FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRAD STUDIES

The MASDAR Institute of Science and Technology in Abu Dhabi has announced full scholarships to graduate students around the world.

Full scholarships are available to talented students who meet the high admission standards, which include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, minimum TOEFL score of 577, and a minimum GRE quantitative score of 700.

Students accepted into the Masdar Institute will be offered a full scholarship, which includes a 100% tuition fee scholarship, textbooks, a laptop, medical insurance, housing in a single-unit apartment at the Masdar campus, reimbursement of travel expenses, reimbursement of TOEFL and GRE exam fees (upon registration at Masdar Institute), and a cost-of-living stipend per month, with no bond or conditions to the scholarship upon graduation.

More information is available on the website at www.masdar.ac.ae. Any questions about the Institute may be directed to assistant provost Stephen Lee at slee@masdar.ac.ae.

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Iowa State University’s Third Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on April 21 from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

The symposium provides undergraduates from all academic disciplines an opportunity to share their research through conference-style oral presentation sessions. This year’s event includes 74 undergraduates representing every college.

All undergraduates are encouraged to attend the symposium to learn about the presentation process and the broad range of undergraduate research activities taking place at ISU. Students, faculty, staff and members of the community are invited to learn about the existing work being done by undergraduates at ISU.

The day’s events will begin with registration and refreshments at 8 a.m. in the Pioneer Room, with opening remarks by ISU Associate Provost David Holger at 8:30. A luncheon for presenters and invited guests will be highlighted by speaker Dr. Gail Nonnecke, ISU horticulture professor.

A schedule of the symposium events, including student presentation titles, rooms and times, will be posted at http://www.undergradresearch.iastate.edu.

Contact Dana Schumacher at dschumac@iastate.edu.

Cultural Connections with Visiting Faculty

Three international visitors—Klara Robertovna from Uzbekistan, Zamzagul Zhanaidarovna from Kazakhstan (both visiting Iowa State University through the Junior Faculty Development Program), and Marina Ulanova, a Fulbright scholar from Russia—would love to talk with Honors students about their experiences. Join them for a free pizza dinner and discussion from 5–6 p.m. April 24 in Jischke. For more information, contact Susan Yager at syager@iastate.edu.

Help Wanted: Fall ’09 Housekeeper and Office Assistant!

Starting at $8/hour, preference for the weekend housekeeper position is given to those with work-study eligibility.

The office assistant position starts at $7.25. Work-study eligibility is required.

Both applications are due April 17. Pick up application and job description in 2130 Jischke. Request information from Linda Young at lindakay@iastate.edu or 294-0573.

See page 3 for a listing of all the students acknowledged in the April 5 Honors & Scholars award ceremony!
SUMMER VOLUNTEER DNR OPPORTUNITIES

April is a great month to get started with volunteering! This is your monthly email letting you know about volunteer opportunities with the Department of Natural Resources.

And don’t forget you can get detailed and up-to-date information on all of the volunteer opportunities at www.keepersoftheland.org. Please add dnr.volunteer@dnr.iowa.gov to your email address book to ensure you do not miss any updates!

Campground hosts needed

Campground hosts live on state park campgrounds during the busy summer season. They answer questions, help with check-in, and do other administrative tasks. Hosts may also help with maintenance, cleanup, and any other tasks they feel motivated to tackle.

http://www.iowadnr.gov/volunteer/camphostpage.html

Fifth Annual Carter Lake Clean Up

Walk the shoreline and pull out tons of trash and tires.

April 18, Carter Lake, Council Bluffs
For more info, contact carterlake@hotmail.com

Spring Clean-Up Day at Beed’s Lake

April 18, 9 a.m.—noon, Beed’s Lake State Park, Hampton
http://idnr.b6.dnr.state.ia.us/kolweb/eventViewDetail.do?eventId=439

Great Garlic Mustard Challenge

Pull invasive garlic mustard plants from public parks in Johnson County.
April 20–May 17, Johnson County
http://www.iowadnr.gov/volunteer/eventViewDetail.do?eventID=439

Prairie Rescues 2009

Volunteer to help restore and improve native Iowa prairies.
http://www.inhf.org/prairierescue2009.htm

Earth Day at the Prairie

Learn about prairie fire, invasive plant species and use a GPS unit!
April 18, 1–8 p.m., Prairie Resource Center, Lehigh, Webster County
http://idnr.b6.dnr.state.ia.us/kolweb/eventViewDetail.do?eventId=425

Project AWARE 2009

A canoe-powered clean-up of the Cedar River will be the most fun you’ll ever have with trash!
June 20–27, Cedar River
http://www.iowaprojectaware.com

Special Events at Iowa State Parks

http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/events_calendar/index.html#april

Facilities Planting at Woodland Island

Paint park facilities. Experience is not required. Opportunity is ongoing pending completion of project. Dates of volunteer service are flexible according to availability.
Wilson Island State Recreation Area, 32801 Campground Lane, Missouri Valley

MORE DETAILS ABOUT FALL 2009 HONORS SEMINARS

Registration for Fall 2009 Honors seminars has begun! Find the reference numbers and full descriptions at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/seminars_f09.php.

Below are the Fall 2009 Honors seminars. The number of credits per course are listed in parentheses (e.g., (2)). Courses that count as an International Perspectives credit are indicated by an asterisk (*), and courses that meet a U.S. Diversity credit are indicated by two asterisks (**).

HON 321A – Yards and Cars: Building Our Suburban Nation—T 4:10–6 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321B – Are You What You Eat?—T 1:10–2 p.m. (2)

HON 321C – Dorm Life, Real Life, Fake Life, No Life: Technology and Community—T 4:10–5 p.m. (1)

HON 321D – Pirates in History, Literature, and Film—Th 7:10–9 p.m. (2)

HON 321E – Creative Writing: Science Fiction and Fantasy—F, 10–10:50 a.m. (1)

HON 321F – Caravaggio to the Expressionists*—Th 4:10–5 p.m. (1)

HON 321G – Exploring the Human-Animal Bond in Memoirs and Film—T 11–11:50 a.m. (1)

HON 321H – Ideas Worth Sharing: Engaging in TED Lectures and Critical Thought—MW 11–11:50 a.m, 2nd Half (1)

HON 321J – Jewish History in Europe: From the Golden Age of Spain to the Holocaust and Beyond*—W 3:10–5 p.m. (2)

HON 321K – Christianity and Science—Th 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321L – The Future of International Development: Continued Aid or Sustainable Action*—T 5:10–7 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321M – This American Life**—Th 1:10–3 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321N – Black Book of Communism: Crimes, Terror, Repression*—T 9–10:50 a.m., 2nd Half (1)

HON 321P – Can You Be Anyone? Using Second Person Point of View to Create Reader-Characters in Fiction—T 11–11:50 a.m. (1)

HON 321Q – Resonance: Intersections Between Music and Architecture*—Th 3:10–4 p.m. (1)

HON 321R – Ethical Eating—W 1:10–3 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321T – The History of Reproductive Rights in America—MW 10–10:50 a.m. (2)

HON 321U – Conflicts in the Middle East*—T 2:10–3 p.m. (1)

HON 321V – Contemporary Arabic Culture*—W 2:10–3 p.m. (1)

HON 321W – Creativity and Your Career—T 5:10–6:00 p.m. (1)

HON 321Y – Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Biological & Ethical Considerations—T 10-10:50 a.m. (1)

HON 321Z – Lessons from the Twilight Zone—MW 4:10–5 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 323A – From Incunabula to PDFs: The Future of Libraries—T 6:10–8 p.m., 2nd Half (1)
The Western European Studies Program in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences invites undergraduate students at ISU to submit essays dealing with Western Europe. The essay topic is open, and could involve any aspect of contemporary or historical European culture, literature, politics, economics, philosophy, etc. Essays should be a minimum of five typed pages, double-spaced, and can be written in English or in any of the languages of Western Europe.

The prizes awarded will be $200 for first place, $100 for second, and $50 for third place. Winners will be recognized publicly and on the Western European Studies Program’s website. Please send essay submissions by April 27 to Western European Studies Program Essay Prize, c/o Prof. Chad M. Gasta, 3102 Pearson Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

For electronic submissions or questions, email Chad M. Gasta at gasta@iastate.edu.