

Scholar Development Newsletter

Gettysburg College

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Celebration '09: A Colloquium on Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity

Submissions for the College's first annual campus-wide colloquium on undergraduate research and creative activity, *Celebration '09*, are now being invited.

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 2nd** and will start at 12:30 p.m. with opening remarks from the Provost and two alumni guest speakers. The presentation and poster sessions will start at 1:15 p.m. and, along with the artistic performances and films, will run through 5:15 p.m. at which time all participants and their guests are invited to a reception at the President's House from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of *Celebration '09* is to encourage students from every discipline to showcase their recent academic research and creative activity for the entire Gettysburg College community. Presentations, performances, and showings representative of all disciplines of the College will be held at vari-

ous locations on campus throughout the afternoon. The final schedule with times and locations will be announced after abstracts have been received and sessions organized.



A faculty sponsor is required for each abstract submission, whether for an oral or poster presentation, a film, or an artistic performance or piece. During the abstract submission process, students will pledge that a faculty member has advised or supervised them in the production of their work and that their sponsor determined that the work merits consideration for

inclusion in the colloquium. For students who wish to submit supervised research performed at another accredited institution e.g., research done through a study abroad

program or an REU, please contact the Asst. Provost, Maureen Forrestal, mforrest@gettysburg.edu, re how to have your work reviewed for submission.

Abstracts will be submitted online, and the submission website will be available no later than Monday, December 1, 2008. At that time you will be able to access the online submission form from the Undergraduate

Research and Creative Activity website:

[http://
www.gettysburg.edu/
academics/
undergradu-
ate_research/](http://www.gettysburg.edu/academics/undergraduate_research/)

Your **abstract must be submitted no later than noon, Friday, March 6th.** The online submission will not be available after that time so please avoid waiting until the last day to submit your abstract. Information on how to prepare and submit your abstract will also be available on the undergraduate research and creative activity website as well as details about a mandatory meeting for all accepted participants. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail

celebration@gettysburg.edu

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St. Andrew's Society Scholarship

The purpose of the 5 scholarships is to foster cultural exchange and the development of each individual student through his or her year at one of the four ancient universities of Scotland.

Each of the successful applicants is awarded \$17,000, intended to cover a significant part of the tuition, room, and board for the year of study at the Scottish university. Please note that these costs are estimated to exceed the amount of the scholarship.

Each institution may nominate one student who is then guaranteed a place in the competitive application process. He or

she should accordingly plan to attending the Foundation Scholarship Committee lunch and interviews, scheduled for 12 noon, March 25, 2009 at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia.

The scholarship is for a full year of academic study only and the scholarship awarded to the successful applicants might not be the preferred university.

Each student applicant must secure the nomination of his/her home institution; must be a full-time registered student at his/her home institution; must be in the top quarter of his/her class; must have achieved at least junior status; and must

be a U.S. citizen.

Applications include a personal essay of 3-5 pages, a recent photo, a transcript, and letters of recommendation.

Criteria for selection include a genuine and serious interest in the intellectual and cultural benefits of a year abroad in Scotland and financial need.

Materials must be received in Philadelphia by March 1, 2009.

If interested, please contact Maureen Forrestal (mforrest@) to set up an appointment.

NCUR 2009: Call for Abstracts

The 23rd National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is calling for abstract submissions from now until December 1st to be considered for acceptance into their April 16-18, 2009 conference. Submissions can take the form of oral presentations, poster presentations, visual arts presentations, and performing arts—music, dance, and theatre.

This year's Conference is being held at the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse and colleges and universities from across the

nation will be represented by their students..

If you have a project or performance that you would like to be considered for acceptance, the abstract submission process is online at www.uwlax.edu/ncur2009. you will be notified by January 23, 2009 as to your status.

There are funds available from the College's Student Professional Papers and Conferences budget line that you are

encouraged to apply for, upon acceptance, to assist you with your expenses. For further information about these funds, please go to the Provost's website at

www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/provost/support_for_teaching/funds/student_conference_activity.dot

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Forrestal (mforrest@) to set up an appointment.

Goldwater Scholarship

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Program was created to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering and to foster excellence in those fields. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to two groups of students -- those who will be college juniors and those who will be college seniors in the 2009-2010 academic year. Four-year institutions are eligible to nominate up to four students who are in the sophomore or junior class during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Each scholarship covers eligible ex-

penses for **undergraduate** tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$7,500 annually. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to the succeeding academic year. Junior-level scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of two years of scholarship support, and senior-level scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of one year.

In awarding scholarships, the Foundation will consider the nominee's field of study and career objectives and the extent to which that individual has the commit-

ment and potential to make a significant contribution to his or her field.

Nominees must include a statement of interest in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, detailing how their academic program and their overall educational plans will prepare them for their chosen career goal. It is expected that students selected as scholars will pursue advanced degrees. If you are interested in being considered for institutional nomination, please contact Maureen Forrestal in the Provost's Office (x-6835) **no later than 11/7/08**.

Celebration '09: Frequently Asked Questions

What is Celebration '09?

This event will showcase student work, offering a mixture of panel presentations, performances, posters, artworks, short films, and readings.

Students may submit work related to

- Thesis research
- Creative work in the visual and/or performing arts
- Independent study
- Courses
- Community service
- Study Abroad

Why Should I Participate?

This is an opportunity for you to

- Exchange ideas with other undergraduate students
- Learn to present academic work/experience in a formal setting
- Receive feedback on your work
- Enhance your resume
- Celebrate your achievement with the campus community and your family

Am I eligible?

You are eligible to apply if you are a currently enrolled student at Gettysburg College and you have secured a sponsor. We encourage student submissions from first-years, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Truman Scholarship

The Truman Scholarships are highly competitive and prestigious merit-based scholarships for college students wishing to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or the non-profit sector. Each scholarship provides up to \$30,000 in funding and applicants must be college juniors at the time of selection.

The Foundation also provides assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and

Conference Details

- Oral presentations may be done individually or in small groups.
- Each presenter on a panel or group of presenters must be sponsored by a faculty member or a designated college administrator.
- Oral sessions are conducted in panel-discussion format. Grouped by discipline/topic, each of the presenters on a panel gives a 10-minute presentation. A 15-minute discussion for the entire panel follows.
- Poster sessions are arranged by discipline. Each poster presenter has 1 hour and 15 minutes to present.
- Musical and theatrical individual and group performances will be scheduled in two, 1 hour 45 minute time-slots.

How do I get to be part of a panel?

There are a number of ways. Here are some scenarios:

- A faculty member can encourage four or five members of a particular course to form a panel on a particular topic or theme. So, for example, if four students from an Introduction to Religion course have each done research and written papers on some aspect of theology with each having taken a different religion as a frame of reference, you could form a panel entitled, "The Concepts of Guilt and

professional development. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

All Candidates should be aware that the Truman Scholarship has a service requirement. Scholars selected are required to work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a Foundation funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving Truman funds. Scholars who do not meet this service requirement, or who fail to provide timely proof to the Foundation of such employment, will be

Forgiveness in the Religions of Asia."

- If you've conducted research for a course or as part of an independent study focusing on some aspect of the psychology of sports, with the support of your faculty mentor, you can submit your application abstract and you'll be placed on a panel of 3 or 4 other individuals who have done research and wrote on a topic that's somehow related to yours e.g., the physics of the perfect curve ball.

So, you can apply as an individual or in a group to be part of a panel. Just remember that if you decide to apply as a group, there must be a unifying theme, you must have one contact person, and all of you must be sponsored by a faculty member or designated administrator willing to assist you with writing an abstract and preparing the presentation.

I am interested in participating. What's my next step?

- Check out the conference website: www.gettysburg.edu/celebration
- Meet with your faculty mentor to discuss submitting a work.
- You can submit your application online on the website.
- The colloquium application includes an abstract of your work. Information on how to write abstracts and well-written examples is available on the website.

required to repay funds received along with interest. The Foundation will have an appeals process for special circumstances.

Since this scholarship requires an institutional nomination, those juniors interested must contact Maureen Forrestal in the Provost's Office asap. A rough draft of all application materials are due in her office **no later than December 1, 2008.**

David Hadley '09 Wins the George C. Marshall Undergraduate Scholarship

David Hadley, a senior majoring in History, has been chosen to receive a George C. Marshall Foundation scholarship for 2008-2009. The purpose of the scholarship program is to give undergraduate students at selected colleges an opportunity to undertake research and writing projects using primary source materials. Students may utilize the resources and collections of colleges and universities, as well as those of the Marshall Research Library in Lexington, VA and other archival repositories. The Scholar may choose any subject involving Twentieth Century diplomatic and military history or political affairs from 1898 to 1960—the approximate dates of George C. Marshall's public service.

David will do research throughout the 2008-09 academic year, submitting his final paper in mid-May 2009. He will then meet with other Scholars to do a presentation in the Spring. The Scholarship includes a \$250 cash award, plus travel expenses up to \$300 for students from distant institutions. The paper judged most outstanding will receive the Larry I. Bland Scholars Prize and an additional \$500.

The Marshall Research Library's resources include Gen. Marshall's own papers, the personal papers of many of his wartime associates, extensive copied material from files of the Departments of War, State, and Defense, a specialized library of over 30,000 volumes, as well as thousands of photographs, maps, and posters of the period. The Library's collections are especially strong on the post World War II Marshall Plan era, Cryptology, and the role of women in both Wars.

For further information about the scholarship, go to www.marshallfoundation.org

The Institute of Humane Studies Fellowships

These Fellowships are awarded by the Institute of Humane Studies to support the work of outstanding students who are interested in exploring the principles, practices, and institutes necessary to a free society through their academic work. Previous winners have come from fields such as economics, philosophy, and literature, and have conducted research on a variety of issues. Applications will be considered from those who will be full-time graduate students or undergraduate juniors or seniors in the 2008-09 academic year and have a

clearly demonstrated research interest in the intellectual and institutional foundations of a free society.

Awards are based on academic performance, relevance of one's work to the advancement of a free society, and potential for success. Amounts awarded take into account the cost of tuition at the recipient's institution and any other funds received.

Humane Studies Fellowships are awarded for one year; students are eligible to reapply in subsequent

years.

All qualified men and women will be considered without regard to race, religion, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, or handicap.

Website: www.TheIHS.org/hsf

Deadline for application is December 31, 2008.

Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest 2009

This annual competition is designed to challenge college juniors and seniors to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world.

Any student interested in entering the Contest is required to be in full-time attendance at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. and must have a professor review his or her essay and sign the Contest Entry form.

A maximum of four entries per professor per contest year will be accepted. Faculty members should only endorse thought-provoking, well-written essays that fall within the Contest guidelines. All endorsed essays and endorsed entry forms should be given to Maureen Forrestal in the Provost's Office **up through Monday, December 8, 2007**. Electronic entry forms and answers to frequently asked questions are available on their website at www.eliewieselfoundation.org

Please note that there are suggested essay topics as well as guidelines for formatting the essay on the webpage.

Awards: First Prize—\$5000; Second—\$2500; Third—\$1500; and 2 Honorable Mentions of \$500 each.

Carnegie Junior Fellowship

Each year, the Carnegie Endowment for Peace, located in Washington, D.C., holds a rigorous national competition to select approximately 8-10 graduating seniors to serve as research assistants. They are matched with senior associates—academics, former government officials, lawyers, and journalists from around the world—to work on a variety of international affairs issues. Junior Fellows have the opportunity to conduct research for books, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony, and organize briefings attended by scholars, activists, journalists, and government officials.

Junior Fellows spend one year, beginning August 1st, work full-time, and receive salary and a benefits package.

2009-2010 Projects

- Democracy/Rule of Law
- Middle East Studies
- Nonproliferation
- South Asian Studies
- Energy and Climate Change
- Chinese Studies
- Chinese Economics
- Trade, Equity and Development

- Russian/Eurasian Studies
- Central Asian Studies
- International Economics
- U.S. Role in the World
- Communications—Interest in working with scholars on outreach and communications.

Gettysburg can only nominate two graduating seniors so please see Maureen Forrestal in the Provost's Office asap to find out about our institutional vetting process. No application materials will be accepted after Dec. 1, 2008.

See www.CarnegieEndowment.org for more information.

Scholarships to be highlighted in the next issue...

Udall—sophomore and junior environmental science majors

Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship—graduating seniors and recent graduates, all disciplines

New Jack Kent Cooke Award for Graduate Studies in the Arts—graduating seniors and recent graduates in Fine Art, Performing Art, and Music