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The Results Are In

We congratulate the following University of Illinois applicants who advanced in last year's competitions for prestigious international scholarships.

U.K. Fulbright Grant Finalists

Rasheed Tazudeen: *University of London
(Postcolonial Literature)*
Jonathan Hollander: *Cambridge (Physics)*
Tessa Oberg: *Sussex (English Literature)*

Gates Cambridge Scholarship Finalist

Jonathan Hollander: *Cambridge (Physics)*

Churchill Scholarship Recipient

Jonathan Hollander: *Cambridge (Physics)*

Luce Scholars Program Finalist

Amy Fry: *(Librarianship)*

National Security Education Program Undergraduate Scholarship

Ann Dailey: *Russia recipient (International
Studies and Political Science)*
Richard Komaiko: *China recipient (Economics
and Chinese)*
Angela Williams: *Egypt recipient (Linguistics)*
Mike Daly: *Singapore alternate (Electrical
Engineering)*
Mark Wehling: *Turkey alternate (International
Studies and Spanish)*

A Different Success Story

So what happens to applicants who don't receive the scholarship after putting their heart and soul in an application? Realistically, these scholars constitute the majority of applicants. Thankfully, we believe these people will continue their success in other ways. The following excerpt is taken from one such University of Illinois alum's correspondence with the office.

Hello! I am writing to you from Ikata-cho, a small town of 7,000 people in the Japanese countryside. I have been here

for several months now.

Around the time that I first applied to the Luce scholars program, I auspiciously met a gentleman who works for the Japan Information Center in Chicago. What a coincidence! He told me about the JET program and I applied. So, now I am working for the Board of Education as an English teacher here on the island of Shikoku.

I want to thank you again for having such tremendous faith in me. You will never know how

much your support has impacted me. When I met you last year I was scared to death about the HUGE career risk I had just made. You may recall, but I quit my job because I felt it was taking me farther away from my dream of graduate school. I was looking for an opportunity to live and work abroad in Asia. I regret that I could not represent U of I as a Luce Scholar, but I suppose I was meant for this program instead.

Presenting our Newest Churchill Scholar

Jonathan Hollander (Materials Science and Engineering BS, May '05) is one of 11 students nationwide who will be attending Cambridge University on a Churchill Scholarship in fall 2005. He is the tenth University of Illinois student in the past five years to be awarded a full scholarship to Cambridge.

The Winston Churchill Foundation selects students based on their academic record, capacity for original and independent work, character and adaptability, and demonstrated leadership and concern for the critical problems of society. With the award, valued at approximately \$35,000, Jonathan will undertake a one-year master's program in semiconductor physics at Cambridge. His research

will focus on improving gallium nitride materials in order to increase the efficiency of LEDs and lasers and to produce high-temperature transistor devices.

University of Illinois Materials Science and Engineering professors Angus Rockett and Steve Granick (for whom Jonathan served as a T.A. in an upper-level course) wrote letters of recommendation on Jonathan's behalf. Jonathan also received support from contacts gained in summer research opportunities at MIT and UC-Santa Barbara. When not researching, Jonathan spent a significant amount of time competing on the University's underwater hockey team, and as club president, led the team to a second national championship.

In order to take up the Churchill Scholarship, Jonathan has deferred his entrance to a doctoral program at MIT. His professional goals include pursuing a career in corporate research and, perhaps, starting an optoelectronics research company. We look forward to continuing correspondence with Jonathan as his career unfolds!



Churchill College

Reflections and Advice from Illinois Scholarship Alumni

We asked various Illinois prestigious international scholarship alumni to muse a bit on their experiences. Here are some illustrative quotes:

How was the experience of being a scholarship winner different than you thought it might be?

Before I got the scholarship I really looked in awe at the Rhodes, Fulbrights, Gates Scholars, etc. Then you realize that anyone can be a scholarship winner and after meeting other winners - they're not so invincible - just smart, engaging people who have big ideas that they have done/are doing something about and are able to articulate that. I also realized it takes some luck to get a scholarship!!!

One thing I didn't truly understand until I was in Cambridge for a few weeks was the College system. From the application process, I knew Cambridge had a sort of three-tiered system in that you have to be accepted by your program, the University, and a College. I didn't realize how much my experience at Cambridge would be defined by the College in which I am a member. Your friends,



social life, and living conditions at Cambridge will mostly revolve around your College. Each College has its own character and personality.

Beforehand, I don't think I had many preconceived notions of what my scholarship experience would be like. I certainly tried to be flexible and open-minded about living and traveling abroad. The year that I was in the UK, all the Marshall Scholars got to meet Princess Diana - that was certainly something that I didn't expect!

What tips do you have for those awarded a scholarship?

Be open to learning from the experience in a broad range of ways...try not to have expectations that are too rigid.

It may be overly general and a cliché, but the first thing that comes to mind is "make the most of the experience". Keep in mind that your studies are foremost and the reason you are going abroad - you should do excellent work in your studies and keep that as your top priority. However, save time for travel, experiencing life outside of the university, and making friends. Keep in touch with your friends when you return; some of these may be lifelong friendships. And lastly, be a good ambassador for our country while you're abroad - this is especially important in today's world.

It was a beautiful opportunity to live in a foreign country for a year and to open my mind culturally.

Committee Members make it Happen

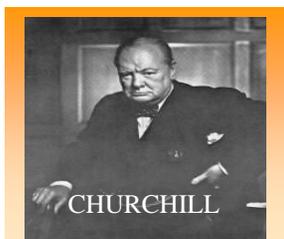
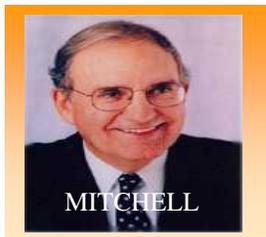
Students at the University of Illinois are fortunate to have a number of exceptional faculty and staff devoted to the scholarships process. Those who serve on our committees spend numerous hours reviewing applications, engaging with candidates in selection and mock interviews, and providing insightful feedback to assist applicants in their revision processes. We greatly appreciate the work of those who served on prestigious international scholarship committees in the last six months.

2005 National Security Education Program Campus Review Committee

Sonia Carringer	Associate Director of the Campus Honors Program
Fiona Griswold	Coordinator of International Education
Barbara Hancin-Bhatt	Assistant Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Veronica Kann	Assistant Director of La Casa Cultural Latina
Lucy Rich	Assistant Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Penny Soskin	Assistant Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2005 Gates Mock Interview Committee

Caroline Hibbard	Associate Professor of History
Jon Higdon	Professor of Chemical Engineering



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Scholarships Administered

U. K. Fulbright (*deadline: September 8, 2005*)

One year of study or research in the United Kingdom. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. Must be a U.S. citizen.

Gates Cambridge (*deadline: September 1, '05*)

One to four years of study leading to a degree at Cambridge University, England. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. U.S. and non-U.S. citizens under the age of 30 are eligible.

George Mitchell (*deadline: September 1, 2005*)

One year of postgraduate study in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. Must be under the age of 30 and a U.S. citizen.

Marshall (*deadline: September 1, 2005*)

Two to three years of study leading to a degree at any British university. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. Must be a U.S. citizen.

Rhodes (*deadline: September 1, 2005*)

One to three years of study leading to a degree at Oxford University, England. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. Must be under the age of

24 and a U.S. citizen. Some non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply from their home countries on the basis of degrees from U.S. universities.

Churchill (*deadline: October, 2005*)

One year of postgraduate study leading to a degree in engineering, mathematics, and/or the sciences at Cambridge University, England. Seniors and graduate students are eligible to apply. Must be under the age of 26 and a U.S. citizen.

Luce (*deadline: November 1, 2005*)

One year internship in East or Southeast Asia. Asia studies majors/minors or those who have been to Asia for more than 4 weeks are not eligible. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and young professionals are eligible to apply. Must be under the age of 30 and a U.S. citizen.

NSEP Undergrad (*deadline: January, 2006*)

Open to freshmen through seniors for summer, semester, or year long study in a non-western country. U.S. citizens only.

NSEP Grad (*deadline: January, 2006*)

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 academic semesters.

About Our Office

We assist you through the prestigious international 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 or internationally competitive scholarships and fellowships are available for graduate and undergraduate study and/or research around the world, competition is steep. The Office of Scholarships for International Study administers several prestigious international scholarships and offers counseling on many others for University of Illinois students and alumni, including the Churchill, Gates Cambridge,

George Mitchell, Luce, Marshall, National Security Education Program, Rhodes, and U.K. Fulbright. 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 international scholarships. Interested persons -- from freshmen, to Ph.D. candidates, to recent alum -- are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss these opportunities.

For more information about scholarships for study outside the U.S. contact: David Schug

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