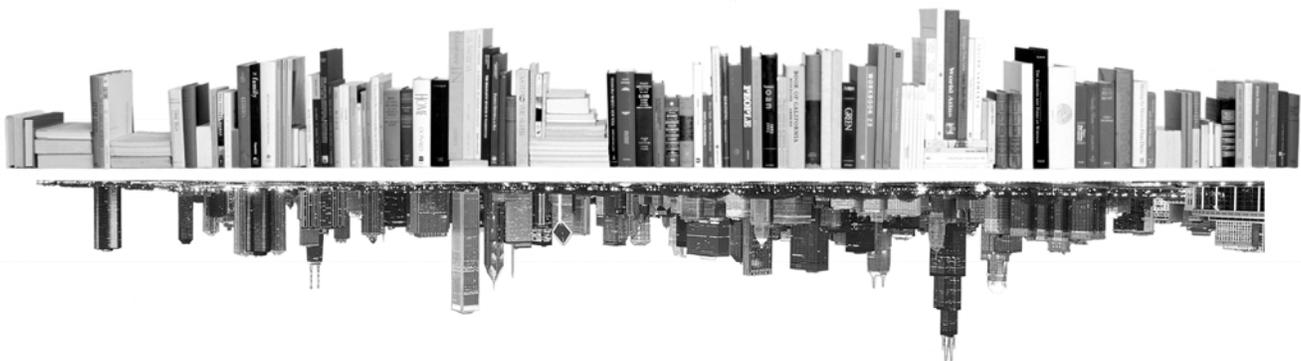


China Scholarship Council Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  
National Institutes of Health Fulbright-Hays  
American Society of Microbiology Point Foundation  
**Fulbright** Woodrow Wilson Foundation  
Mustard Seed Foundation  
American Council of Learned Societies

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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.

**Highlights of the 2007-2008 year**

Over the course of 2007-2008, UIC graduate students won:

- 7 American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowships
- 3 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards, National Institutes of Health
- 2 U.S. Fulbright Student Program fellowships (to Laos and India)
- 1 National Security Education Program Boren Graduate Fellowship (to Tanzania)
- 1 Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation
- 1 Harvey Fellowship, Mustard Seed Foundation
- 1 Dissertation Fellowship, Spencer Foundation

These awards are in addition to current students holding multi-year fellowships including the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, Graduate Research Fellowships from the National Science Foundation, fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Ford Foundation, and the Vietnam Education Foundation.

**GRADUATE STUDENT EXTERNAL AWARDS, 2007-2008**

Over 2007-2008, graduate students held or won the following fellowships or training grants:

The American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (1)  
American Council of Learned Societies fellowships (3)  
American Heart Association Pre-doctoral fellowships (10)  
American Society for Microbiology Graduate Fellowship (1)  
Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation (1)  
China Scholarship Council Graduate Scholarship(1)  
Council on Social Work Education Minority Fellowship (1)  
Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Graduate Fellowships (31)  
Field Museum Research Fellowship (1)  
FMC Technologies Fund Fellowships (4)  
Ford Foundation International Fellows Program fellowship (1)  
Fulbright International fellowships (17)  
Harvey Fellowship, Mustard Seed Foundation (1)  
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, Department of Education (1)  
National Security Education Program Boren Graduate Fellowship (1)  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships (2)  
Point Foundation Graduate Fellowship (1)  
Rotary Club Milan Ambassadorial Scholarship (1)  
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards, National Institutes of Health (6)  
Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (1)  
U.S. Fulbright Student fellowships (2)  
Vietnam Education Foundation fellowship (1)

These students received almost \$1.4 million in stipend funds in 2007-2008 alone. 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 (Graduate College)  
Bentley Gilbert award (History)  
Dean's Scholar fellowships (Graduate College)  
Kouvel fellowship (Hispanic Studies)  
Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships (Career Services)  
Moriarty fellowship (Chemistry)  
Navona fellowships (Art & Design)  
Neurosciences fellowships (Graduate College)  
Paaren fellowship (Chemistry)  
Polish National Alliance Research Award (History)  
Ragsdale Political Science fellowship (Political Science)  
University Fellowships (Graduate College)

### **TRAINING GRANTS, 2007-2008**

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 eighty-eight were provided in 2007-2008. This represents nearly an elevenfold increase in training grant waivers awarded between the spring and fall of 2006.

Excluding those graduate students who have won individual training grants, such as the Kirschstein National Research Service Awards, in 2007-2008 waivers were provided to eighty-eight graduate students for the following training grants:

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN), Nursing:	5
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN), Physics:	5
National Institutes of Health (various):	24
NSF IGERT in Computational Transportation Science:	11
NSF IGERT/LEAP Program	9
NSF Louis Stokes Bridge to the Doctorate:	22
NSF Scientists, Kids and Teachers (SKIT):	11
NSF Robert Noyce Teaching Scholarship Program:	1

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.

### **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>YEAR</b>	<b>NUMBER OF GRADUATE STUDENTS WITH EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS</b>
2002-2003	53
2003-2004	64
2004-2005	71
2005-2006	77
2006-2007	79
2007-2008	81

Thus, from 2002 to 2008, the number of graduate students winning external fellowships has increased by sixty-five percent. Historical fellowship information by year is provided in Appendix 1.

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT YEARS**

In the spring 2005, **William Malone**, a graduate student in History, won both a U.S. Fulbright Student grant and a Boren Graduate Fellowship (National Security Education Program) to pursue his doctoral study in Guatemala.

In the fall of 2005, UIC's inaugural fellow of the Jacob K. Javits fellowship, **Rebecca Taylor**, began her doctoral study in psychology. The Javits fellowship, provided by the United States Department of Education, is awarded to approximately forty graduate students across the nation in the humanities and social sciences annually, based on academic merit and potential. It is a four-year fellowship.

In the spring of 2006, **Sarah Frances Rose**, a graduate student in History, became the first UIC student to win dissertation fellowships from both the Spencer Foundation and the American Association of University Women.

Also in the spring of 2006, **Ebony McGee**, a graduate student in Education, became the first UIC graduate student to win both a DFI fellowship and a dissertation fellowship from the Spencer Foundation.

Also in the spring 2006, seven UIC graduate students won DFI fellowships out of a total of forty-four new awards – five of these students were ranked in the top ten, including the highest-scoring fellow, **Sonia Oliva**, a graduate student in Sociology.

In the spring of 2007, **Nam Kim**, a graduate student in Anthropology, won a dissertation fellowship cosponsored by the ACLS and the Luce Foundation, as well as the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) fellowship, to pursue his research in Vietnam. He had been chosen as an alternate candidate for a U.S. Student Fulbright grant the previous spring.

In 2007, **Nicola Sharratt**, a graduate student in Anthropology, won both a fellowship from the Field Museum and a U.S. Fulbright Student grant to pursue her research in Peru.

In the spring of 2008, two UIC students became the first in UIC's history to win two prestigious fellowships. **Andrew Blom**, a graduate student in Philosophy, won the Woodrow Wilson Foundation's Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation fellowship, to study the influence of Hugo Grotius on the ethics of international affairs. **Caleb Spencer**, a graduate student in English, won a Harvey Fellowship from the Mustard Seed Foundation, to study the poetry of W.H. Auden and his conversion to Catholicism. Caleb also won a Dean's Scholar Award this spring.

In 2008-2009, a record number of UIC graduate students will pursue their research funded by individual Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards from the National Institutes of Health. As of June 2008, seven UIC students will hold one of these multi-year research grants.

In the fall 2008, UIC will welcome a record number of international Fulbrighters. As of June, twenty-five Fulbrighters from more than twenty different countries will come to UIC to pursue graduate studies in twelve different fields.

## **OUTREACH**

As the breadth and variety of Fellowships Office responsibilities has increased since its establishment in 2002, 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. However, outreach efforts do not stop with students. Since 2005, several initiatives have been launched in the Fellowships Office in order to reach UIC faculty, staff, related offices, and alumni. Each of these initiatives will be fully described throughout this Report, beginning with improved services for students.

## **FUNDING SEMINARS**

In the fall of 2007, the Fellowships Office launched its first Funding Seminar. This represented a significant change in the Fellowships Office's policy and practice in aiding graduate students with the search for funding.

Originally, based on standard practice of most undergraduate Fellowships Offices around the country, students were directed to set up individual appointments with the Fellowship Coordinator and complete an intake form, in order to search for appropriate funding. Recordkeeping was paper-based and extremely difficult to track. With the launch of the new Graduate College website in the summer of 2006, an online intake form was created. Students would complete and submit the form electronically, which made tracking of these students a great deal easier.

However, the onus was still upon the Fellowship Coordinator to review each intake form individually, and respond to the student with a list of appropriate awards. As this service of the Fellowships Office became more well-known, the sheer number of intake forms became insurmountable (e.g., over eighty forms in one ten-week period). Further, the practice didn't fit the mandate: while it makes sense for undergraduate Fellowships Offices to use such forms to identify a relatively small number of recruits to apply for highly prestigious fellowships, such a practice does not work to aid potentially all enrolled graduate students in finding funding. Graduate funding comes from so many different sources and for so many different criteria, that creating one form to list all possible eligibility criteria for a third-party search is an impossible task.

Thus, in lieu of the intake form, Funding Seminars were launched in the fall of 2007. In these seminars, students are shown how to use several online search engines to locate graduate funding, including Community of Sciences, IRIS, and SPIN. The Funding Seminar accomplishes several important improvements: foremost, students learn of the enormous variety of graduate funding available. Second, instead of relying upon one criterion for a funding search, such as field of study or ethnicity, searches can be run using combinations of criteria. Third, searches can be done by the student on a much larger variety of fields of study criteria. Whereas the fellowship coordinator might only be able to run a search on "microbiology" and receive a limited number of results, the student can run searches on highly specific academic, scientific or technical terms, giving a larger set

of results. This is crucial, as each graduate student's research is necessarily original. Only the individual student knows the various terms the research could include, not an outside party such as the Fellowship Coordinator.

Links to the search engines introduced in the seminar are provided on the "Funding Your Education" section of the Graduate College website, which is shown and promoted at the beginning of the seminar. Students become familiar with all internal fellowships and awards described there, as well as other resources such as the information sessions, presentations by outside speakers, events like the Image of Research competition, and holdings in the Resource Room.

Perhaps most importantly, the search engines demonstrated are not just for graduate funding. These search engines are used by research institutions as well – in fact, the Office of Research Services on campus provides similar seminars for UIC faculty and staff. Further, these engines are used by educational institutions, non-profit agencies, corporations, small businesses, and others. Essentially, while a university professor would certainly use one of these engines to search for institutional grants, these tools can be used by a student after completion of the degree irrespective of career choice. From the Funding Seminars, students have practical experience using these search engines, thereby providing a universal measure of professional development.

All Funding Seminars have forty seats, for which students must pre-register online. Registration for every funding seminar given to date has filled in less than forty-eight hours; in fact, the registration for the inaugural Funding Seminar filled in less than four hours. While normally only two Funding Seminars are given per semester, and third was scheduled for the spring 2008 in order to accommodate the forty-five students who had been waitlisted. These facts can be taken as indicators of the need for such seminars on campus. Detailed information on attendees is provided in Appendix 2.

Finally, since the Fellowship Coordinator now runs five or six Funding Seminars per year instead of responding to hundreds of individual intake forms, valuable time is freed to devote to other initiatives and services.

### **AGENCY CAMPUS VISITS**

One of the most valuable resources of information on any given fellowship is the fellowship agency itself. The Fellowships Office has thus coordinated regular visits by agency representatives to campus, inviting graduate students as well as UIC faculty and staff to attend and learn about the particular fellowship, its background and purpose, and how to most competitively apply for it. It must be noted here that the Graduate College has partnered with the Office of Special Scholarship Programs in coordinating each of these visits, in order to reach the largest number of students.

Representatives from the Institute of International Education visited UIC in the spring of 2006 and fall of 2007 in order to promote the U.S. Fulbright Student Program and the National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Graduate Fellowships.

In April 2007, UIC hosted a representative from the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) to speak about the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, which it administers. This event was open to students, faculty and staff outside of UIC; subsequently, students and staff from eight different universities attended.

### **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 June 2008, seventy-three students have attended information sessions given in 2007 and 2008.

### **WAIVER HANDBOOK**

The Graduate College provides a quota of Board of Trustee (BOT) waivers to each graduate academic program, administered by the Fellowships Office. In addition, BOT waivers are also given to supplement certain individual external fellowships, or students sponsored by training grants. However, until 2006, no published policy existed to explain the way such waivers were awarded, definitions of such waivers, eligibility for such waivers, and ways to troubleshoot waiver problems. Not surprisingly, there was a huge amount of confusion among faculty, Directors of Graduate Study, and staff with regard to these issues. In March of 2006, the first Graduate College Waiver Handbook was provided online, accompanied by a presentation for faculty and staff in order to describe these waivers, distribute print copies, and answer questions. The Waiver Handbook is updated annually in August, with print copies sent to each Director of Graduate Studies just before the fall semester. This reference, written and updated by the Fellowship Coordinator, has alleviated a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding, thereby improving service to graduate students who hold these waivers, irrespective of type. 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 weblinks.

### **Presentations for faculty**

It became clear that visits to faculty were also necessary, such that all faculty are made aware of the Fellowships Office and its services in order to better advise graduate students. Therefore, in the fall 2006, a concerted effort was made for the Fellowship Coordinator to attend as many departmental faculty meetings as possible, in order to give a brief presentation of Fellowships Office services – most notably, aiding graduate students in finding funding, and requesting fellowship or training grant waivers for those students who win them. Between the fall 2006 and spring 2008, the Fellowship Coordinator has presented at the faculty meetings of more than twenty different academic programs. Without exception, each department voiced appreciation for the presentation, as most faculty were previously unaware of the Fellowships Office or the Graduate College waiver policy for external fellowship winners.

### **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. This was most apparent in the spring of 2007, when the Fellowships Office hosted a meeting to bring Financial Aid together with the College of Nursing and the department of Physics, both of whom work with GAANN training grants. Policy and practice of awarding training grant waivers had become vastly more complex with the award of these two GAANNs. Through this meeting, we were able to hammer out a clear, consistent policy that took each respective unit's concerns into account. 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 fellow of the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) in the fall of 2006. 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.

Part of the mandate of the Fellowships Office is to work not only with graduate students looking for specific external fellowships, but also to guide them on graduate financial aid in general. Although the Graduate College does not administer them, since assistantships are the most common form of graduate financial aid, the Fellowships Office provides general guidance on assistantships. This is done collaboratively with Academic Human Resources, to ensure that all policies published on all websites are consistent and accurate. The Fellowships Office hopes to be able to build on the existing partnership with Human Resources to provide a searchable graduate assistantship database; complete details on this initiative is given in the section on goals for 2008-2009.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

The Fellowships Office is an integral part of the Graduate College's new development initiative. In January 2007, the Dean of the Graduate College established a Development Committee comprised of Publications Coordinator Kristina Dziedzic, Assistant Budget Director Yolanda Rodriguez, and Fellowship Coordinator Lisa Knepshield, to draft a development plan for the College in collaboration with the UIC Office of Development. This is important to highlight, as an increasing number of faculty members regularly ask the Graduate College about internal fellowships, and whether stipends could be supplemented or more fellowships provided through donor funds.

As of the summer 2008, the Development Committee has established an initial contact base of alumni and other contacts, and is finishing the first newsletter to send to these contacts, to describe the committee's creation, accomplishments and goals. We hope to add to our base of contacts by researching back records of graduate students who have won both internal and external fellowships, back to the original award of Graduate College University Fellowships in 1969 – 1970. It is likely that the Fellowship Coordinator will be calling on individual academic programs for assistance.

Further, the Graduate College is looking seriously at partnering with other Colleges in order to develop specific fellowships – for example, a privately-funded fellowship for a graduate student in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences drawing on donor funds from both colleges. The idea is currently in the very fundamental stages; actual creation of such fellowships is a goal for future years as we build our alumni and development contacts.

## **RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS**

Given the diversity of the UIC graduate student population, many graduate students searching for funding come from underrepresented groups. Several external fellowships are provided specifically for such students (pre-doctoral, dissertation, and postdoctoral fellowships from the Ford Foundation come to mind), but a better understanding of graduate student funding in general was needed in order to look critically at this topic. In the summer of 2006, basic research was done on

the available literature, found to be relatively scarce in comparison to research done on other aspects of graduate study in the United States. Based on this research and implications for underrepresented graduate students, as well as the fellowship advisors who work with them, the Fellowship Coordinator gave three presentations on the topic. The first, in collaboration with Kenn Redd, Director of Research and Policy Analysis for the Council of Graduate Schools, was given for the Northeast Association of Graduate Schools Annual Meeting in March 2007. In July 2007, the Fellowship Coordinator led a panel of fellowships advisors to discuss the topic for the National Association of Fellowship Advisor Biannual Meeting; a narrative of that panel written by the Fellowship Coordinator will be published in the summer 2009. Finally, the Fellowship Coordinator again teamed with Kenn Redd, along with C. Dean Campbell, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Southern California, and Clifton Poodry, Division of Minority Opportunities in Research of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the NIH, for a presentation on graduate funding for minority students at the Annual Meeting of the Council for Opportunity in Education in September 2007. Through research, collaborative presentations and linkages with other institutions, the Fellowships Office is better able to serve UIC's comparatively large population of graduate students of color.

### **GOALS FOR 2008-2009**

Motivation for all Fellowships Office goals for 2008-2009 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 concrete steps toward this improved communication are planned for the coming year:

#### **Regular Graduate College fellows meetings**

This has been under discussion within the Graduate College for some time. As part of the "Fellowship Experience" being developed for UIC Graduate College fellows, as well as those students who hold external fellowships, we hope to provide a regular program of events for several groups, including graduate students, alumni and other potential donors, and the Executive and Awards Committees of the Graduate College. Such events would take place either monthly or twice per semester, and would involve an academic or practical aspect, such as a speaker's presentation (much like the presentation given by Susan Basalla May in April 2008), or panel discussion on grantwriting. The largest obstacle to the idea is space: finding space on campus for such presentations that is available, sufficiently large and will accommodate outside catering is difficult. However, a number of constructive suggestions have been made by UIC faculty and staff which should help overcome this obstacle. The hope is for such regular meetings to bring students of diverse fields of study together with their peers, to provide a sense of community; as well as to bring current and alumni fellows together along with other potential donors, such that donors meet fellows, discuss projects, and discover exactly what their funding would support. With consistent management, this should become a self-driven development cycle: a graduate student wins a privately-funded

fellowship, earns the degree, is invited back to UIC to meet current fellows, gives to the Graduate College, and those funds provide a fellowship for a new graduate student.

### **Donor Opportunities**

In light of increased contact with potential donors, a series of specific donor opportunities should be set up and advertised via our website, newsletter, and other points of contact. Besides funding directly related to fellowships and programming for fellows, the Development Committee has identified a series of other possible opportunities, including continuous funding of Project Global Village, providing further books and tools for the Graduate College Resource Room, and sponsoring a tutor in the UIC Writing Center, to work specifically with graduate students applying for certain awards.

### **Electronic Tools**

Two electronic tools are badly needed in order to streamline the graduate funding process. First, the allocated waiver process (in which programs identify those students to receive allocated BOT 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.

Second, and perhaps more importantly, an electronic assistantship search tool must be developed. The primary reason for such a tool is, of course, to better serve graduate students in their search for funding. However, there are many other benefits to such a project: virtually all units on campus would appreciate being able to use such a tool, thereby eliminating the need to print up signs and notices that they have no assistantships available. Further, the Graduate College would receive a huge PR lift in providing the service. There are issues to be resolved prior to launch of such a tool, including establishing a policy on graduate assistantship waivers, preventing misunderstandings of what responsibilities are those of the Graduate College versus those of departments or Human Resources; and the original startup effort and maintenance thereafter. All of these issues have been taken into account, and the benefits still far outweigh any detriments those issues may raise. Again, while complete and detailed plans have made for the actual design, testing and launch of such a tool, since the project necessarily involves other staff of the Graduate College, and probably consultations with other units such as Academic Human Resources and possibly Legal Services, the amount of progress that can be made on the idea remains to be seen.

### **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 future publication. Related to this research, and in order to gain a fuller understanding of

available aid, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Advisors (NASFAA) provides a series of web-based training courses which Fellowship Coordinator will complete. These training courses go over relevant federal regulations, federal aid packaging, and other issues which are key to the understanding of graduate funding in general.

**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, ALPHABETICALLY BY YEAR

#### 2002-2003

<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowship	7
Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	1
ICEOP/IMGIP (precursors of the DFI)	32
International Fulbright fellowships	6
Max Kade Foundation	5
U.S. Fulbright Student grants	2
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Total	53

#### 2003-2004

<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowship	10
DAAD international fellowship	1
FMC Technologies Fund fellowship	2
Gates Millennium scholarship	1
ICEOP/IMGIP (precursors of the DFI)	30
International Fulbright fellowships	13
Max Kade Foundation	4
NASA Graduate Research Fellowship	1
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2
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Total	64

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**EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS HELD BY UIC GRADUATE STUDENTS, ALPHABETICALLY BY YEAR**

**2004-2005**

<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Air-Liquide fellowship	1
American Heart Association Pre-doctoral fellowship	9
FMC Technologies Fund fellowship	2
Ford Foundation International fellowships	2
Fulbright-Hays DDRA	1
Gates Millennium scholarship	1
ICEOP/IMGIP (precursors of the DFI)	32
International Fulbright fellowships	10
Jack Kent Cooke scholarship	1
Link Foundation	1
Max Kade Foundation	4
NASA Graduate Research Fellowship	1
NSEP Boren Graduate Fellowship	1
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2
Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship	1
U.S. Fulbright Student grant	1
United Negro College Fund/Merck fellowship	1
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 71

**APPENDIX 1, CONTD.**

**EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS HELD BY UIC GRADUATE STUDENTS, ALPHABETICALLY BY YEAR**

**2005-2006**

<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Association of University Women dissertation fellowship	1
American Heart Association pre-doctoral fellowship	13
American Institute of Indian Studies doctoral fellowship	1
DAAD fellowships to Germany	2
DAAD international fellowship	1
DFI	28
Field Museum fellowships	2
FMC Technologies Fund fellowship	4
Gates Millennium scholarship	2
International Fulbright fellowships	9
Jack Kent Cooke scholarship	1
Jacob K. Javits fellowship	1
Max Kade Foundation	3
NASA Graduate Research Fellowship	1
NSEP Boren Graduate fellowship	2
Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid	1
U.S. Fulbright Student grant	5
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 77

**APPENDIX 1, CONTD.**

**EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS HELD BY UIC GRADUATE STUDENTS, ALPHABETICALLY BY YEAR**

**2006-2007**

<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Association of University Women dissertation fellowship	2
American Council of Learned Societies doctoral fellowship	1
American Heart Association pre-doctoral fellowship	11
American School of Public Health/Centers for Disease Control fellowship	1
CREW Chicago Scholarship	1
DFI	31
Field Museum fellowships	2
FMC Technologies Fund fellowship	4
Illinois Department of Public Health fellowship	1
International Fulbright fellowships	14
Max Kade Foundation	3
NASA Graduate Research Fellowship	1
NSEP Boren Graduate fellowship	1
PDA Journal of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology fellowship	1
Point Foundation scholarship	1
Rotary Club Milan fellowship	1
Spencer Foundation dissertation fellowship	2
Vietnam Education Foundation	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

**APPENDIX 1, CONTD.**

**EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS HELD BY UIC GRADUATE STUDENTS, ALPHABETICALLY BY YEAR**

**2007-2008**

<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Number awarded</b>
American Association of University Women dissertation fellowship	1
American Council of Learned Societies doctoral fellowship	3
American Heart Association pre-doctoral fellowship	10
American Society for Microbiology graduate fellowship	1
China Scholarship Council	1
Council on Social Work Education Minority fellowship	1
DFI	31
Field Museum fellowships	1
FMC	4
Ford Foundation International fellowships	1
Illinois Department of Public Health fellowship	1
International Fulbright fellowships	17
Max Kade Foundation	3
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2
Point Foundation scholarship	1
Rotary Club Milan fellowship	1
Spencer Foundation dissertation fellowship	1
Vietnam Education Foundation	1
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**APPENDIX 2**

**FUNDING SEMINAR ATTENDANCE**

Number of students registered for each seminar:..... 40

Average number of attendees ..... 24 (60% attendance)

Attendee countries of citizenship (16):

Argentina	Jordan	Russia	Turkey
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Korea	South Africa	United Kingdom
China	Mexico	Sri Lanka	United States
India	Pakistan	Sweden	Zimbabwe

Attendee fields of study (39):

Anatomy & Cell Biology	Criminal Justice	Medicine
Anthropology	Disability Studies	Microbiology & Immunology
Art History	Economics	Neurosciences
Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics	Education	Nursing
Bioengineering	Electrical And Computer Engineering	Pharmacy Administration
Bioinformatics	English	Philosophy
Biological Sciences	Germanic Studies	Political Science
Business Administration	Hispanic Studies	Psychology
Chemical Engineering	History	Public Administration
Chemistry	Kinesiology & Nutrition	Public Health
Civil & Materials Engineering	Management Information Systems	Social Work
Communication	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	Sociology
Computer Science	Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacognosy	Urban Planning & Policy

**APPENDIX 3:**

**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.