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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Undergraduate: Morehead State University

Morehead State University offers several kinds of scholarships to qualified international undergraduate students. One is the International Undergraduate Scholarship. The total amount is \$5,000 annually. The other is the Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship, which offers international students over \$7,000. All international undergraduate applicants who have scored 23 on the ACT or 1070 on the SAT composite score (Math and Critical Reading), and have met all the other admission requirements are eligible for this scholarship.

MSU also offers Presidential scholarships and Transfer Scholarships for which international students may be eligible to apply. To find out more about the scholarship information, please visit our website at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/files/projects/scholarships/schguide06-07web.pdf>

If your center is interested in finding out more about our international scholarship programs, or our international admissions criteria, please feel free to contact me at w.sun@moreheadstate.edu, or call me at 606-783-2000 or visit our website at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/international>.

Undergraduate: University of Rhode Island

URI offers merit scholarships to international freshmen applicants. These applicants must apply by the early action deadline of December 17, 2007. Please check our admission web site for details on the application process (www.uri.edu/admission).

URI offers more than 80 majors in our seven degree-granting colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration (AACSB accredited), Engineering (with ABET accredited programs), Environment & Life Sciences, Human Science and Services, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

Undergraduate degrees offered include the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, and Bachelor of Music. URI also offers degrees in International Engineering and International Business and students are encouraged to supplement their major and develop additional skills with interdisciplinary double major and minors.

At URI, we are committed to promoting international education and intercultural exchange by integrating a global perspective throughout our programs and campus life.

For details on application requirements and deadlines, International Admission Advisor Travel Schedule, and estimated tuition and fees, visit uri.edu. On the Admission page you will find a link to admission requirements, which has a dedicated page for international students. You can also learn about our Office of International Students and Scholars, which provides important resources and hosts social gatherings for all international students, at uri.edu/iss.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at nancys@uri.edu.

Fellowship : 2008-9 Hodder Fellowship at Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

Deadline: November 1, 2007

Contact: University Center for the Creative and Performing Arts, Hodder Fellowship, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton, N.J. 08544

Web: www.princeton.edu/arts

Human Rights Advocate Program- Columbia University

Dear friends and colleagues:

I am delighted to announce that the application for the 2008 session of the annual Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) at Columbia University is now available. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to disseminate this information and application to human rights activists based in the Global South as well as grassroots activists in the United States.

HRAP is designed to prepare proven human rights leaders from the Global South and marginalized communities in the U.S. to participate in national and international policy debates on globalization by building their skills, knowledge, and contacts. The Program features a four-month residency at Columbia University in New York City with a structured curriculum of advocacy, networking, skills-building, and academic coursework.

Since 2004, HRAP has concentrated its support on individuals and organizations that address issues broadly related to globalization.

The four-month intensive capacity building program based at Columbia University in New York focuses on the following key issue areas:

- * Environmental injustice
- * Labor rights violations
- * Abuses by multinational corporations
- * Ramifications of resource extraction
- * Public health crises
- * Unsustainable development
- * Intolerance, xenophobia, and social exclusion related to globalization

Special attention is given to the above issues and their intersection with gender, race, ethnicity, sexual identity, and/or other sources of marginalization.

HRAP's current focus has emerged in recent years as a response to the negative effects of globalization on those with the least access to decision-making processes. Given their physical and symbolic distance from centers of power, grassroots leaders are typically unable to lobby for equitable outcomes from global policymakers.

The design of HRAP is intended to help level the playing field for those lacking the access and relevant skills or knowledge to lobby effectively for their causes. The Program provides advanced training, support, and networking opportunities to respected human rights leaders. The focus is both on strengthening the skills of the individual Advocates and providing tools to build sustainable organizations that advocate for disadvantaged peoples.

Participants are selected on the basis of their previous work experience on human rights and globalization, commitment to the human rights field, and demonstrated ability to complete graduate-level studies. Advocates must originate from and reside in either the Global South or the United States. Fluency in English is required. Advocates must secure institutional endorsement from their organizations for their participation in the Program and must commit to returning to that organization upon completion of the Program.

This extremely competitive Program will admit approximately ten participants. We make every effort to provide full fellowships to cover program costs as well as travel and living expenses for selected Advocates each year. Our staff will work with interested candidates who have been waitlisted for the Program to identify potential funding sources in cases where we do not yet have the resources to provide a full fellowship.

Attached please find an overview of the Program and the 2008 application form. The 2008 HRAP will take place from the middle of August to the middle of December 2008. The completed application is due by October 9, 2007. Those who make it to the second round of the application process will be asked to submit additional materials including essays and letters of reference. Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For further information or to download additional copies of the application, please refer to our website at <http://humanrights.columbia.edu/hrap/> .

Additional information can be requested by email from hradvocates@columbia.edu, by phone at +1 (212) 854 7372, or by fax at +1 (212) 316 4578.

Yours sincerely,

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International Peace Scholarship Fund
Philanthropic and Educational Organization for Women
Des Moines, Iowa

Approximately 200 grants for women, from all countries, to pursue full-time graduate studies in the United States. Scholars must plan to return to their countries on completion of their degree program.

Areas of Study: Open to all fields
Levels of Study: Prospective/ Current Graduate Student.
Open to Students from: any region except U.S.
Average Award Amount: Average stipend of \$8,000 per year.
Award Deadline: 15 December 2007

Eligibility Requirements:
Must be qualified for admission to full-time graduate study, working toward a graduate degree in the college or university she will attend. Recipients must have additional financial support to cover all expenses. Open to women. U.S. and Canadian citizens are not eligible.

Further Information: www.peointernational.org/about/

Scholarship Fact Sheet (downloadable pdf file):
<http://www.peointernational.org/about/ips-fact-sheet.pdf>

To be eligible for our available scholarships you must be:
□ Between the ages of 16-25
□ Attending or in the process of being admitted to an accredited college or university program sometime in 2007 or 2008

II. News you can use

C-SPAN Classroom [Real Player, Windows Media Player]
<http://www.c-spanclassroom.org>

Over the past several decades, C-SPAN has brought many hours of fascinating programming to the generally curious. Many teachers have used their programming to edify their students about various aspects of US government, and now C-SPAN has created this very nice site to complement those informal activities. The formal mission of the C-SPAN Classroom site is "to enhance the teaching of Civics & U.S. Government through C-SPAN's primary source programming." Visitors can start their journey by viewing the "Clip of the Week", and then looking through the other thematic sections on the site, which include "Principles of Government", "Legislative Branch", and "Political Participation". Along with each clip, users can also view a short clip description, and take advantage of the discussion questions as well. Visitors will need to complete a short free registration form to access all of the clips, and this only takes a few minutes. This site is quite a delight, and for anyone who teaches civics and related fields, it will most likely become an essential online resource.

American Psychological Association's "Monitor on Psychology" magazine
<http://www.apa.org/monitor/>

Professional psychologists and students of psychology have many places to look for information about their field, but the American Psychological Association's "Monitor on Psychology" magazine is certainly one that should be perused on a regular basis. This happens to be the magazine's site, and visitors can look at full-length articles from the monthly publication, along with letters to the editor, the president's column, and news from the Association. To give potential parties a sense of the contents of this fine publication, recent articles have looked at opportunities for psychologists to become part of the "group doctoring" movement and in-depth investigations into the role that psychologists play during wartime. Visitors may also wish to look through the online archive, which stretches back to February 1999.

Convergence! New Media from the Mathematical Association of America (MAA)
<http://mathdl.maa.org/convergence/1/>

Some math teachers find themselves confronted by students who ask, "Why do we have to learn this?" or "When am I going to use it?" These are vexing questions for sure, and one suggestion might be to incorporate the history and development of the field of mathematics into the formal study of the subject. That is exactly what a dedicated team of individuals at the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics decided to do when they created the online magazine, Convergence. The magazine contains a wide range of materials for educators, including animated mathematical demonstrations that can be downloaded for classroom use and discussions of particular problems from an historical context. On the magazine's homepage, visitors can view featured articles, take a look over the "Critic's Corner", and use the "Show Me" search engine to look for new and compelling additions.