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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Master of Arts in Peace Studies University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, USA

Scholarship/Financial aid: scholarships and stipends available

Date: two-year program

Deadline: January 5, 2008

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana (USA) seeks outstanding students who have demonstrated a serious commitment to international justice and peacemaking for our Master of Arts in Peace Studies.

The deadline for applications is January 5, 2008 for students seeking to enroll in Fall 2008.

Our two-year multidisciplinary program offers:

- Rigorous academic coursework taught by distinguished faculty.
- An international student body that forms a vibrant cross-cultural community.
- Theory and practice integrated through a five-month internship in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, or the United States.
- Financial aid in the form of scholarships and stipends.

We prepare students for careers in peacebuilding, including research and teaching at colleges and universities, leadership in government and nongovernmental organizations, diplomacy, conflict resolution, and social action. Students accepted to the program join a network of hundreds of Kroc-trained peacebuilders from 90 countries around the world.

For more information, and for instructions on how to apply, please visit our website for prospective students.

For more information about the University of Notre Dame (located in South Bend, Indiana, about 90 miles east of Chicago), visit www.nd.edu

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University of Iowa Sponsored Programs
http://research.uiowa.edu/dsp/main/?get=internat_students_funding

This is a link to the University of Iowa of Sponsored Programs' "Extended Grants Open to or Intended for Non-U.S. Citizens". It basically provides funding sources for international students.

Master's in Public Policy, Public Administration John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Deadline: January 4, 2008

The Kokkalis Program strives to support individuals committed to invigorating the public sector in Southeastern and East-Central Europe by providing fellowships for study at Harvard's s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Eligible to apply for a 2008 Kokkalis Fellowship are natives of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey who are applying for

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one of the following degree programs: Master in Public Policy (MPP); Master in Public Administration (MPA2); Mid-Career Master in Public Administration (MC/MPA); Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID).

Candidates with academic and/or professional backgrounds in one of the following fields are highly encouraged to apply: public policy and/or administration, the non-profit sector, law, economics, social sciences, or related fields. All applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to public service and the region of Southeast Europe.

Candidates must complete both the online Kennedy School application for admission and Kokkalis Fellowship application. For further details on the application process, prospective applicants should visit <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu>

The Deadline for submission of the Kokkalis Fellowship application is 4 January 2008.

II. News you can use

Science Animations

<http://science.nhmccd.edu/biol/animatio.htm#ecology>

The use of a well-placed animation in a lecture can help illuminate any number of important concepts in the sciences. Educators seeking high-quality animations need look no further than this very useful site created by staff members at North Harris Community College. The animations are divided into a number of topics, including plants, ecology, astronomy, geology, anatomy, and biology. Each section contains links to a host of fascinating and helpful animations from institutions like Florida State University, Cambridge University Press, the University of Nebraska, and the University of Alberta. As a note, the astronomy and physics areas are particularly strong, and visitors would do well to take a look at the lunar and planetary time-lapse animations offered up by António Cidadão

Thanks to our RELO Rebecca Smoak based in Bahrain

The Youth Literacy Tables appendix in this report may be of interest, as well as national education expenditures.

Global Education Digest 2007

http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev.php?ID=7002_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics publishes numerous technical guides and strategy papers every year, and this particular document is both timely and important. The Global Education Digest 2007 offers a comparative look at education statistics and spending across the world, and there are a number of findings that are particularly revealing within its pages. One such finding is that governments in sub-Saharan African spend only 2.4% of the world's public education resources, yet about 15% of the school-age population lives in these countries.

Readers can compare education statistics from over 200 countries, and the report also contains a number of useful appendices with additional data.

Currently, the report is available in English, French, and Spanish, and soon it will also be available in Arabic and Russian.

NCAA Freshman-Eligibility Standards - Quick reference sheet 2008 Know the rules!

Core Courses

- Starting August 1, 2008, 16 core courses will be required for NCAA Division I only. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- 14 core courses are required in NCAA Division II. See the breakdown of core-course requirements below.

Test Scores

- Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.
- Division II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the four sections on the ACT: English, math, reading and science.
- All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will no longer be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the clearinghouse code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the clearinghouse.

http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/membership_svcs/eligibility-recruiting/faqs/ie_quick_ref.pdf