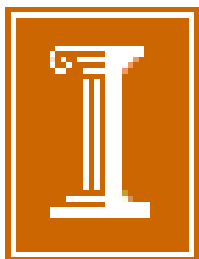


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'08-09 Scholarship Results

Goldwater Scholarship

Anthony Mazzotti: *Organic Chemistry*
Derek Vardon: *Civil Engineering*
James Polans: (*Honorable Mention*) *Electrical & Computer Engineering*

Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Lucas Edelman: *Molecular Biology*

Churchill Scholarship

Lucas Edelman: (*declined*) *Molecular Biology*

Luce Scholars Program

Mark Wehling: *China (International Studies & Spanish)*

Boren Undergraduate Scholarship

Alyssa Forsyth: *Argentina (Alternate) (International Studies & Spanish)*
Margaret Kulzich: *Peru (Spanish)*
Emily Pinheiro: *Ecuador (declined) (Economics)*

Boren Graduate Fellowship

Hasan Shahid: *Brazil (declined) (Latin American and Caribbean Studies)*

Beinecke Scholarship

Aimée Carbaugh: *Anthropology*

Language Flagship Fellowship

John Kim: *Korea (Political Science)*

Fulbright Grant

Margaret Ewing: *Germany (Art History)*
Charles Lane: *Ecuador (Alternate) (Ethnomusicology)*
Mark Mallon: *Germany (English T.A.)*
Rebecca Milsk: *Japan (Chemistry)*
Ewan Robinson: *Senegal (Geography)*
Terrell Starr: *Ukraine (Journalism)*
Alexa Wirth: *Malaysia (English T.A.)*
Nick Wolny: *Norway (Alternate) (French Horn)*

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

Alexandra DiFulvio: *Molecular and Cellular Biology*

Truman Scholarship Finalist

Stephanie Baliga: *Economics*

Budding Museum Curator Captures Beinecke Award

Aimée Carbaugh is among 21 students nationwide to receive a Beinecke Scholarship, a merit-based award for graduate studies in the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

Aimée is majoring in anthropology at Illinois and plans to use the scholarship to pursue a PhD specializing in paleoanthropology (the study of human evolution) and bioarcheology (the study of human remains). She hopes her degree will lead her to a museum career.

Always keen to gain practical experiences, Aimée participated in the 2007 archeological summer field school under Professor Timothy Pauketat, excavating remnants of early Mississippian culture. She also has laboratory experience, working as a technician cleaning and curating artifacts for the Public Service Archeology and Architecture Program. Moreover, for the past

year as a researcher with Professor Stanley Ambrose, Aimée has assisted in a project to analyze goat teeth with the goal of learning about seasonal diets, births, and herding patterns of species. Aimée certainly has the potential to bridge the disciplines of biological anthropology and archaeology in groundbreaking ways.

Aimée has particularly interesting extra-curricular activities, with roles in area plays and performances; she even acted in the nationally-televised production, *Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency* – what an original way to make a mark!

Aimée received the Beinecke based on her superior standards of intellectual ability, scholastic achievement, and personal promise. We think that, in her unassuming way, Aimée will continue using her talents for the betterment of her research and those around her.

Consider supporting Illinois scholars by donating at www.topscholars.illinois.edu/gift.html

2009 University of Illinois Applicants

We congratulate the following applicants who took the time to reflect, write, ponder, write, dream, write, research, write, soul search, write, and submit an application for a prestigious scholarship in 2009. Their proposed areas of study are included. We wish these candidates success in their future endeavors and hope to count some among our scholarships alumni!

Fulbright Grant

Ryoji Amamoto	Biology, Switzerland
Lauren Anaya	Anthropology, Italy
Jacob Baum	History, Germany
Richard Boettcher	Public Health, China
Christiana Chae	Design, France
Catherine Chen	Teaching English, Taiwan
Erik Connelly	Teaching English, South Korea
Adam Cutchin	Language & Literature, France
Teri Davis	Library Science, Nigeria
Kristen Ehrenberger	History, Germany
Matthew-Lee Erlbach	Creative Writing, Switzerland
Samuel Ero-Phillips	Architecture, Nigeria
Teresa FioRito	Teaching English, Argentina
Andrew Friedman	Law, South Africa
Kate Grim-Feinberg	Anthropology, Peru
Amy Gurka	Teaching English, Thailand
Paul Hartley	Musicology, Turkey
Suzanne Hemphill	Water Management, Netherlands
Erica Hildebrand	Teaching English, Argentina
Holly Holmes	Musicology, Brazil
Kathryn Homann	Teaching English, Ecuador
Jun Hong	Social Work, South Korea
Justin Jach	Filmmaking, Brazil
Cody Jensen	Percussion Training, Indonesia
Anthony Jerry	Anthropology, Mexico
Colleen Kalland	Communications, Australia
Rachel Kimnach	Teaching English, Germany
Ryan Kimura	Slow Foods, Italy
Sara Kohnke	Flute Training, United Kingdom
Rachel Koroloff	History, Russia
Owen Kulemeka	Communications, Thailand
Jacob Lahne	Slow Foods, Italy
Timothy Landry	Anthropology, Benin
Lance Larkin	Anthropology, South Africa
Hamilton Le	History, Hong Kong
Dustin Lovett	Language & Literature, Austria
Kelsey Mapes	Teaching English, Indonesia
Jo Zalea Matias	Archeology, France
Paula Mendez Keil	International Relations, Switzerland
Charles Murray	Engineering, Canada
Nirupama Pradhan	Economic Development, India
Kerianne Quick	Design, Netherlands
Kaytlin Reedy	Women's Studies, Austria
Zachary Reyna	History, United Kingdom
Donald Robinson	Teaching English, Turkey
Ashley Sarver	Economic Development, Ecuador
Rachel Sauer	Law, Cambodia
Hasan Shahid	Area Studies, Brazil
Renata Sheppard	Dance, Italy

Eva Shiu	Teaching English, Cameroon
Klaudia Siczek	Art & Architectural History, Poland
Sara Smith	Education, China
Victoria Svazas	Teaching English, Germany
Emma Swift	Teaching English, Vietnam
Susan Wachowski	Museum Studies, Cambodia
Sylvia Wolak	Teaching English, Poland

Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Ryoji Amamoto	Neuroscience
Zak Hulstrom	Linguistics
Sibel Leblebici	Engineering for Sustainable Development

Goldwater Scholarship

Hung Yu Ho	Engineering Physics
Justin Kopinsky	Mathematics & Computer Science
Lucas Miller	Molecular & Cellular Biology
Kimberly Parker	Civil Engineering
Alexandra Rutz	Chemistry and Molecular & Cellular Biology
Maxie Schmidt	Computer Science
Kamil Stelmach	Biology & Chemistry

Marshall Scholarship

Eric Anderson	Social Science of the Internet
Michael Kehoe	Environmental Engineering
Sarah Kohnke	Flute Performance
Janet Pauketat	Psychology
Zach Reyna	Medieval Scottish Studies

Mitchell Scholarship

Eric Anderson	Digital Media
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Luce Scholars Program

Josie Chambers	Integrative Biology
Ryan Rogowski	Electrical Engineering
Emma Swift	Educational Organization & Leadership

Rhodes Scholarship

Eric Anderson	Social Science of the Internet
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Truman Scholarship

Maria Kaidas	Psychology
Brittany Koteles	Public & Community Service
Jessica Loiacono	International Studies
David Olsen	Finance & Management
Jonathan Padish	Political Science
Gene Puerta	Political Science
Michael Slana	Political Science

Reflections and Advice from Illinois Scholarship Alumni

We asked various Illinois alumni who were awarded prestigious scholarships to reflect a bit on their experiences. Here are some illustrative quotes:

What are your memories of the campus scholarship process?

Writing my proposal became an exciting full-time job. I still read it from time to time and have used much of it in post-Fulbright contexts. I also have a very distinct, positive memory of my campus interview. It was wonderful to talk about my ideas with a panel of interested, educated people. Good practice too.

The most salient memory for me is by far the relief of submitting the application, knowing that it was submitted on time and going to be given full consideration. The awards ceremony was also nice, and of course getting that first check!

The application process is extensive and quite intimidating. I honestly thought twice about applying because I was worried that I wouldn't have enough references. A friend gave me the advice that you don't know unless you try. It is better to try and not get it, than not apply and wonder "what if"?

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Looking back, what tips do you have for future applicants?

I encourage applicants to look at diverse locations, not to discredit the popular institutions like Oxford, Cambridge, London, but also to take seriously the lesser known (but usually incredibly prestigious) universities: Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Belfast, Leeds, Bristol, St. Andrews, et al.

My advice would be to start early and allow for revisions. It helps to do InfoPath research on both your potential course of study and potential careers; this will not only help you to articulate your goals but can demonstrate to the scholarship committee exactly how you will fit into the overall aims of the scholarship program. I would also like to add that the Office of Prestigious Scholarships at Illinois was an indispensable tool during the application process for me personally, and I cannot overstate the benefits of utilizing their staff.

Reports from Abroad

Margaret Kulzich (awarded a Boren to Peru in 2009-10) is doing well in her Quechua language classes and has traveled to different parts of the country to study and teach English. She volunteers at a non-profit organization and is interning at a veterinary clinic.

Mark Mallon (awarded a Fulbright to Teach English in Germany in 2009-10) is currently teaching eager, curious students about aspects of American life, which include our school system, Halloween, the political system, and baseball.



Rebecca Milsk (awarded a Fulbright to Japan in 2009-10: pictured to the left) is in the process of starting her research on drinking water disinfection by-products. She enjoys life in Japan so much that she is considering staying there after the sponsored year is over.

Terrell Starr (awarded the Fulbright to Ukraine in 2009-10) is in the critical language component of his research project. He has adjusted to life abroad and the difference in research pace he has encountered.

Gates Cambridge Scholar Prospering

Lucas Edelman, class of 2009, is one of 37 US students to receive the Gates Cambridge scholarship. Luke, a College of Engineering student who majored in bioengineering, is using the award to pursue a PhD in Molecular Biology at the Babraham Institute at Cambridge.

Luke is the eighth University of Illinois student since 2001 to be awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship.

Luke was a terrific student at Illinois. In 2008, he earned first authorship on a

paper and has published findings out of two different research groups, one based in chemical engineering with Professor Nathan Price at Illinois and another from anesthesiology with Professor Guy Weinberg at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago. A Goldwater Scholar in 2007, Edelman has contributed to seven publications, along with numerous conference presentations.

Luke also engaged with people outside of the laboratory: He served as a campus tour guide at Illinois and as president of the

university's new Biomedical Engineering Society. He received \$500 from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance to fund a research project of his design and garnered \$30,000 for a student group that he helped put together for the International Genetically Engineered Machine competition.

At Cambridge, after several weeks of training and orientation, Luke has now

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Gates Cambridge Scholar - continued

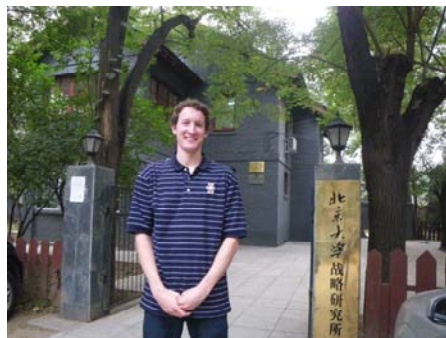
started his research on the control of human epigenetics by molecules called 'non-coding RNA.' He enjoys the international feel of the institute. Luke joined his college rowing team and likes practicing on the River Cam.

After obtaining his doctorate, Luke hopes to perform biological and medical research at a university with a goal of improving the efficacy of medical therapy for cancer and other major diseases. A job well done, Luke!



Illinois Snags Another Luce!

Mark Wehling, who graduated from Illinois in August 2005, was among 18 candidates nationwide to be named to the Luce Scholars Program for a yearlong experience in Asia. Mark had been interested in this particular scholarship for over five years, and he kept in touch with our office and persevered. Congratulations, Mark!



Mark, a double major in International Studies and Spanish, took advantage of myriad international opportunities while in school. He spent a year studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain and another semester studying in France, where he played basketball and was awarded the "Medaille d'Aix" as the American student most integrated into local culture by the mayor of Aix-en-Provence.

From France, Mark secured a community development internship in Morocco through the student organization AIESEC.

Once back at Illinois, Mark served as a Global Intern mentor with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and as a language trainer with the Intensive English Institute.

After graduating, Mark worked in Washington, DC and Peru on a Latin America-wide public health project funded by the US Agency for International Development.

Prior to leaving for Beijing in the fall, Mark received intensive language training in Mandarin at Middlebury College.

After consulting with Mark, the Luce Foundation placed him at the Strategic Research Institute of Beijing University, Guanghua School of Management where they are working on issues of corporate social responsibility and sustainable business. Mark is particularly focused on the incentives and drivers of social and environmental responsibility at small and medium sized Chinese enterprises.

Where Are They Now?

Rachel Sauer (awarded a Boren Scholarship to Senegal in 2006) is in her last year of law school, where she is also receiving a graduate certificate in human rights. Rachel has had the opportunity to travel to different countries for her research.

David Webber (awarded the Goldwater Scholarship in 2001) is finishing his PhD in Engineering Physics. He was awarded the 2009 Felix T. Adler Fellowship and plans to join a group working in the field of neutrino physics as a post doctorate student.

Charity Flener (awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 2008) recently defended her PhD dissertation and is currently editing a book on transcultural experiences in chemistry education, an outgrowth from her studies abroad.

Jonathan Hollander (awarded a Churchill Scholarship in 2005) is finishing up his PhD thesis and trying to start a company, Economy-Energy-Environment Foundation, simultaneously. He works with a team of researchers on national and international energy policy issues.



In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of Tessa Oberg after years of fighting a brain tumor. Tessa, who majored in English and Rhetoric at Illinois, was an incisive writer and activist. She was a 2006 Fulbright Grant recipient to the United Kingdom, where she achieved her Master of Arts in Modern Literature at the University of Sussex. Tessa subsequently was awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, which she was using to pursue her Ph.D. in Literature and Writing at the University of California, Irvine. She is sorely missed.

Tessa Oberg (pictured left)
April 22, 1983-August 15, 2009.

Committee Members Make It Happen

Students at Illinois are fortunate to have numerous exceptional faculty and staff devoted to the scholarships process. Committee members spend hours reviewing applications, engaging with candidates in interviews, and providing insightful feedback to assist in the revision process. We greatly appreciate those who served on prestigious scholarship committees in the last year.

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 Peter Orlean Professor, Microbiology
 Derek Robinson Professor Emeritus, Mathematics

2009 Luce Campus Selection Committee

Nancy Abelmann Professor, Anthropology
 Ann Burkus-Chasson Professor, Chinese Art

2009 Goldwater Campus Selection Committee

Carol Augspurger Professor, Plant Biology
 Linn Belford Professor Emeritus, Chemistry
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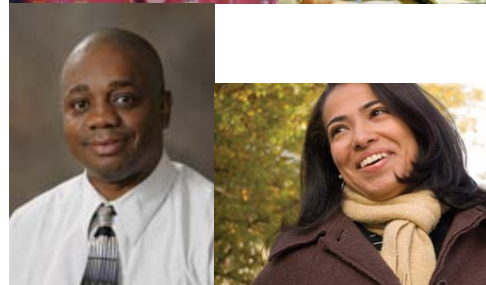
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Werner Baer	Professor, Economics
Eric Benson	Professor, Graphic Design
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Andrea Bohn	Assistant Dean, ACES
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Chen-Huei Wu	PhD. Candidate, Linguistics

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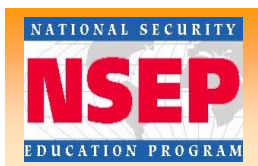
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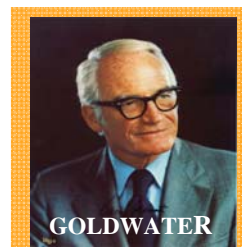
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Scholarships Administered

Beinecke (*deadline: February 2, 2010*) For juniors committed to gaining a graduate degree in the Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences. For U.S. citizens based on merit and need.

Boren (NSEP) Grad (*deadline: January 28, 2010*) 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.

Boren (NSEP) Undergrad (*deadline: January 20, 2010*) Open to freshmen through seniors for semester or yearlong study in a non-western country. For U.S. citizens.

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

Fulbright One year of study or research in any country where there is a Fulbright Commission. Some English teaching programs available. U.S. citizen seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply.

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

Goldwater One year of study for current sophomores or juniors who are committed to achieving a Ph.D. in the research fields of mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering. For U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or permanent residents.

Luce One-year internship in East or Southeast Asia. Asia studies majors/minors or those who have been to Asia for more than 4 weeks are ineligible. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and young professionals are eligible to apply. For U.S. citizens under the age of 30.

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

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

Rhodes One to three years of study leading to a degree at Oxford University, England. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply. For U.S. and some non-U.S. citizens under the age of 24.

Truman One year of funding for students interested in pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. For U.S. citizen juniors.

About Our Office

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

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

Although many nationally and internationally competitive scholarships and fellowships are available for graduate and undergraduate study and/or research around the world, competition is steep. The Office of Prestigious Scholarships administers several awards and offers counseling on many others for top University of Illinois students and alumni. Throughout the application process, we provide advice and feedback for applicants.

Despite the highly competitive nature of these programs, University of Illinois applicants have competed successfully over the years.

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

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