Student Scholarly Engagement Newsletter

Latest scholarship news...

The Faculty Fellowship Advisors are conducting the final campus screening interviews for our 10 Fulbright and 1 Rhodes candidates. In order to qualify for an institutional endorsement, these students participated in at least one scholarship writing workshop, a pre-interview in April, and secured a faculty mentor in their discipline who agreed to assist the students with their application essays.

Regardless of outcome, we can be really proud of these students who are working so hard to make their dreams happen.

If you visit the SSE webpage, http://www.gettysburg.edu/sse you will see there continues to be a number of scholarship information sessions and scholarship writing workshops offered this semester.

Students who may be thinking about applying for the following scholarships should attend: Goldwater, Carnegie, Truman, Beinecke, St. Andrew’s Society, DAAD, Elie Wiesel, Boren, Gilman, and/or the Critical Language Scholarship.

A one-line description of each of these scholarships is located on the SSE webpage under the Fellowships and Scholarships, http://www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/provost/studentscholarly-engagement/fellowships_scholarships/selected-fellowships-and-scholarships.dot for your reference.

For students who might be interested and meet the qualifications, please contact Dean Maureen Forrestal, located on the 3rd floor of Penn Hall.

A link to a listing of all the Fellowship & Scholarship Deadlines for this academic year can also be found on the website.

The Institutional Deadline for both the Truman and Goldwater Scholarships is Friday, November 21st. Campus interviews will be held in December!

Posters on the Hill

As the undergraduate research community works to ensure that those in the U.S. Congress have a clear understanding of the research and education programs they fund, nothing more effectively demonstrates the value of undergraduate research than a student participant’s words, work, and stories. Undergraduate research must be among the programs that members of Congress understand if it is to continue to be supported, and to grow.

In the Spring of 2016 the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) will host its 20th annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill. There will be an evening poster session and reception where students will have the opportunity to speak directly to members of Congress and demonstrate how they have been impacted by these programs.

To Students: Applications due Wednesday, November 4, 2015, including letter of recommendation

Students: The Council on Undergraduate Research invites you to submit an abstract for the 19th Annual Posters on the Hill. Your research should represent one of CUR’s Divisions (Arts and Humanities, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geosciences, Health Sciences, Mathematics/Computer Science, Physics/Astronomy, Psychology, and Social Sciences). Abstract submissions should describe your research, scholarship, or creative activity and discuss its significance to society (i.e. what larger issues or problems were you trying address or understand?, how does your work relate to current policy issues?).

For further info, contact Dean Forrestal (mforrest@gettysburg.edu)
30th Anniversary National Conference on Undergraduate Research

The National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), established in 1987, is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study by sponsoring an annual conference for students. Unlike meetings of academic professional organizations, this gathering of young scholars welcomes presenters from all institutions of higher learning and from all corners of the academic curriculum. Through this annual conference, NCUR creates a unique environment for the celebration and promotion of undergraduate student achievement, provides models of exemplary research and scholarship, and helps to improve the state of undergraduate education.

Gettysburg College is able to sponsor four of our students, all expenses paid, to present at this year’s conference to be held at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, April 7-9. Students who are interested in presenting at this conference should check the website www.cur.org/ncur_2016 for abstract submission process and deadline, 12/2/15. They should also contact the Assistant Provost/Dean, Maureen Forrestal, to let her know that they are applying as they need to have their abstracts approved before submission.

Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship

Scoville Peace Fellowship invites recent college and graduate school alumni to apply for six to nine month fellowships in Washington, DC, focusing on arms control, peace, and international security issues.

Fellows work with one of more than two dozen participating public interest organizations and may undertake a variety of activities, including research, writing, public education and advocacy on a range of security issues, including nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, non-proliferation, missile defense, weapons trade, environmental and energy security, and peacekeeping that support the goals of their host organization.

Candidates must have an excellent academic record and a strong interest in issues of peace and security. The program is open to all US citizens and non-US citizens living in the US eligible for employment. Benefits include a $2,900 salary, health insurance, board and alumni mentoring, travel to DC to begin the fellowship, and a small stipend to attend meetings or take a course.

Application deadline for Fall 2016 Fellowship is January 5, 2016 (beginning between 7/15/16 and 10/1/16.

For further info, go to www.scoville.org or call 202-446-1565.

Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics Essay Contest 2016

This annual competition challenges college Juniors and Seniors to submit essays on he urgent ethical issues that confront them in today’s world. Awards are up to $5,000 and Gettysburg has had two previous winners.

Students entering the contest are required to partner with a Faculty Sponsor. This year’s submissions will be accepted on-line where the student will create an account and electronically submit their application, complete with essay, required entry information, and a portal for faculty and enrollment verification.

Applicants must articulate with clarity an ethical issue that they have encountered and analyze what it has taught them about ethics and themselves. “In 3,000-4,000 words, you are encouraged to raise questions, single out issues, and identify dilemmas.”

For further information, please go to the website www.eliewieselfoundation.org and contact the Dean of Fellowships, Scholarships, and URCA, Maureen Forrestal (mforrest@gettysburg.edu) as she has additional information.

Contest deadline: December 14, 2015.
Café Symposium—a new Gettysburg College tradition

As a way of further enhancing the First-Year intellectual climate on campus, we are initiating a new event in which we hope first-year students will want to participate, the Café Symposium. This Celebration of Academic First-Year Engagement will provide selected students with the opportunity to showcase their best work from their respective seminars with the intention of fostering the following: 1. To provide recognition to those first-years who have done exceptional work in their seminars so as to encourage them to become involved in undergraduate research and/or creative activity early in their college careers; 2. To promote the value of sharing one’s work with peers and learning from others’ work; 3. To reflect upon what is learned in the FYS seminar in the hope that students will apply this learning to future experiences inside and outside the classroom; and 4. To establish a class identity around academic and intellectual achievement.

Because we are thinking of this as a pilot program to see if these goals can be achieved, we’re asking each FYS instructor to select two projects/papers from his/her class to be showcased at the Café Symposium. Projects can be individual or group. All projects, at least for this year, must be presented in poster format.

The date reserved for the event is Thursday, January 28th and more information will be forthcoming as the planning evolves.

Free coffee, lattes, etc. will be served!

Department of Energy (DOE) Scholars Program

The DOE Scholars Program offers unique opportunities that introduce students to the agency’s mission and operations. Participants in the DOE Scholars Program gain a competitive edge as they apply their education, talent and skills in a variety of scientific research settings within the DOE complex. Appointments are available in a variety of disciplines at participating DOE facilities nationwide.

- Career possibilities with the nation’s leading sponsor for scientific research
- Opportunities to learn from top scientists and subject matter experts
- Stipends are a minimum of $600 per week (depending on academic status)
- Travel arrangements to and from appointment site.

Applicants must be US Citizens and undergraduates, graduates or postgraduates of an accredited college or university. The program is open to majors in: Engineering; Physical Sciences; Environmental Sciences; Computer Science and Information Technology; Physics; Business; Policy; Program Management; Mathematics; Statistics; Safety and Health; Accounting and Finance; Law; Communications; and other related areas.

Want to learn more about the DOE Scholars program? E-mail doescholars@orise.orau.gov or visit http://orise.orau.gov/doescholars.


NEW Student Scholarly Engagement Lunches

Modeled after the Friday Faculty Lunch, we are experimenting with a similar idea for students. Starting this semester, students who would like to share their research or creative projects will be able to do so at a first-come, first-served luncheon buffet in CUB 260 from noon to 1:00pm on either Wednesdays between October 14th and November 11th.

Presentations given by an individual student may not exceed 15 minutes in length, followed by a 10-minute Q&A. Team research presentations may not exceed 20 minutes in length also with a 10-minute Q&A. Ideally, it is our hope to fit two presentations into each luncheon session.

Students from all class years and all disciplines are invited to submit applications as soon as possible.

More information and an online submission form is available on the SSE website at www.gettysburg.edu/sse.