



# The UIC Scholar

## Fulbright anyone?



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Every year graduating seniors and graduate students from UIC study abroad on a Fulbright grant. Approximately 1000 scholarships are awarded nationally each year. The U.S. student program sends students to over 140 countries worldwide.

Keep in mind the deadline is approaching for 2004. **The UIC deadline is October 1, 2004, and the national deadline is October 21, 2004.**

Students participate in a self-designed program of study that can include research, university coursework, language

study and more. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who hold a BA or BS by the beginning of the grant period. Applicants must also have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country in order to carry out the proposed study. UIC students who wish to apply must be evaluated by a campus committee which is arranged through the Office of Special Scholarship Programs.

The United States Congress created the Fulbright Program in 1946, immediately after World War II, to foster

mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange. These grants generally provide round-trip transportation, language or orientation courses, maintenance for the academic year (based on living costs in the host country), and supplemental health and accident insurance.

**If you are interested in applying for the Fulbright, visit the Office of Special Scholarships.**



### Helpful Tips in Applying for the Fulbright

- Establish a contact early on in the country where you would like to study
- Read through successful applications from former UIC students (available at the Office of Special Scholarships)
- Start working on your application early! The best applications are those that have been prepared well in advance.

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## Rodriguez Studies in Colombia

Igor Rodriguez, a recent UIC graduate in art history, received a Fulbright grant in May 2004 to conduct research in Colombia beginning in October of 2004. Igor will be researching the works of Colombian-based modern art critic Marta Traba, as well as concentrating on creative manifestations that demon-

strate hybridizations between Colombia and the U.S. Ultimately, Igor plans on attaining a Doctorate degree with a focus in Latin American Art History and visual communications. As an undergraduate, Igor was a member of the Honors College, Dean's list, Students for Social Justice, an editor

for the Art History Club Digest, and the co-founder of the Art History Club. Most recently, Igor was the student speaker for the Art and Architecture Commencement.



## CHRIS DEEGAN CONNECTS WITH THE WORLD

*UIC welcomes Chris Deegan as the new Director for the Study Abroad Office.*

After spending 12 years in India as member of the Peace Corps, a consultant on special projects, and as a UNICEF researcher, and after working 11 years as the Director for Asian Specific Studies on the east coast, Deegan is eager to undertake his new challenge as the Director of the UIC Study Abroad Office. “Our hope is that international academic programming will grow from less than three hundred students campus wide who study abroad for UIC credit to a more reasonable number in relation to the 16,000 undergraduates we serve.” Deegan claims that, “less than one percent of US undergraduates go abroad. Although that number continues to increase slowly, the amount of time students

spend abroad is less and less resulting in a continued deficit in global competence”

Deegan believes that making education abroad tangible to students is the key to getting the most out of a liberal arts education. It enables students to go beyond the text by seeing cathedrals and works of art first-hand. “Study abroad programming can be a powerful opportunity for students to access and inherit multiple layers of cultural knowledge through firsthand experience.”

In regards to the new UIC Study Abroad logo, Deegan and his staff were looking for a symbol that was both international and cross-cultural. Deegan decided on the Celtic knot which has six points, representing the six continents where students can study abroad.



The Celtic knot is a common symbol of interconnectedness in Buddhist texts. “It is a combination of content and context, knowledge and wisdom, representing a connection with the world.” Hence, the new logo espouses the mission that Deegan and his staff are committed to in promoting first-rate international academic opportunities for all UIC students.



## INSIDE UIC STUDY ABROAD OFFICE

### STUDY ABROAD LOGO

“This was the greatest experience of my life. Not only do you learn about a different culture, language and people, you learn so much about yourself and your own culture, language and country.”  
**Stephanie Thoma, Cuba 2004**

Every student should give serious consideration to studying overseas. Whatever path you choose, you will be immeasurably enriched by time spent in another country. Not only will you improve your language skills, achieve cultural literacy in another society, and experience personal growth, but having studied abroad can also enhance your resume, professional

or graduate school application and better prepare students to meet the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly global society.

The UIC Study Abroad Office offers over 140 programs on six continents for summer, semester, and academic year terms. Each offers a challenging academic program designed as a gateway to the culture of the host nation, as well an extensive array of cultural programs and course-related field trips. Students from any major and every discipline may take advantage of the extraordinary opportunities; any course taken abroad will count towards your UIC gradua-

tion requirements. Not all programs require proficiency in a second language. While abroad, you remain enrolled at UIC and receive direct UIC credit on your transcript. Financial Aid may be applied to the cost of the study abroad program. The Study Abroad Office as well as the Office of Special Scholarships also offer special study abroad scholarships.

We invite you to explore Study Abroad, and look forward to welcoming you to our programs. The UIC Study Abroad Office is committed to help you connect to the world!

# FIRST STEP ADVISING APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

Students must complete a first step advising appointment before meeting with a study abroad advisor and completing the application.

**To register for a first step appointment either:**

1) **Go to:** [http://www.uic.edu/depts/spec\\_prog/studyabroad/](http://www.uic.edu/depts/spec_prog/studyabroad/) and click on "upcoming events"

2) **Contact:**  
**The UIC Study Abroad Office**  
**502 UH**  
**(312) 413-7662**

**Study Abroad First Step Advising Appointments**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> deadline for spring programs**

Thursday	September 16	3:00-4:00
Wednesday	September 22	10:00-11:00
Thursday	September 23	11:00-12:00
Friday	September 24	2:00-3:00
Tuesday	September 28	10:00-11:00
Wednesday	September 29	3:00-4:00
Thursday	September 30	2:00-3:00
Monday	October 4	2:00-3:00
Tuesday	October 5	11:00-12:00
Wednesday	October 6	10:00-11:00

**Appointments for summer/fall 2005 or beyond**

Tuesday	October 12	10:00-11:00
Wednesday	October 13	2:00-3:00
Friday	October 22	11:00-12:00
Tuesday	October 26	10:00-11:00

## VOLUNTEERS!

**The Undergraduate Research and Leadership Training Program at IRRPP (Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy) is looking for volunteers to assist with on-going projects. The following represents a subset of projects that are in various stages of development.**

Volunteers should plan on devoting 4-5 hours a week to the project. All participating students will become members of the Undergraduate Research and Training Program.

**If you are interested in participating in one of the projects listed below, or have any questions, email Angie Ebreo at [aebreo@uic.edu](mailto:aebreo@uic.edu).**

**Project #1** evaluation of a program designed to improve the academic outcomes of African American and Latino 8th through 12th grade students; Junior or senior social science or education majors; assist project staff in writing reports, assembling appendices for reports, and possibly helping compile data.

**Project #2** study on the relationship between friendship networks, communication, and health-promoting behaviors in adolescent females; perform various tasks related to a literature review

**Project #3** survey of Asian American undergraduates, conducted at UIC; student who has already taken an elementary statistics course; assist with tasks related to a literature review and/or assist with data analysis and/or reporting.

## Williams Wins the Willems

Quintin Williams, an Industrial Engineering major at UIC, won the NAACP Willems scholarship for 2004–2005. The Willems scholarship is an award for males majoring in engineering, physics, chemistry, or mathematics.

Quintin serves as a Co–Chair for the TRIO Student Advisory Board as well as a volunteer, tutor and mentor for TRIO. He is a Ronald E. McNair Scholar and a member of the President's Leadership Program. He is also a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the National Institute of Industrial Engineers, and Treasurer for the UIC student chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

Recently, Quintin has been chosen to be an Emerging Leader in Technology and Engineering (ELITE leader) for UIC for 2004–05 and was selected as the first McNair Scholar from UIC to attend the

annual Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia this October.

This summer he participated in the Summer Research Opportunities Program and interned with Dr. Lorraine Conroy, a UIC professor in Industrial Hygiene, on a project that focused on endotoxin and allergen exposure from mice to lab workers. He hopes to present this research in Dallas, Texas this November.

Quintin has been awarded multiple scholarships during his career at UIC, such as the Motorola, Martin Luther King, Jr., TRIO, and the Henkel Corporation Scholarship.

Once he has earned his bachelor's degree, Quintin plans on attaining an M.S. in Industrial Hygiene and eventually a PhD in Safety Engineering and Ergonomics. Ultimately, Quintin

would like to work towards improving the safety standards and working conditions for employees working at industrial plants with employment through either the National Institute for Safety and Health or for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

In addition to seeing Quintin on campus, you may also catch a glimpse of him on a billboard on your way to Kankakee!



## National Science Fellowship

Are you a graduating senior or first year graduate student considering earning a PhD in math, science, engineering or a social science? If so, consider applying for the NSF fellowship.

The NSF scholarship provides \$15,000+ and tuition for 3 years for students pursuing graduate work in science, math or engineering. Many social science fields are also eligible such as psychology,

anthropology, political science and international affairs. The NSF also has fellowships for minorities in these fields and for women in engineering, and computer and information science. 1000 scholarships are awarded each year in the U.S. [www.nsfgradfellows.com](http://www.nsfgradfellows.com)

Candidates must be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident. The applicant must also be a senior or graduate student with fewer than 20 graduate hours, have an outstanding GRE, and have a GPA of at least a 3.8. Please direct any questions to the Office of Special Scholarships at [ssp@uic.edu](mailto:ssp@uic.edu).

**The national deadline has not been announced, but is usually in the first week of November.**



# October 2004

## Schedule of Events October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 UIC Fulbright Deadline	2
3	4 Rhodes Deadline	5	6	7	8 Javits Deadline	9
10 Mitchell Deadline	11	12	13	14	15 Freeman-Asia Deadline	16
17	18	19	20	21 Fulbright Deadline	22	23
24/31	25 UIC Truman Deadline	26	27	28	29	30

10/1/04 — UIC Fulbright deadline & Marshall deadline

10/4/04 — Rhodes deadline

10/8/04 — Javits deadline

10/10/04 — Mitchell deadline

10/15/04 — Freeman-Asia deadline

10/21/04 — Fulbright deadline

10/25/04 — UIC Truman deadline

# November 2004

## Schedule of Events November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Gates-Cambridge Deadline	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 UIC Goldwater Deadline	13
14	15 DAAD Deadline	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	Thanksgiving	26	27
28	28	30	1 Mellon Deadline			

11/1/04 — Gates-Cambridge deadline

11/12/04 — UIC Goldwater deadline

11/15/04 — DAAD Study Scholarship for Graduating Seniors deadline

11/25/04 — Thanksgiving holiday

12/1/04 — Mellon deadline

## UIC SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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### Beth's Corner

Welcome to the fall 2004 semester at UIC! OSSP staff members are eager to talk to you about scholarships that can help you continue your undergraduate studies, fund study abroad programs, or launch you into graduate school next fall. Our many web-based and library book resources can introduce to you a variety of different awards, and the staff can help you with advice on writing personal statements, revising resumes, getting your transcript and approaching recommendation writers. We would like to see more UIC students competing for and winning awards. If you have heard about the office or an award and you want to know more about how we can help you, please contact us. I hope to hear from you.

Beth Powers  
Director Special Scholarships



## Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program

Graduating in May 2005 and interested in working for the state government? If so, you may be interested in applying to the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program (ILSIP). In addition to providing a stipend of \$2,026 per month, this ten and one half month program also offers 8 hours of graduate credit in Political Science at the University of Illinois at Springfield.



Every year 24 privileged interns are selected to work either in the Illinois General Assembly or the Legislative Research Unit in Springfield, Illinois. With the capitol building serving as both the workplace and the classroom, the program is an opportunity for recent graduates to observe and participate in the day-to-day operations of government work first-hand.

After completing this program many interns continue working in state government, while some gain employment at other levels of government, attend law school, or pursue opportunities in the private sector.

**ILSIP application deadline is February 1, 2005.**

You must have attained a bachelor's degree by the start of the program to be eligible. Application materials can be downloaded at <http://cspl.uis.edu>.



Your comments and suggestions on *The UIC Scholar* are welcome! Email us at [ssp@uic.edu](mailto:ssp@uic.edu).