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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Villanova University- Scholarships

In an effort to assist talented international students in making their educational dreams become a reality, the University offers a limited amount of need-based financial aid to first-year (freshman) undergraduate international students. In order to be eligible for consideration for this limited aid, students must meet the following criteria:

Submit a completed freshman application for admission by the Regular Decision deadline of January 7, 2008; it is strongly advised that candidates apply to Villanova using the on-line Villanova Preliminary Application and the on-line Common Application.

- Be academically admissible to the University;
- Have partial financial need, demonstrated by completing the appropriate forms (see below); and
- Be able to contribute financially toward their educational and personal expenses.

This past year we had 72 applicants, of which 44 were awarded and 26 enrolled. The average need based award was \$27,070.02, while the awards ranged from \$8,175 to \$35,850 a year. In addition, students are eligible to earn up to \$ 3,000.00. Students must be able to cover at least \$10,000 to be considered for aid.

NOTE:

- Although freshmen students applying for aid may be academically admissible, not all students will be awarded financial aid due to the limited amount of funding available.
- Admitted students receiving partial aid will be expected to personally contribute financially.
- Admitted students receiving financial aid will be notified at the time of admission - no later than the last week in March. Anyone accepted via Early Action will be notified of their aid eligibility by the last week of March.

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Application Deadline: January 7, 2008

Future Leaders Student Scholarship Fund

Future Leaders Fund

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Open to: undergraduates or graduates at a U.S. college or university

The Future Leaders Fund Annual Scholarship is available to international students currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate study at a U.S. college or university. You must be a non-U.S. citizen and demonstrate leadership qualities and financial need to qualify for this award.

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/> 1

Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Fine and Applied Arts, USA
Financial Aid: \$6,000-22,000
Deadline: December 1, 2007

Open to: graduates of institutions in fields of art, architecture, dance, landscape architecture, music, theatre and urban regional planning

The Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship is available to graduates of the College of Fine and Applied Arts at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and to graduates of similar institutions of equal educational standing whose principal or major studies have been in the fields of art, architecture, dance, landscape architecture, music, theatre and urban regional planning. You must demonstrate character, merit, excellence of personality seriousness of purpose and good moral character to qualify for this award

Amon Carter Museum Davidson Family Fellowship Program

Amon Carter Museum, USA
Scholarship / Financial aid: stipend of \$7,500
Date: a minimum four-week period of full-time research
Deadline: March 01, 2008

Open to: pre- and post-doctoral level candidates
The Amon Carter Museum Davidson Family Fellowship Program is open to both pre- and post-doctoral level candidates who are interested in continuing or beginning new research on American art. Preference is given to proposals that draw on the museum's collections of paintings, sculpture, works on paper, and photographs. The stipend covers a minimum four-week period of full-time research, culminating in a presentation or lecture.

You must submit a 2-4 page proposal, resume, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. You must begin your research on or after May 1, 2007 and conclude by February 28, 2008.

Brandeis Master's Program in Coexistence and Conflict Resolution

"If a person is seeking to get an MA in this field, this program perfectly ties theory to practice and does it in a way that is amenable to adult lives and needs." Graduate, '07

The Brandeis Master's program offers:

The newest thinking about contemporary theories of conflicts, and the interventions that can address them at local, regional and global levels.

A professional course on Dialogue and Mediation Skills designed for use in intercommunal conflicts.

A unique program designed for the needs of early- and mid-career professionals, providing access to worldwide networks - over 80% of the students are international and already engaged in field work.

Students from governments, the United Nations, World Bank, USAID, business, security, diplomacy, democracy, development, refugee, human rights, journalism and NGO fields.

Financial aid in the form of partial tuition scholarships for students from low-income countries.

The opportunity to learn from many of the world's leading universities and organizations in Boston.

One academic year in residence (September to May), a three-month field project, and a master's report.

The leadership of Professor Mari Fitzduff, Ph.D., from Northern Ireland, who brings more than 20 years of international policy and practice experience to the program.

For more information

<http://www.brandeis.edu/programs/Slifka/masters>

See what the participants say about the course

<http://www.brandeis.edu/programs/Slifka/masters/quotes.html>

Please forward this email and encourage other interested colleagues to apply by January 31st, 2008
'Preparing Leaders to Prevent, Manage and Resolve Intercommunal Conflicts'

The Brandeis Masters in Coexistence and Conflict offers a unique blend of theory and practice to mid-career professionals, particularly from government and intergovernmental agencies, seeking an advanced degree in preventing and addressing intercommunal conflict. Slifka Fellowships may be available to candidates accepted in the program.

II. News you can use

University College Writing Workshop: Writing Handouts

<http://www.utoronto.ca/ucwriting/handouts.html>

Whether it's an interrogative pronoun or just a dangling modifier, the University of Toronto's Writing Center can provide visitors with dozens of helpful writing tips. While certain services are only made available to current students, these writing handouts can be used by anyone with the desire to improve their writing. The handouts cover topics like organizing an essay, the effective and correct use of quotations, and the use of articles. Each section includes specific advice and guidance, and even the most effective writers may learn something new from these guides. Composition instructors may also wish to recommend this site to their students if they are looking for additional high-quality writing resources.

Internet Scout Report

Trends: One of the Nation's Largest Colleges Is Re-Examining Its Entire Curriculum

By [ELYSE ASHBURN](#) Chronicle of Higher Education

Miami Dade College offers about 2,000 courses in programs as disparate as drama and veterinary technology. And over the next two years, the college plans to examine every single one of those courses to determine what key skills they are and are not teaching students.

The massive undertaking is an answer to the increasing push from lawmakers, businesses, and college leaders themselves to ensure that students leave higher education able to communicate clearly, analyze data, and think creatively.

Ford Foundation Supports Global Awareness Through Public Media Programming (10/15/07)

The New York City-based Ford Foundation (<http://www.fordfound.org/>) has announced a \$5 million grant to the Global Perspectives Project, a public media initiative that brings programs by foreign independent producers to U.S. audiences and distributes American programs overseas.

Launched in 2005 by ITVS International with support from the Ford, Hewlett, and MacArthur foundations, as well as the U.S. Department of State, the \$19 million project uses television broadcasts, community outreach, online efforts, and other initiatives to advance a global cultural exchange between the United States and nations in Africa, Asia, and South America. Beginning this month and continuing through 2008, nearly forty programs created by independent producers from around the world will be broadcast on PBS, the digital PBS World channel, and six commercial channels, including Sundance and National Geographic.

An additional fifty programs created by international producers are expected to be broadcast in the United States through 2010.

The project is designed to provide overseas audiences with a view of daily life in the United States. True Stories: Life in the USA, a series of independent documentaries by U.S. filmmakers, is being broadcast in Malawi and Peru and scheduled to expand this season to Hong Kong, Colombia, Bahrain, and Indonesia. The series includes documentaries about a rural West Virginia coal-mining community, the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, a Hawaiian surfer battling breast cancer, a boxing gym in the South

Bronx, and mandatory student drug testing in a small west Texas town.

"Americans and people in other countries need new ways to see each other," said ITVS president and CEO Sally Fifer. "They need a chance to hear each other's voices and see the world through someone else's eyes."

Ford Foundation Press Release 10/10/07.