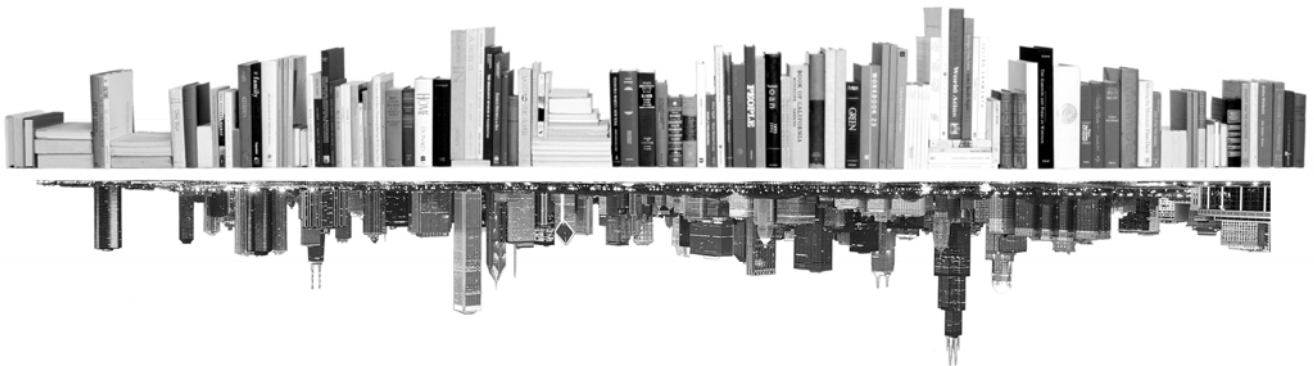


GRADUATE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIPS OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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AS OF JANUARY 2011,  
GRADUATE STUDENTS AT UIC BROUGHT IN OVER  
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**Summary**

The Graduate College Fellowships Office at UIC works with three groups of people: UIC graduate students, UIC graduate faculty, and fellowship agencies. Services for graduate students include assistance in [finding](#), applying for, and managing funding. The Fellowship Coordinator serves as the official UIC contact for a number of external fellowships including the [NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#), the [DAAD Study Scholarships and Research Grants](#), the [Jacob K. Javits Fellowship](#) and the [Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship](#) (DDRA), both provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

**Selected awards from the 2011-2012 year**

Over the course of 2011-2012, UIC graduate students held or won:

- 26 International Fulbright fellowships
- 14 individual National Institutes of Health fellowships
- 7 American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowships
- 3 Schweitzer Fellowships
- 2 American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowships
- 1 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 1 U.S. Fulbright Student Program Fellowship (to Tonga)

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, 2011-2012**

Over 2011-2012, graduate students held the following fellowships:

American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (2)  
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (1)  
American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowships (8)  
Chicago Consular Corps Scholarships (10)  
BEST program, (Central Bank of the Philippines) (1)  
Canadian National Railway Fellowship (1)  
China Scholarship Council Graduate Scholarship(6)  
CONICYT/Chile (1)  
Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Graduate Fellowships (28)  
EGIDE Eiffel Fellowship (1)  
Field Museum Lester Armour Fellowship (1)  
FMC Technologies Fund Fellowships (4)  
Ford Foundation International Fellows Program Fellowship (1)  
Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) grant (1)  
Fulbright International Fellowships (26)  
Government of Egypt Doctoral Fellowship (1)  
Henry Luce Foundation Fellowship (1)  
Hewlett-Packard Fellowship (1)  
Illinois Dept. of Public Health Nursing Education Scholarship (1)  
International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Fellowship (1)  
IREX.IARO Fellowship (1)  
Jacob J. Javits Fellowship (1)  
Knauss Sea Grant, NOAA (1)  
Max Kade Foundation Fellowships (3)  
McNeil Center for Early American Studies Fellowship (1)  
Midwest Nursing Society Dissertation Grant (1)  
National Institutes of Health National Research Service Awards (15)  
NSF Cancer Nanotechnology Summer Institute fellowship (1)  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Fellowship (1)  
Rotary Foundation International Fellowship (1)  
Schweitzer Fellowships (8)  
UBS Graduate Fellowship (1)  
U.S. Fulbright Student Fellowships (2)  
Universidad Nacional de Colombia Fellowship (1)  
U.S. Dept of Defense Breast Cancer Predoctoral Traineeship (1)  
U.S. Dept. of Transportation Eisenhower Fellowship (1)  
Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (1)

**GRADUATE STUDENT EXTERNAL AWARDS, 2011-2012, CONTD.**

These students received over \$2 million in stipend funds for 2011-2012. 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)	Neuroscience 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, 2011-2012**

Excluding those graduate students who have won individual training grants, such as the NIH National Research Service Awards, in 2011-2012 waivers were provided to ninety-four graduate students for the following training grants:

Dept. of Health & Human Svcs: Advanced Nursing Education Expansion	4
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN), Physics:	5
National Institutes of Health (various programs, see below):	44
NSF IGERT in Computational Transportation Science:	9
NSF IGERT/LEAP Program:	13
NSF Louis Stokes Bridge to the Doctorate:	5
NSF UIC/CPS Noyce Program	14

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 2011-2012.

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

According to Graduate College records, the number of UIC graduate students winning external fellowships has steadily increased since establishment of the Fellowship Office in 2002.

<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
2010-2011	136

Thus, from 2002 to 2011, the number of graduate students winning external fellowships has more than doubled. Specific fellowship information for the 2011-2012 year is provided in Appendix 1.



**HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2011-2012**

**Jochen Arndt**, a doctoral student in History, won a Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship for the 2011 Summer Cooperative Language Institute, to study Xhosa, a Bantu language of South Africa.

**Kathleen Broughton**, a doctoral student in Bioengineering, won both a 2011 NIH summer internship for biomedical research, and a fellowship for the 2011 NSF Cancer Nanotechnology Summer Institute.

**Maisie Gholson** a doctoral student in Education, won a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for her work in Mathematics Education. She will be one of two GRFP fellows at UIC in 2011-2011; **Carrie Seltzer**, a doctoral student in Biological Sciences, will continue her GRFP fellowship. Honorable Mentions for the GRFP were also won by **Brian Slattery**, a doctoral student in Learning Sciences; **Katherine Emerson**, a doctoral student in Psychology; and **Erin Yargicoglu**, a Master's degree student in Earth & Environmental Sciences.

**Yi-Ching Li**, a doctoral student in Nursing, won the Midwest Nursing Research Society's Dissertation Grant for 2011, for her research in women's delays in seeking diagnosis of breast cancer symptoms in Taiwan.

**Ada Moadsiri**, a Master's degree student in Public Health, won a Fulbright grant to pursue her research in governmental food policy in Tonga.

**John Michels**, a doctoral student in Anthropology, won a Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDIG) from the National Science Foundation. DDIGs were also won by fellow Anthropology doctoral students **Nam Kim** in 2009 and **Andrew Wyatt** in 2006.

**Neslihan Sen**, a doctoral student in Anthropology, won both an AAUW International Dissertation Fellowship and a Wenner-Gren Dissertation Research Grant.

**Iman Talebinejad**, a doctoral student in Civil Engineering, won the 2011 Firdawsi Science Fellowship. This fellowship is awarded annually to an Iranian student attending any of the three University of Illinois campuses.

**Jennifer Veilleux**, a doctoral student in Psychology, won a Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award from the Association of American Colleges and Universities. She was one of eight graduate students chosen nationwide.

**Lela Vukovic**, a doctoral student in Chemistry, won a DAAD Research Grant to the Max Planck Institut für biophysikalische Chemie in Göttingen, to pursue her research in the design and modeling of photoactive molecules.

## **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.

## **FUNDING SEMINARS**

The 2008 Fellowships Annual Report contains a complete description of the development of Funding Seminars. Over the 2011-2012 year, twelve Funding Seminars were held attended by over 230 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, being the U.S. Fulbright Student Program and the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. As of July 1, 2011, fifty-four students have attended information sessions given from 2010 to June 2011.

## **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.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

As reported in the 2010 Annual Report, now that a taxonomy of all fellowships offered from the 1968-1968 year to the present has been established, the current task is to continue to identify, and eventually contact, all alumni who held these fellowships.

## GOALS FOR 2011-2012

### **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. Over the summer 2011 an electronic submission system will be developed for launch in either the fall semester 2011 or spring semester 2012.

### **Professional Development**

At 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 includes at least a panel discussion chaired by Lisa Knepshield at the 2011 conference, and ideally the founding a Graduate Advising Committee within NAFA. Lisa is also involved in panels on the fellowship advising career path, and matters of national policy that affect fellowship advising, specifically the DREAM Act.

## 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, 2011-2012**

<b>Fellowship Agency</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowships	2
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship	1
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowships	8
BEST Program (Central Bank of the Philippines)	1
Canadian National Railway Fellowship	1
Chicago Consular Corps Scholarships	10
China Scholarship Council	6
CONICYT/Chile	1
DFI	28
EGIDE Eiffel Fellowship	1
Field Museum Lester Armour Fellowship	1
FMC	4
Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship	1
Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) grant	1
Government of Egypt	1
Henry Luce Foundation fellowship	1
Hewlett-Packard fellowship	1
International Fulbright Fellowships	26
IREX	1
Jacob K. Javits fellowship	1
Knauss Fellowship, U.S. Department of Commerce	1
Max Kade Foundation	3
McNeil Center for Early American Studies fellowship	1
Midwest Nursing Society Dissertation Grant	1
Nat'l Institutes of Health individual fellowships and awards	15
NSF Cancer Nanotechnology Summer Institute fellowship	1
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program fellowship	1
Rotary Foundation International fellowship	1
Schweitzer Fellowships	8
UBS Graduate fellowship	1
U.S. Fulbright student fellowship	2
Universidad Nacional de Colombia	1
USDOD Breast Cancer Predoctoral Traineeship	1
USDOT Eisenhower fellowship	1
Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork grant	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>

**APPENDIX 2**

**FUNDING SEMINAR ATTENDANCE**

Total number of students registered for seminars:..... 304

Total number of attendees ..... 237 (78% attendance)

Attendee countries of citizenship (24):

Argentina	Japan	Romania
China	Korea	Russia
Colombia	Mexico	Singapore
Germany	Nepal	Spain
Ghana	Nigeria	Taiwan
India	Pakistan	Thailand
Iran	Philippines	Turkey
Italy	Poland	Venezuela

Attendee fields of study (50):

Anthropology	Disability Studies	Mechanical Engineering
Architecture	Economics	Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacognosy
Art & Design	Education	Microbiology & Immunology
Art History	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Neuroscience
Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics	English	Nursing
Bioengineering	Forensic Science	Pathology
Bioinformatics	Germanic Studies	Pharmacy Administration
Biological Sciences	Health Informatics	Physics
Biomedical Visualization	Healthcare Administration	Political Science
Biopharmaceutical Sciences	Hispanic Studies	Psychology
Business Administration PhD	History	Public Administration
Chemical Engineering	Industrial Engineering	Public Health
Chemistry	Kinesiology & Nutrition	Slavics
Civil & Materials Engineering	Learning Sciences	Social Work PhD
Communication	Linguistics	Sociology
Computer Science	Management Information Systems	Urban Planning & Policy
Criminology, Law & Justice	Mathematics	

**APPENDIX 3:**

**NIH TRAINING GRANTS, 2011-2012**

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 2011-2012.

<b>INSTITUTE</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>WAIVERS</b>
Fogarty International Center	UIC AIDS International Training and Research Program	9
National Cancer Institute	Cancer Education and Career Development Program	5
National Center for Research Resources	Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences	2
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	Training Cellular Signaling in Cardiovascular System	3
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	Training in Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Diseases	4
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	Training Program in Lung Biology and Pathobiology	2
National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research	Multidisciplinary Oral Science Training Program	7
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases	Training in Signal Transduction and Cellular Endocrinology	3
National Institute of General Medical Sciences	Medical Scientist Training Program	5
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.