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## I. Scholarships and Fellowships

### Undergraduate and Graduate: American Foundation for the Blind, Inc. (AFB) Scholarships for Legally Blind Students

**Program Description:** The American Foundation for the Blind awards a number of different grants to aid legally blind students in their graduate work. Each AFB scholarship has specific criteria:

1. **DELTA GAMMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
The Delta Gamma Foundation Florence Margaret Harvey Memorial Scholarship provides one (1) scholarship of \$1,000 to an undergraduate or graduate student who has exhibited academic excellence, and is studying in the field of rehabilitation and/or education of persons who are blind or visually impaired.
2. **FERDINAND TORRES SCHOLARSHIP**  
The Ferdinand Torres Scholarship provides one (1) scholarship of \$1,500 to a full-time undergraduate or graduate student who presents evidence of economic need. To be eligible the applicant must reside in the United States, but need not be a citizen of the United States. Preference will be given to applicants residing in the New York City metropolitan area and new immigrants to the United States. In addition to the general requirements, applicants must submit: proof of acceptance in an accredited full-time undergraduate or graduate program; evidence of economic need; proof of residence in the United States (e.g., telephone bill, lease, utility bill); for new immigrants, a description of country of origin and reason for coming to the U.S.
3. **KAREN D. CARSEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
The Karen D. Carsel Memorial Scholarship provides one (1) scholarship of \$500 to a full-time graduate student who presents evidence of economic need. In addition to the general requirements, applicants must submit: proof of acceptance in an accredited full-time graduate program; evidence of economic need.
4. **PAUL W. RUCKES SCHOLARSHIP**  
The Paul W. Ruckes Scholarship provides one (1) scholarship of \$1,000 to an undergraduate or graduate student studying in the field of engineering or in computer, physical, or life sciences.
5. **R. L. GILLETTE SCHOLARSHIP**  
The R. L. Gillette Scholarship offers two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each to women who are enrolled in a four-year undergraduate degree program in literature or music. In addition to the general requirements, applicants must submit: a performance tape not to exceed 30 minutes, or a creative writing sample.
6. **RUDOLPH DILLMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
The Rudolph Dillman Memorial Scholarship is a one-time award not open to previous recipients. It provides four (4) scholarships of \$2,500 each to undergraduate or graduate students who are studying in the field of rehabilitation and/or education of persons who are blind or visually impaired. One of these grants is specifically for a student who meets all requirements and submits evidence of economic need.

Further information: [www.afb.org/scholarships.asp](http://www.afb.org/scholarships.asp)

Information for the 2008 scholarships will be available in December 2007.

Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university  
<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/>

**For additional information contact:**

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**Graduate: American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowships**

**Program Description:** Up to fifty-two fellowships are available to support advanced study and training at approved U.S. institutions by women of outstanding ability who are citizens of countries other than the United States.

**Average Award Amount:** The amount of the award is \$20,000 for doctoral students, and \$18,000 for master's students.

**Number of Awards:** 52

**Award Duration:** The fellowship runs from July 1 to June 30th.

**Award Deadline:** The application deadline is December 15.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must be women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. There are no restrictions as to the age of the applicant or the field of study. Upon return to their own countries, fellowship recipients are expected to provide effective leadership in their fields. Applicants must possess an academic degree equivalent to the bachelor's degree in the United States and must have a plan of study or research which will advance the applicant's professional competence upon returning to her home country. Applicants who are not native English speakers and are not presently enrolled in a U.S. university must demonstrate English proficiency by a satisfactory score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

**Further information:** [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**Contact:** 2201 Dodge Street, Department 148  
Iowa City IA 52243-4030 United States  
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Applications may be obtained by writing to the above address or from the program website. Women not residing in the United States may obtain an application from the Cultural Affairs Officer at the American Embassy in most countries or the Association of University Women in their own countries

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**Doctorate: American Philosophical Society Library Resident Research Fellowships**

**Program Description:** The Library Resident Research fellowships support research in the Society 's collections.

**Areas of Study:** humanities or social sciences

**Levels of Study:** doctoral candidates at dissertation research stage

**Average Award Amount:** \$2,000 per month

**Award Duration:** summer or other short-term

**Award Deadline:** March

**Eligibility Requirements**

The fellowships, funded by a number of generous benefactors, are open to both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals who are holders of the Ph.D. or the equivalent, Ph.D. candidates who have passed their preliminary examinations, and independent scholars. Applicants in any relevant field of scholarship may apply. Candidates who live 75 or more miles from Philadelphia will receive some preference. Open to U.S. and non-U.S. citizens.

**Further information:** [www.amphilsoc.org](http://www.amphilsoc.org)

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**Doctorate: IBM PhD Fellowships**

**Program Description:** Annual program to help enlarge the pool of talented Ph.D.s in areas of importance to IBM. Intended for students wishing to pursue a career in research. Open to students of any nationality.

**Areas of Study:** computer science and engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering , physical sciences (including chemistry, material sciences, and physics), mathematical sciences (including optimization), business sciences (including financial services, communication, and learning/knowledge ), and service sciences, management, and engineering

**Levels of Study:** applicants must be enrolled full-time in a college or university Ph.D. program, and they should have completed at least one year of study in their doctoral program at the time of their nomination

**Award Types:** fellowship-internship  
**Average Award Amount:** \$17,500  
**Award Coverage:** tuition and fees, plus a stipend  
**Award Duration:** one nine-month academic year

**Eligibility Requirements**

There are no citizenship requirements. Students must be nominated by a faculty member and should have completed at least one year of graduate study. IBM encourages nominations of women and minorities. Non-U.S. Citizens who wish to participate in an internship in the U.S. must obtain work authorization under the specifics of their particular visa.

Students are expected to intern (with pay) at an IBM research or development laboratories. Awards are renewable for up to three years contingent on continued progress and achievement.

**Further information:**

**Website:** <http://www-304.ibm.com/jct09002c/university/scholars/ur/awards/fellowship/>  
**E-Mail:** [phdfellow@us.ibm.com](mailto:phdfellow@us.ibm.com).

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**Post doctorate and Professional: National Gallery of Art - Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts  
Visiting Senior Fellowships**

**Program Description:**

*The Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts* announces its program for Paul Mellon and Ailsa Mellon Bruce Visiting Senior Fellowships. Fellowships are for full-time research, and scholars are expected to reside in Washington and to participate in the activities of the Center throughout the fellowship period. Lectures, colloquia, and informal discussions complement the fellowship program. Visiting senior fellows are provided with studies. They have access to the notable resources represented by the collections, the library, and the photographic archives of the National Gallery, as well as to the Library of Congress and other specialized research libraries and collections in the Washington area.

**Areas of Study:** painting, sculpture, architecture, landscape architecture, urbanism, prints and drawings, film, photography, decorative arts, industrial design, and other arts of any geographical area and of any period. Eligible disciplines are also ones that examine artifacts or have implications for the analysis and criticism of the physical form.

**Open to Students from:** all countries  
**Average Award Amount:** \$6,000 - \$8,000, depending on relocation requirements. See Web site for full details.  
**Number of Awards:** up to 12  
**Award Coverage:** round-trip travel and local expenses  
**Award Duration:** up to 60 days  
**Award Deadline:** varies

**Eligibility Requirements**

Fellowships are intended for those who have held the Ph.D. for five years or more or who possess an equivalent record of professional accomplishment at the time of application. Fellowships are awarded without regard to the age or nationality of applicants. Fellowships are for full time research, and scholars are expected to reside in Washington throughout their fellowship period.

**Further information:** <http://www.nga.gov/resources/casvavissen.shtm>

**Contact:** Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts  
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Landover, Maryland 20785  
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## Professional: International Human Rights Internship Program (IHRIP) Grants 2007-2008

### Program Description:

The International Human Rights Internship Program's (IHRIP) mission and work are based on the belief that human rights activists have knowledge and skills, as a result of their day-to-day work, that are important to the success not only of their own work, but the work of other activists and organizations, whether in their own or in other countries and regions. The human rights movement--in specific countries and regions as well as internationally--is strengthened through the exchange of this knowledge, experience and expertise.

In line with this conviction, IHRIP makes grants available to human rights organizations in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, the Caribbean, East and Central Europe and CIS countries to enable their staff to undertake professional development exchange projects.

A project can be:

*A professional attachment*, through which a staff member from an organization in one country serves as a temporary staff member of a host organization in another country, acquiring on-the-job training in a specific area of work or skill.

*An on-site training*, in which an individual from one country who has particular experience and expertise in a specific area of work provides training to the staff of an organization in another country.

*A study tour*, through which a staff member from an organization learns more about a specific area of work or about a particular strategy or approach to work by visiting and consulting with two or more human rights or human rights-related institutions in one or more other countries.

*N.B.* IHRIP gives low priority to support for attendance at courses or workshops. Proposals for such support will be considered only in cases where the desired training is narrow in focus and fulfills a clearly defined institutional need.

**Deadline for applications:** August 31, 2007; December 31, 2007

**Award Amount:** A grant covers the travel of the staff member or trainer as well as a basic living stipend and health insurance for the staff member (or trainer). Grants vary depending on the location and length of the project, and typically range from \$1,000-10,000.

**Further Information:** [www.iie.org/ihrrip](http://www.iie.org/ihrrip)

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## II. News you can use

**New: Bologna Process stream at upcoming EAIE conference, Trondheim, Norway, September 12-15, 2007**

The EAIE Conference Programme Committee introduces a new Bologna process stream which brings together sessions that either give an update of current actions and trends in the Bologna process, or offer an opportunity for discussion and debate on implications and outcomes of the different tools and measures implemented so far in the emerging European Higher Education Area.

For further information about this stream, please visit:

<http://www.eaie.org/trondheim/programme/index.asp?stream=Bologna&button=stream>

Conference registration: <http://www.eaie.org/trondheim/registration/>

(The deadline for on-line registration is 22 August 2007.)

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**Useful website for higher education professionals: The Boston College Center for International Higher Education - Journals in Higher Education**

This inventory of journals in the field of higher education includes 191 publications. Publications from all continents, over 30 countries, and in 14 languages are included.

Listings by geographical regions include:

International: [http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/soe/cihe/hejournal/Intl.htm](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/soe/cihe/hejournal/Intl.htm)

Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university  
<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/>

North America: [http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/soe/cihe/hejournal/NorthAmerica.htm](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/soe/cihe/hejournal/NorthAmerica.htm)

Europe: [http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/soe/cihe/hejournal/Europe.htm](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/soe/cihe/hejournal/Europe.htm)

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**“Degree in Three” Program at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC**

The Degree in Three program at East Carolina University is designed for strong academic and highly motivated entering freshmen at East Carolina University. This program provides an opportunity for students to complete their undergraduate degree in three years.

The Degree in Three program offers 60+ majors in which students can complete in three years. The list of majors that participate in the Degree in Three are listed at the following web site: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/threeyeardegree/2005-2006-Degree-Templates.cfm>

**Benefits of the Degree in Three Program:**

- One-year head start on graduate programs or careers
- Priority registration
- Special faculty advisers/mentors
- Savings on 4th year room and board
- Automatic acceptance into the ECU Honors Program
- Eligibility for the Program

**Eligibility requirements:** have applied to East Carolina University; be a traditional incoming freshman

**Academic requirements:** high School cumulative GPA of 3.5; SAT total score of 1200 combined verbal and math; high school rank in the top 10 percent of the senior class

Students are strongly encouraged to meet as least two of the stated academic requirements. If they do not meet all three, then they may be nominated by their high school counselor for acceptance into the program.

**Further Information:**

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