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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Undergraduate and Graduate: International Student Scholarships and Assistantships
Georgia College & State University

www.gcsu.edu/international

With less than one month left until the application deadline, Georgia College & State University would like to remind educational advisors that GCSU is offering a number of **International Student Scholarships and Assistantships**.

International Student Scholarships (ISS)

These scholarships are awarded as either a full out-of-state tuition waiver or a half out-of-state tuition waiver, and are awarded on the basis of demonstrated academic ability, evidence of extra-curricular involvement and financial need. To be considered for the ISS, applicants must have on file a completed application for admission and completed ISS application by the stated deadline. Those international students who have not been awarded an ISS prior to attendance at GCSU can compete once a year for a limited number of available ISSs. Applications for the International Student Scholarship are included in the International Student Undergraduate Application for Admission form.

More information about International Student Scholarships: <http://www.gcsu.edu/international/undergraduatefinancial.html>

International Application Form: <http://www.gcsu.edu/international/howdoiapply.html>

Graduate Financial Aid

International Graduate Assistantships (IGA)

These assistantships waive the out-of-state fees, and are awarded to new incoming students on the basis of demonstrated academic ability, evidence of extracurricular involvement and financial need. International Graduate Assistants are required to work 10 hours per week while school is in session. To be considered for the IGA, applicants must have on file a completed application for admission and completed IGA application by the stated deadline. Applications for the International Graduate Assistantship are included in the International Student Graduate Application for Admission form.

More information about Graduate Assistantships: <http://www.gcsu.edu/graduate/gradasst/assistantships.html>

International Student Graduate Application form: <http://www.gcsu.edu/international/howdoiapply.html>

Graduate Assistantships (GA)

Graduate students may apply for regular graduate assistantships through their academic program. Awards can vary by department. Generally graduate assistants are not charged tuition, but must pay fees (including a health insurance fee) of approximately \$900 per semester. GAs are required to work between 10 to 20 hours per week and receive a monthly stipend. [More information is available at the graduate assistantship page.](#)

Alumni & Foundation Scholarships

Each February currently enrolled students can compete for a limited number of GCSU scholarships. Students can apply through their myCATS account.

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Updates from Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

Message from Bryan S. Zerbe, Director of Admission, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

Dear Colleagues:

With our Round 1 application deadline now just five weeks away, I wanted to write with a few updates from Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar.

First, since the Round 1 deadline of March 1 falls on a Saturday, we will be accepting applications handed in on Sunday the 2nd and we will accept applications that come through the mail for a few days after that.

Second, Carnegie Mellon has added a third major in Qatar, Information Systems. This is a four-year Bachelor of Science degree, just like our other two majors here.

More information is available via this link: <http://www.qatar.cmu.edu/is/>

Third, we will have some merit scholarship funds available this year for our top admits.

I will just add a note about the online Common Application, which this year was re-launched in a new format. I've found the site to be a bit confusing, and so if you have students that feel as I do, please let them know that we happily accept the paper forms.

Bryan S. Zerbe, Director of Admission

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

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Graduate: Charles LeGeyt Fortescue Fellowship, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Program Description

For one year of full time beginning graduate work in the electrical engineering field. The grade of Fellow recognizes unusual distinction in the profession and shall be conferred by the Board of Directors upon a person with an extraordinary record of accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest. The accomplishments that are being honored shall have contributed importantly to the advancement or application of engineering, science and technology, bringing the realization of significant value to society. The candidate shall hold Senior Member grade at the time the nomination is submitted and shall have been a member in good standing in any grade for a period of five years or more preceding 1 January of the year of election. The year of election to the grade of Fellow is the year following approval by the Board of Directors conferring the grade of Fellow. Members elected to the Fellow grade may use the title immediately following approval by the Board of Directors. All those elected will receive a certificate and pin.

The IEEE Fellows are an elite group from around the globe. The IEEE looks to the Fellows for guidance and leadership as the world of electrical and electronic technology continues to evolve.

Areas of Study: Engineering

Levels of Study: Graduate

Open to Students from: Unrestricted/Worldwide

Award Types: Fellowship

Average Award Amount: \$24,000

Award Coverage: Tuition and stipend

Award Deadline: March 1.

Eligibility Requirements

Any person, including a non-member, is eligible to be an IEEE Fellow nominator with the following exceptions: members of the IEEE Board of Directors, the IEEE Fellow Committee, IEEE Technical Society/Council Fellow Evaluating Committees, or IEEE staff.

The nominator is responsible for:

- Preparing the IEEE Fellow Grade Nomination Form
- Soliciting at least five, but no more than eight references capable of assessing the nominee's contributions. The references must be IEEE Fellows and cannot be members of the IEEE Board of Directors, Fellow Committee, Society/Council Evaluating Committees, or IEEE staff
- The option of soliciting no more than three endorsements capable of supporting the nomination. The endorsers cannot be members of the IEEE Board of Directors, Fellow Committee, Society/Council Evaluating Committees, or IEEE staff
- Identifying an IEEE Society/Council whose evaluating committee will assess the nominee's technical qualifications and contributions

Further information: <http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/fellows/index.html>

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Graduate: Merit-Based Scholarships, Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management
Nashville, Tennessee, USA

The Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management in Nashville, Tennessee offers two outstanding master's degree programs of interest to students seeking an advanced degree in the United States - the **Vanderbilt MBA** and the **Vanderbilt Master of Science in Finance**.

Key benefits:

- Vanderbilt University is **one of America's top universities**, ranked #18 by *U.S. News*. To recognize the school's growing reputation, *Newsweek* recently selected it one of the "New Ivy League" schools, competing alongside elite schools such as Harvard, Yale and Princeton.
- The Owen Graduate School of Management ranks #6 among financial services recruiters in the *Wall Street Journal* rankings, and is ranked a **Top 30 business school** by *Business Week*.
- Vanderbilt alumni are making an impact in leading companies across the globe. You'll find them in leadership positions at Coca-Cola, Starbucks, Goldman Sachs, Deloitte and many more.
- Nashville is a vibrant, welcoming city that has recently named the **nation's #1 Smartest Place to Live** due to the low cost of living, and **#1 friendliest city in America**, and the **#1 Hottest City for Business Relocation and Expansion** for two years straight.
- Vanderbilt is strongly committed to excellence, offering a **significant number of merit-based scholarships** for students to pursue graduate business education.
- Students will learn from a variety of **world-class faculty stars**, including a U.S. Congressman, the former chief economist of the Federal Trade Commission, a finance expert whose research led to sweeping reforms at NASDAQ, and more.
- Students can sharpen their global business skills by spending a semester overseas through one of **17 international exchange programs**, or spend a week immersed in the culture and business of a nation such as India, Bangladesh or China.

Students in the MBA and MSF programs are from over 30 countries, and students from outside the US make up approximately 30 percent of the total student body.

Further information: www.owen.vanderbilt.edu

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Graduate: Sustainable Development Scholarship, Sustainable Enterprises, LLC

Program Description:

For qualified graduate students in chemistry, biochemistry, biology, microbiology, or related engineering field who intend on career research or manufacturing in international settings. Program of study should promote sustainable development as approach to technology/business.

Host Institution Name: Chicago-area major universities

Areas of Study: Microbiology, Engineering, Chemistry, Biology

Levels of Study: Graduate

Open to Students from: Unrestricted/Worldwide

Award Types: Scholarship

Avg. Award Amount: \$2000.00

Number of Awards: 2

Award Coverage: Cash award upon completion of registration for the award period.

Award Deadline: 15 May

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility will be evidenced by appropriately forwarded transcript, reference letter from faculty of institution, statement of purpose, previous experience and career development potential.

Contact

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Professional: New York Film Academy Global Grant Initiative

The New York Film Academy is pleased to announce a grant initiative through the Academy's Brett Ratner Grant program. The Academy has allotted 10 needs-based grants of up to US\$10,000 each for international students in each of over 150 countries to study in New York City, New York; Los Angeles, California; or Abu Dhabi, UAE. Visit www.NYFA.com.

About the New York Film Academy

The New York Film Academy was founded at Robert DeNiro's Tribeca Film Center and has grown into a global educational force in filmmaking and acting for film.

The Academy is honored to be the film and acting school of choice of many Hollywood filmmakers and their families including the son of Steven Spielberg; the son of Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins; the son of Kevin Kline; the son of Pierce Brosnan; the daughter of George Romero; and the son of Melanie Griffith. Other former students include the son of F. Murray Abraham; the sister of Luc Besson; the daughter of Peter Bogdanovich and many others.

Overview and Philosophy

The most significant art form of our time is the moving image. Through the medium of film, individuals, communities, and nations express their most profound visions of humanity to the world. Film is the literature of the 21st Century. The New York Film Academy has designed its programs on the philosophy of "learning by doing." In addition, it is our belief that a top-quality education in filmmaking, and acting should be accessible to anyone with the drive, passion and ambition to make films.

Gap Year, One, and Two-Year Conservatory, and MFA Programs

The New York Film Academy offers hands-on, intensive one- and two-year programs in Filmmaking and Acting for Film; and one-year programs in Digital Journalism (in affiliation with NBC News), Documentary Filmmaking, Screenwriting, Producing and Animation. MFA programs are offered at NYFA-Universal Studios in Los Angeles, California. Academy students have the opportunity to apply their studies directly to a Bachelor's degree at several universities in the U.S.

Short-Term and Summer Workshops

Monthly short-term workshops are offered in New York and Los Angeles. Summer programs are offered at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts; at Disney-MGM Studios in Orlando, Florida; in Central London, England; at La Fémis in Paris, France; at Cinecittà in Rome, and in Florence, Italy.

Contact

To get information regarding the Brett Ratner grant program at the Academy, or to arrange a tour of the Academy’s facilities, please contact Jack Newman, Director of Outreach and Development, at jnewman@nyfa.edu , or by phone at 212-674-4300.

II. News you can use

Duke University Given \$20M to Help International Students

Posted: Jan. 30, 2008

Durham - A Duke University trustee and his wife have given the university \$20 million to help undergraduate students from other countries.

University officials said the gift from Bruce and Martha Karsh is the largest Duke donation ever devoted to helping international undergraduates. The couple committed \$12 million, principally in 2005, to support need-based financial aid for domestic students.

The gift announced on January 30 is a permanent endowment that includes \$15 million for financial aid.

The balance will support several programs for international students, including financial assistance to travel home and to pursue research projects, and it will expand an orientation program for when they arrive in Durham.

Bruce Karsh is a 1977 Duke graduate and president of Los Angeles-based Oaktree Capital Management, LLC.

Read article online:

www.boxxet.com/Duke_University/Duke_University_Given_20_Million_to_Help_International_Students.1i8hir.d

Dartmouth College announced that beginning in the fall undergraduates from families with incomes less than \$75,000 would receive free tuition

Caleb Kenna for The New York Times

Dartmouth will also replace loans with scholarships and extend need-blind admissions to all international students.

The steps are similar to ones taken recently by Harvard, Yale and other elite colleges and universities to make college more affordable for middle-class families.

“The college has long been committed to helping superbly qualified students attend Dartmouth, regardless of their financial means,” James Wright, Dartmouth’s president, said. “Building on our more than threefold increase in financial aid since 1998, I am pleased that we could make this further enhancement to our financial aid program as we seek to keep Dartmouth affordable and to enroll the most talented students from around the world.”

Dartmouth said the expansion of its financial aid would cost an additional \$10 million a year. The money will come from reallocating spending and a bigger annual draw approved last year – 6 percent instead of 4.7 percent – from Dartmouth’s endowment of \$3.8 billion.

Mr. Wright said many students who would receive free tuition would also receive scholarships for expenses like room, board and books.

Tuition at Dartmouth this year is \$34,965; room, board and mandatory fees add \$10,518, for a total of \$45,483.

Dartmouth trustees approved the changes at a meeting on Jan. 16.

In its announcement, the college cited census data indicating that 70 percent of households in the United States earned less than \$75,000 and that median family income was \$46,326. It also said that 13 percent of Dartmouth students were the first members of their families to attend college and that 14 percent received federal Pell grants, which are for students from low-income families.

For citizens or permanent residents of the United States, Mexico and Canada, Dartmouth said it already made admissions decisions need-blind, or without knowing the student or family's ability to pay. The college commits to meeting all of each admitted student's demonstrated financial need through a combination of grants and loans.

Effective immediately, Dartmouth will offer scholarships worth just under \$3,000 to let students who receive financial aid take advantage of research or internship opportunities in their junior year.

Financial aid costs Dartmouth \$61 million a year, up from \$24.5 million in 1998.

Dartmouth is in the midst of a fund-raising campaign to add \$1.3 billion to the endowment, including \$150 million for financial aid. The campaign passed the \$1 billion mark last month.

Read article online: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/23/education/23dartmouth.html>

NAFSA Webinar: The Impact of the Bologna Process on US Higher Education

February 27, 2008
12:00pm-1:15pm EST

While much has been said and written about the Bologna Process, what can U.S. campuses expect in the next few years? What are the trends in European institutions' adoption of the Bologna Process? On February 27th, NAFSA will hold a 75-minute webinar to help answer these questions. Presenters include: Diana Carlin, Dean-in Residence at the Council of Graduate Schools and chair NAFSA's Bologna Process Task Force, Christopher Foley, Director of Admissions at Indiana University and Rolf Hoffmann, Executive Director of the German-American Fulbright Commission.

Registration Deadline: February 26, 2008

For more information or to register, please visit:

www.nafsa.org/events.sec/webinars/bologna_webinar_2

ACA European Policy Seminar: International rankings and indicators. What they tell us and what they don't.

Registrations have been opened for the second ACA European Policy Seminar in 2008. The seminar is devoted to international rankings and league tables, a theme which forms the object of heated controversies these days. *International rankings and indicators. What they tell us and what they don't* will take place in Brussels on 4 April 2008. This ACA European Policy Seminar provides an introduction and a constructive critique of international rankings and league tables. It will introduce and explain the major methodologies in use today, such as those of the Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) and of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Likewise, it will also introduce new approaches, such as the discipline-specific rankings of the German Centre for Higher Education Development (CHE). The OECD will present its feasibility study for what some call already a 'PISA for Higher Education'. ACA is proud to have won the following high-calibre specialists as presenters at this seminar: Andreas Schleicher (OECD), Gero Federkeil (CHE), Torsten Kälveborn (formerly of HSV), Christian Tauch (European Commission), Tim Rogers (IEC) and Waldemar Siwinski (Perspektywy Foundation).

More details and registration: <http://www.aca-secretariat.be/08events/Seminars/Seminars%202008/rankings.htm>

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