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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

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Utica College, located in Upstate New York, respects and recognizes the significance of the International Baccalaureate program. This small upstate New York college (which enrolls nearly 3,000 students) is now offering generous scholarships to IB students upon completion of year 13.

Up to \$14,000 annually (potential \$54,000 for 4 years) Presidential Scholarship
Waive the requirement to submit SAT scores
Waive the international application fee of \$50
Preferential housing opportunities
Credit for up to 30 university credits for an IB Diploma
On-Campus employment opportunities

“Close to 90 percent of our IB students are offered the Presidential Scholarship of \$14,000 per year in recognition of their IB completion,” noted Kate Cominsky, Director of International Admissions Graduate Fellowship Program

Graham Institute - Fellowships in Environmental Sustainability

To support the best and brightest graduate students pursuing studies in an area(s) of environmental sustainability, the Graham Institute will provide 6 graduate fellowships annually. These fellowships will provide two years of funding with priority consideration given to Ph.D. candidates with expressed interests in the Institute’s focused research areas:

Energy Sustainability - Including new forms, renewable sources, and technologies that increase energy efficiency.
Freshwater and Marine System Sustainability - Including the protection, remediation, and management of watersheds, rivers, lakes, aquifers, estuaries, bays, fisheries, etc. Linkages among aquatic systems; impacts of invasive species, nutrient over enrichment, and contaminants; and treatment and remediation are emphasized.
Human Health and the linkage to a changing environment - Including the understanding, measurement, and prediction of environmental factors that impact human health, as well as the impacts of potential technologies, processes and policies to reduce or remediate contaminated environments.

Global Change and Biodiversity - The impacts of human activities (e.g., emissions of greenhouse gases and pollution, agriculture, land use/cover change, etc.) on global systems sustainability.

Sustainable Infrastructure, Built Environment, and Manufacturing Systems - Includes investigation into sustainable infrastructures and related manufacturing, e.g., innovation in design, materials, and processing to avoid pollution, as well as the impacts of organizations and policy on environmental performance.

Environmental Policymaking and Human Behavior - Including the study of the capacity of local, regional, state, national, and global institutions to act in the environmental realm, and the reforms, including education, needed to enhance their ability to incorporate scientific knowledge regarding the environment into their policymaking.

Although any U-M graduate student, both domestic and international*, interested in studying issue(s) integral to environmental sustainability is eligible for these fellowships, students can not apply directly. Rather, only faculty nominations will be considered, and each faculty member may nominate only one student a year. Nominations of students pursuing joint/dual degrees are particularly encouraged.

Award Amounts

These fellowships will provide \$25K/year for two years, for a total Graham Institute support of \$50K. These awards are to be supplemented to the equivalent of a 50% GSRA appointment by the student's faculty advisor(s) and/or home department. More information about the required matching support can be found in the RFP.

*International students should contact the Graham Institute for more information about applying.
Application Process

Specific information on the required application materials are contained in the Request for Proposals (RFP), but applications require a CV, two letters of recommendation, transcripts, a statement of student's educational goals, and a statement of matching financial support from the faculty advisor and/or department representative. Follow this link for detailed guidelines for applying.

<http://www.graham.umich.edu/funding/fellows.html>

Byron Hanke Fellowship

The Byron Hanke Fellowship is available to graduate students working on topics related to community associations. Community associations govern common-interest communities of any kind—condominiums, cooperatives, townhouse developments, planned unit developments, and other developments where homeowners support an association with mandatory financial assessments, and are subject to use and aesthetic restrictions.

The Hanke Fellowship stipends range from \$2,000-\$4,000. The Foundation Executive Committee maintains the right to determine the amount of the stipend. Fellows are expected to prepare a research paper on community associations. Review our style guide for specific program details (MS Word).

Project abstracts should be sent directly to the Foundation for Community Association Research at foundation@caionline.org or to 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314, attn: Hanke Fellowship. For more information, contact the Foundation at (888) 224-4321 or foundation@caionline.org.

Prior to sending in an application (PDF), please read information below regarding the eligibility requirements, areas and topics of study, evaluation and selection, and stipends and payments.

Eligibility Requirements

Hanke Fellowship applicants must be enrolled in an accredited master's, doctoral, or law program in the United States of America or Canada. Students of all disciplines are welcome to apply for the Hanke Fellowship, provided their studies relate to community associations generally and to the topic of the candidate's proposed community associations research project.

Areas and Topics of Study

The Foundation recognizes and rewards outstanding achievement in the academic study of community associations. Papers submitted for the Byron Hanke Fellowship have come from a wide range of academic disciplines, including law, economics, sociology, and urban planning.

These disciplines are appropriate areas of graduate studies for a Hanke Fellowship, along with any others which the Foundation may be persuaded are relevant to community associations.

Within the field of community associations and common-interest communities, Hanke Fellowship projects may address management, institutions, organization and administration, public policy, architecture, as well as political, economic, social, and intellectual trends in community association housing. Projects may focus on either applied or theoretical research. The Foundation is especially interested in substantive papers from the social sciences, which place community association housing within political or economic organizational models. In all cases, the topic must have the approval of the graduate student's general academic advisor, or of another full-time faculty member who will supervise the Hanke Fellow's project. The project topic must have potential of furthering understanding of residential community associations.

Evaluation and Selection

A selection committee administers the Hanke Fellowship program, including the screening and initial evaluation of applicants. Evaluation of applicants is on the basis of academic achievements, faculty recommendations, demonstrated research and writing ability, and the nature of the proposed topic and its benefit to the study and understanding of community associations. The Board of Directors of the Foundation makes the final selection. All awards will be based on merit, without regard to race, gender, or religion.

Stipends and Payments

Stipends and payments come from the Foundation for Community Association Research and are sent to recipients in three equal payments.

The first comes upon acceptance of the fellowship and his or her academic institution's certification that the student is both currently enrolled in the appropriate graduate program, and is authorized to accept a Hanke Fellowship.

The second installment of the stipend will be paid at the beginning of the second academic term following the first payment, upon confirmation of satisfactory progress by the Hanke Fellow's academic or project advisor. The funds must be used for tuition, books, or other expenses of the Fellow's graduate education, as documented by receipts submitted to the Foundation.

The final installment of the stipend will be paid upon completion of the project. The Hanke Fellow will also be obligated to provide to the Foundation a copy of the final project, in accordance with the Fellow's application. The Foundation may publish the project if it is deemed appropriate.

<http://www.cairf.org/scholarships/hanke.aspx>

Horowitz Foundation Grants

The Horowitz Foundation, as of the 2008 distribution, approves approximately ten grants each year, in amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per grant. It also will be making large-scale grants to universities and programs directly. These go into operation in 2009 grants - for amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 per/award.

The Foundation makes targeted grants for work in major areas of the social sciences, including anthropology, area studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies, as well as newer areas such as evaluation research. Preference will be given to projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences and issues of policy relevance, and to scholars in the initial stages of their career. Awards are not allocated so as to ensure a representative base of disciplines, but are approved solely on merit.

Applicants are not required to be U.S. citizens or U.S. residents. Candidates may propose new projects, and they may also solicit support for research in progress, including final work on a dissertation, supplementing research in progress, or travel funds. Preference will be given to advanced graduate students and untenured assistant professors and instructors.

Grants are normally made for one year on a non-renewable basis. Awards will be made to individuals, not institutions, and if processed through an institution, a waiver for overhead is requested. Those receiving awards are asked to file a copy of the product of their research, no later than one year after completion. Recipients are expected to acknowledge assistance provided by the Foundation in any publication resulting from their research. Awards are publicized in appropriate professional media and on the Foundation website, www.horowitz-foundation.org.

The following categories of proposals will be given priority in determining recipients:

- (1) Proposals that address global and large-scale geographical situations, and those with wider applications beyond the research design itself.
- (2) Proposals that rely on empirically informed, large sample sizes, often in historically rich time series, that make few presumptions of application.
- (3) Proposals by young scholars, who are early in their careers, and who may find it difficult to seek and receive grants from other sources.
- (4) Proposals that are theoretically rich and emphasize policy issues of broad meaning.
- (5) Proposals in an early stage of surveys and reports where few previous research applications are available.

These are guidelines, not mandates, and are not listed in order of importance. Each proposal will be evaluated on its merit by the Board.

Special Awards

The Horowitz Foundation provides six special awards that may be granted for certain projects. These carry an additional stipend beyond the customary amounts of a grant.

The six areas are as follows:

Feigenbaum Award

For empirical research on policy aspects of the arts and popular culture, with special reference to mass communication.

Eli Ginzberg Award

For a project involving solutions to major health and welfare problems in urban settings.

Harold D. Lasswell Award

For policy related projects in international relations and foreign affairs.

Martinus Nijhoff Award

For policy implications of scientific, technological and medical research.

Robert K. Merton Award

For studies in the relation between social theory and public policy.

John L. Stanley Award

For a work that seeks to expand our understanding of the political and ethical foundations of policy research.

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II. News you can use

Amherst College: Online Resources for Writers

<https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/support/writingcenter/resourcesforwriters>

As with many other colleges and universities, Amherst College is dedicated to helping their students become excellent writers. In order to accomplish this goal, they have created a fine set of online resources for use by their own students and members of the web-browsing public. This particular set includes a long list of resources created by staff members at Amherst and at other institutions. These resources are divided into thematic headings such as "Preparing to Write", "Thesis and Argument", "Clarity and Grace", and "Using Sources". On the left hand side of the page, users can view the same list and also learn more about the writing center at Amherst and their work. Overall, it's a fine set of resources, and one that college students in particular will find useful, especially as they approach a paper deadline. From The Scout Report, Copyright Internet Scout Project 1994-2008. <http://scout.wisc.edu/>

National Science Foundation: Discoveries

<http://www.nsf.gov/discoveries/>

Everyday, research sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) turns up a new discovery, an interesting facet of a scientific endeavor, and sometimes, just something that might delight and amaze even the casual observer. Recently the NSF created this website to serve as a clearinghouse of information about the work they sponsor. The "Discoveries" site can be searched in its entirety, or visitors can just peruse the chronological list that's front and center on their homepage. Over in the "Research Areas" section, visitors can wander through "Biology", "Education", "Nanoscience", and eight other topical areas. Some summaries that might be of particular interest include "Mysteries of the Unregulated Internet" and "The Bizarre Creatures of Madagascar". Also, it's worth nothing that parties who enjoy the site can sign up for their RSS feed here. From The Scout Report, Copyright Internet Scout Project 1994-2008. <http://scout.wisc.edu/> [