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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Applications available for 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Pursue a master's degree in international studies, sustainable development, peace, and conflict resolution at one of the six Rotary Center at: University of California, Berkeley; Duke University; University of North Carolina; University of Bradford; International Christian University; University of Queensland; Universidad Del Salvador.

Applicants must be committed to peace and have a minimum of three years professional experience, be proficient in a second language and have demonstrated a commitment to world peace and conflict resolution. For more information and to apply, visit www.rotary.org or email Laura Tell, laura.tell@rotary.org.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.
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Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution

Georgetown University is currently accepting applications for the Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution. The innovative and academically rigorous program is housed in the Department of Government, with multidisciplinary core and elective course offerings. Students study with leading faculty from across the university, and take courses such as Conflict Resolution Theory and Skills, Intergroup Relations, Cross-Cultural Negotiation, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. For more information, please see our website, <http://conflictresolution.georgetown.edu/>, or email conflictresolution@georgetown.edu. Applications will be accepted through February 15, 2008 for the fall 2008.

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research Seeks Drug Discovery and Development Proposals

Deadline: December 18, 2007 (Pre-proposals)

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (<http://www.michaeljfox.org/>) has announced the launch of its 2008 Target Validation effort. Through this annual program, the foundation will support projects designed to validate the therapeutic potential of scientific discoveries, pushing them one step closer to possible pharmaceutical industry investment and clinical trials.

Target Validation 2008 specifically seeks investigator-initiated applications to demonstrate that modulation of a specific cellular target (such as a gene or protein) results in a PD-relevant therapeutic response in an appropriate whole-animal mammalian model of PD. Of particular interest are targets whose manipulation holds the potential to treat the symptoms of PD, including both "motor" and "non-motor" symptoms. Also of interest are targets that could be used to protect or restore degenerating neurons, as well as those that can treat complications of current PD treatments.

Applications may be submitted by U.S. and non-U.S. entities, public and private nonprofit entities (such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, units of state and local governments), and eligible agencies of the federal government and for-profit entities. Post-doctoral students or fellows are not eligible to apply as principal investigators for this Request for Applications.

MJFF will commit a minimum of \$2 million to this initiative and intends to fund multiple proposals. Applicants may request a project period of up to two years and a total budget of \$250,000.

The complete RFA is available at the Michael J. Fox Foundation Web site.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10009831/michaelifox>

FIVE COLLEGE WOMEN'S STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER

A collaborative project of Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

The Center invites applications for its RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIPS for 2008-2009 from scholars and teachers at all levels of the educational system, as well as from artists, community organizers and political activists, both local and international. Associates are provided with offices in our spacious facility, library privileges, and the collegiality of a diverse community of feminists. Research Associate applications are accepted for either a semester or the academic year. The Center supports projects in all disciplines so long as they focus centrally on women or gender. Regular Research Associateships are non-stipendiary. We accept about 15-18 Research Associates per year.

Applicants should submit a project proposal (up to 4 pages), curriculum vitae, two letters of reference, and application cover sheet. Submit all applications to: Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, 50 College Street, South Hadley, MA 01075-6406. Deadline is February 11, 2008. For further information, contact the Center at TEL 413.538.2275, FAX 413.538.3121, email fcwsrsrc@fivecolleges.edu, website: <http://www.fivecolleges.edu/sites/fcwsrsrc>

II. News you can use

Thanks to Elizabeth from EducationUSA Serbia!

SAT and GRE Practice

Check out the website, www.freerice.org. It is a vocabulary quiz site that is good for SAT and GRE, plus for each correct answer, the companies that have their logo on the site donate ten grains of rice to the fight against world hunger.

Thanks to Martha from EducationUSA South Africa!

Graduate programs in economics

Vanderbilt has put together a really useful website for anyone looking at graduate programs in economics, including a link to information on funding for such study: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/gradstudents/Schools.htm>

Stanford Institute for Higher Education

<http://siher.stanford.edu/>

Founded in 1989, the Stanford Institute for Higher Education (SIHER) provides and supports research on a wide range of topics affecting higher education planning and policy, including the dynamics of systemic change, productivity, and the effectiveness of higher education organizations. For people interested in such matters, their website presents a cornucopia of research reports, compelling weblogs, and information about upcoming conferences and symposia that they are sponsoring in conjunction with other like-minded institutes. The research reports include titles such as "Higher Education Research Priorities: Perspectives

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from Selected Foundations" and "Outsourcing of Instruction at Community Colleges". The site is rounded out by the "Resources" area, which features links to partner organizations and related government resources dealing with higher education

Physics Applets

<http://www.mip.berkeley.edu/physics/appletindex.html>

Created as part of the Museum Informatics Project at the University of California, Berkeley, this website serves as a clearinghouse of high-quality physics applets that can be used in a variety of settings. The site is divided into a few basic topical areas, such as mechanics, waves, properties of heat and matter, and optics. While a search engine isn't provided, visitors can use the "Find" function provided by most browsers to look for specific items of interest. It is worth noting that the applets dealing with various fields of optics are quite strong, and visitors will no doubt locate at least a handful of applets here that they can use in the classroom or just to increase their own understanding of physics

Maps: Finding Our Place in the World

<http://www.fieldmuseum.org/maps/>

How do we find our way through the world, geographically speaking? Do we all carry around a type of "mental map" in our head, formed through experience and repetition? Some would say yes, some would beg to differ. Maps remain a powerful way to represent the world in all its spatial glory, and this online exhibit from The Field Museum explores the history of maps and their history over the millennia. Designed to complement an ongoing exhibition at the Museum, the site includes a photo gallery, information about the participating institutions, and about researchers at the Museum who use maps and mapping technology in their own work. The interactive feature is definitely worth a look, as visitors can examine two dozen different maps in detail from Chicago to the Marshall Islands. One can imagine that this remarkable site could also be used in classrooms to expose students to the wide variety of maps that have been created by human hands.