Psychology, Education, and Nursing, as well as to fellows of the DFI program and undergraduates in the Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP). Any group may request a presentation on graduate funding. Each presentation is tailored to the student audience and followed up with an email providing useful web links.



### **Presentations for faculty**

Throughout 2007 and 2008, presentations were regularly given at departmental faculty meetings. These presentations will recommence in the fall of 2010, mainly to give faculty information on the Fellowships Office and its services, including fellowship waivers for students who win external awards.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

The Fellowships Office partners with several related offices on campus. Upon its establishment in 2002, the Graduate College Fellowships Office partnered with the Office of Special Scholarship Programs (OSSP) for coordinated information sessions, outreach, and general guidance as the Fellowships Office grew. The Director of OSSP, Beth Powers, is an invaluable resource for the Fellowships Office, as she is a founding member of the National Association of Fellowships Advisors (NAFA) – the only professional association for fellowship advising – as well as its past president. The OSSP Director has sat in on several graduate review committees and information sessions to provide valuable advice; the Fellowship Coordinator has likewise sat on review committees for the OSSP. This partnership is by far the most useful for graduate fellowship advising.

The Fellowships Office also partners with the Office of Financial Aid, not only in the posting of waivers, but working actively and collaboratively toward the most streamlined waiver policy and process. Staff of the Office of Financial Aid have also worked proactively with the Fellowships Office in administering new fellowships, such as that for UIC's inaugural fellows of the Jacob K Javits Fellowship Program and the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF). Accurate and streamlined processing of Graduate College waivers could not occur without the collegial and highly professional staff of the Office of Financial Aid.

As graduate students apply for an increasing number of federal fellowships, the Fellowships Office's relationship to the Office of Research Services (ORS) has also become stronger. The Fellowship Coordinator has met regularly with ORS staff to ensure that fellowships such as the Javits, the NSF GRFP, the VEF and the Fulbright-Hays DDRA are administered in full compliance with federal regulations. Further, it should be noted that the Funding Seminars for graduate students are modeled after those given by the ORS for UIC faculty and staff. ORS Assistant Director Jennifer Czak has been particularly scrupulous in ensuring that UIC faculty, staff and graduate students are aware of the Fellowships Office and the Funding Seminars.

### **SERVICES**

The Fellowship Coordinator served as a judge for the UIC 2010 Student Research Forum. Special thanks go to Arlene Norsym, Associate Chancellor for Alumni Relations, and Emilie Sauvée of the Office of Research Services for the invitation.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

The Fellowship Coordinator is an active member of the Graduate College Development Committee, which was established in 2008 by the Dean to spearhead development efforts and alumni relations. Part of the development effort has been to identify alumni of the UIC Graduate College who held either internal or external fellowships. All electronic and hard-copy archives have been searched for this information, which is now being consolidated into one database. A taxonomy of all internal fellowships offered from 1968-1969 to 2009-2010 has been created. The task now is to identify, and eventually contact, all former fellows that we can reach.

## **GOALS FOR 2010-2011**

Motivation for all Fellowships Office goals can be summed up in one word: communication. For current and prospective graduate students, it is essential that communication between students, the Fellowships Office, related campus offices and alumni improve and increase. Therefore, the following ideas toward this improved communication are suggested for the coming year:

### **Electronic submission of Graduate College allocated waiver lists**

The allocated waiver process (in which programs identify those students to receive allocated Graduate College waivers for a given semester) should be made entirely electronic. A complete and detailed plan for the design, testing and launch of this tool has been fully developed by the Fellowships Office in consultation with IT staff of the Graduate College. It now remains to see what time and effort can be devoted to the project, given other Graduate College projects and objectives.

### **Website Development**

In past Annual Reports, the need for an electronic search engine for assistantships was described. However, multiple resources across UIC, including Human Resources Shared Services, Career Services, and the UIC Event Calendar, already provide such search engines. Therefore, a web page will be established with links to all of these search engines and useful information, as a central assistantship search reference for all graduate students at UIC.

### **Professional Development**

Research on funding for graduate study, particularly for students from underrepresented groups, will continue, including more historical research and analyses from this research for further publication. In addition, with active participation in the 2011 Biennial Meeting of the National Association of Fellowships Advisors in Chicago, a great effort will be made to integrate graduate-level fellowships advising more fully into the organization. This would include at least a panel discussion at the 2011 conference, and ideally the founding a Graduate Advising Committee within NAFA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Questions on any information or material provided in the Annual Report, or requests for further information, should be made to the Fellowships Office. Contact information is as follows:

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**APPENDIX 1**

**EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS HELD BY UIC GRADUATE STUDENTS, 2009-2010**

<b>Fellowship Agency</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowships	3
American Chemical Society Predoctoral Fellowships	1
American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Fellowship	1
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowships	8
American Physiological Society Porter Fellowship	1
BEST Program (Central Bank of the Philippines)	1
Chicago Consular Corps Scholarships	3
China Scholarship Council	5
DFI	29
FMC	3
Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship	1
Government of Egypt	1
Institute for Environmental Science and Policy	1
International Fulbright Fellowships	24
IREX	1
Knauss Fellowship, U.S. Department of Commerce	1
Max Kade Foundation	3
Nat'l Institutes of Health individual fellowships and awards	19
National GEM Consortium	2
ORISE/EPA	1
Oxford-Man Institute Scholarship	1
Point Foundation fellowships	1
Schweitzer Fellowships	8
U.S. Fulbright/Italy	1
Universidad Nacional de Colombia	1
USDOT Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship	1
Vietnam Education Foundation	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>

**APPENDIX 2**

**FUNDING SEMINAR ATTENDANCE**

Total number of students registered for seminar:..... 244

Total number of attendees ..... 154 (63% attendance)

Attendee countries of citizenship (17):

Bangladesh	Indonesia	Korea
China	Iran	Malaysia
Colombia	Italy	Sri Lanka
Ecuador	Jamaica	Taiwan
India	Jordan	Turkey
United States citizen		
United States permanent resident		

Attendee fields of study (40):

Accounting	Disability Studies	Pathology
Anthropology	Earth & Environmental Sciences	Pharmacology
Architecture	Economics	Pharmacy Administration
Art & Design	Education	Philosophy
Art History	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Physics
Bioengineering	Hispanic Studies	Physiology & Biophysics
Bioinformatics	History	Political Science
Biological Sciences	Industrial Engineering	Psychology
Biopharmaceutical Sciences	Kinesiology & Nutrition	Public Administration
Chemical Engineering	Mathematics	Public Health
Chemistry	Mechanical Engineering	Social Work (PhD only)
Civil & Materials Engineering	Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacognosy	Sociology
Communication	Nursing	Urban Planning & Policy
Computer Science		

**APPENDIX 3:**

**NIH TRAINING GRANTS, 2009-2010**

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of all training grants sponsored by the National Institutes of Health at UIC. This list only include those NIH training grants whose Principal Investigators requested waivers from the Graduate College for 2009-2010.

<b>INSTITUTE</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>WAIVERS</b>
Fogarty International Center	UIC AIDS International Training and Research Program	7
National Cancer Institute	Cancer Education and Career Development Program	4
National Center for Research Resources	Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences	2
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	Training Cellular Signaling in Cardiovascular System	8
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	Training in Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Diseases	3
National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research	Multidisciplinary Oral Science Training Program	4
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases	Training in Signal Transduction and Cellular Endocrinology	4
National Institute of General Medical Sciences	Medical Scientist Training Program	5
National Institute of General Medical Sciences	Pharmacological Sciences Predoctoral Training Program	6
National Institute of Nursing Research	Reducing Disparities in Underserved Populations	4

**APPENDIX 4:**

**INDEX OF MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS (OFFICIAL CAMPUS CONTACT)**

The Fellowship Coordinator serves as the official campus contact for a number of fellowships. Graduate students interested in applying for these fellowships should contact the Fellowship Coordinator in order to fully discuss the campus procedure, as required by the fellowship agency. Students who currently hold these fellowships must also be in contact with the Fellowship Coordinator.

<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>	<u>SPONSORING AGENCY</u>	<u>CAMPUS CONTACT TITLE</u>
U.S. Fulbright Student grant	Institute of International Education	FulbrightProgram Advisor (FPA)
NSEP Boren Graduate Fellowship	Institute of International Education	Campus representative
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	National Science Foundation	Primary Coordinating Official
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship	Department of Education	Project Director
Fulbright-Hays DDRA (Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad)	Department of Education	Project Director
DAAD Study Scholarship	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Partner University Contact
DAAD Research Grant	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Partner University Contact

The Fellowship Coordinator also serves as the central UIC administrator for international Fulbright grants administered by Amideast, IIE and LASPAU, Ford International Fellows, and fellows of the Vietnam Education Foundation.