**Honors Undergraduate Assistants (UAs) Opening**

The Honors Program is hiring Undergraduate Assistants (UAs) for 2012! UAs work with University Honors Program staff to provide guidance, support, and coordination for the First-Year Honors Program (FHP). The UAs help to hire, train, and supervise the FHP Leaders as well as assist with the overall coordination of the First-Year Honors program, including the FHP Retreat. The UA position is a great way to gain experience managing projects, facilitating training sessions and classes, and making a big impact for a lot of students!

Meetings describing National Science Foundation’s Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) programs and other summer research opportunities at ISU and elsewhere will be held in mid-November (students only need to attend one):

**Monday, November 12**
5:00 – 6:00 pm
305 Carver

**Tuesday, November 13**
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Memorial Union Gallery

A panel of faculty coordinating summer research programs and students who have participated in them will talk about how to identify programs, application processes, and other topics related to undergraduate research. The meetings are open to all undergraduates; no prior registration is required.

**Meeting on Summer Research Programs**

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Please check out the Honors website (http://www.honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/leadership.php) for the job description, application, and information about the references required. Applications are due Friday, November 2 in 2130 Jischke. Questions? Contact Emily at eawilcox@iastate.edu or 294-5827.
HON 322A, Socrates’ Café: Global Poverty and Undernutrition, Thursday, 10:00-11:50 a.m., 2 credits, International Perspectives Credit

HON 322B, Shoot for the Moon: Lunar Aspirations in History, Literature, & Film, Wednesday, 7:10-9:00 p.m., 2 credits, 1151 Jischke

HON 322C, The Marvelous in the Eeveryday: Magical Realism in Contemporary American Fiction, Wednesday, 11:00-11:50 a.m., 1 credit, 1151 Jischke

HON 322D, Science Communication Secrets: Beyond Speaking clearly, 2nd Half, Friday, 1:10-3:00 p.m., 1 credit

HON 322E, Finding “Home” in the 21st Century, Friday, 3:10-4:00 p.m., 1 credit, 1151 Jischke

HON 322F, Cuisine and Culture: a History of Food and People, Tuesday, 11:00-11:50 a.m., 1 credits, International Perspective

HON 322G, Personal and Professional Leadership, Thursday, 11:00-11:50 a.m., 1 credit,

HON 322H, Explore Public Art Through Art on Campus, 2nd Half, Tuesday, 2:10-4:00 p.m., 1 credits

HON 322J, Technology Use and Abuse in the 21st Century, Wednesday, 9:00-9:50 a.m., 1 credit

HON 322K, The Mathematics of Sudoku, Tuesday, 9:00-9:50 a.m., 1 credit

HON 322L, Service-Learning in Punta Gorda, Belize, Thursday, 4:10-6:00 p.m., 2 credits, 1151 Jischke, International Perspectives Credit

HON 322M, Where Did That Come From? The Origin of Phrases, Tuesday, 1:10-2:00 p.m., 1 credit, 1151 Jischke

HON 322N, Here, There and Everywhere: A Retrospective of the Beatles (R)evolution, 1st Half, Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 1 credit

HON 322P, Consumer Well-being, 1st Half, Monday, 4:10-6:00 p.m., 1 credit

HON 322Q, Money Management, 1st Half, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 1 credit

HON 322R, Bullying in American Schools: What You Can Do to Help, Wednesday, 4:10-5:00 p.m., 1 credit, 1151 Jischke, Diversity Credit

HON 322T, Human Trafficking in the United States and Abroad, Monday, 10:00-11:50 a.m., 2 credits, Diversity Credit

HON 322U, Spring Phenology: From Snowmelt to Finals, 2nd Half, Monday, 2:10-4:00 p.m., 1 credit

HON 322V, Harry Potter: A Retrospective, Monday, 4:10-5:00 p.m., 1 credit

HON 322W, Learning with Lectures, Thursday, 7:10-8:00 p.m., 1 credit, 1151 Jischke

HON 321Y, Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Biological and Ethical Considerations, Wednesday, 10:00-10:50 a.m., 1 credit

HON 322Z, Building A Better You! Discovering and Utilizing Your Strenghts, 1st Half, Wednesday, 4:10-6:00 p.m., 2 credits, 1151 Jischke
GERMAN 476: Topics in German Cultural Studies

CREATIVITY <=> DESTRUCTION

Knowledge, Technology and Disaster in Modern German Culture

From Kant to Kafka, from Marx to Merkel, from von Moltke to von Braun, from Meitner to Manstein, from Humboldt to Haber to Hitler, German creativity and German destruction have gone together. Readings, response papers, and GUIDED research projects will show us how.

NO PREREQUISITES; designed for students with general interests and some experience in history, philosophy, sociology, world languages, or literature. Sophomore classification required.

Meets:
- LAS: International Perspectives requirement
- LAS: Area I (Arts and Humanities) General Education
- Engineering: General Education elective credit
- CALS: Humanities credit
- History Department: cognate course outside major
Available for non-major graduate credit (esp. History/Sociology/IGS)
Available for Honors course credit

TR 2:10 – 3:30
SECTIONS (both sections meet concurrently):
Section 1 (3 credits): for students of all majors
Section 2 (4 credits): for German majors (required for major)

For more information contact:
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Prof. Kevin Amidon

Pilar A. Garcia Student Achievement Fund

This fund was established by a private donor to support enrichment experiences for students at Iowa State University, including, but not limited to, study abroad, travel to conferences, research projects, etc. A student may request funding up to $1,000 per academic year.

Application deadlines:

November 15, 2012
April 1, 2013

Guidelines and application available at http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/whatwedo/scholarships.php

Questions? Contact Martha Tanner, Tannerma@iastate.edu or 294-0322.

REE in Renewable Energy

REU in Renewable Energy at Colorado School of Mines (May 27, 2013 to August 2, 2013)

The Renewable Energy Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (REMRSEC) REU program invites exceptional undergraduate math, science, and engineering students to participate in a ten-week summer research program addressing fundamental materials issues related to the science and technology of renewable energy. These highly interdisciplinary studies focus on multiple areas that are open to all materials science, engineering, physics, chemistry, mathematics, chemical engineering, and computer science majors.

Benefits include a $4,500 stipend, on-campus housing, travel reimbursement, and financial support to present research results at an upcoming national conference. Application materials, as well as videos of the college campus, REMRSEC, and previous student research projects can be found at http://remrsec.mines.edu/reu.htm.

The application deadline is February 1, 2013, although strong candidates will be accepted early. For more information contact Dr. Chuck Stone – Director, REMRSEC REU, Colorado School of Mines, 1523 Illinois Street, Golden, CO 80401 [email: cstone@mines.edu and phone: (303) 273-3762].
Hiring Conference Managers

Looking for a great opportunity? Consider working as a Conference Manager for the Department of Residence! We're looking for enthusiastic, customer-oriented, and dedicated staff to enhance a team-oriented partnership with conference, dining, housing facilities, and other staff. Conference Managers manage housing accommodations, related services, and student staffing for summer conference groups living in ISU residence halls and apartments including: youth sports camps, academic workshops, ISU Orientation, Special Olympics Iowa, etc. Assist with selection, training, and supervision of approximately 19 student summer staff. Pay is $10.75 (spring) & $12.50 (summer)/hour and a summer meal plan. Hours are part-time during spring and full-time in summer. This is great experience for those in Event or Hospitality Management, Marketing, Business, and all other majors, and this may qualify as internship experience. Applications and additional information are on-line at www.housing.iastate.edu/conferences/stu-employment/ and are due by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Alternative Breaks

Want to Make a Difference? Do Something Different?!

Join ISU Alternative Breaks

Spend your Spring Break with ISU Alternative Breaks on a destination service trip! Teams of students engage in a week-long community service trip during Spring Break at community agencies across the country, critically engage in social justice issues presented, and learn how to integrate an expanded perspective into their own lives.

This years Spring Break trips:

- Tinkering on the Trail (with the American Hiking Society)
- The Reservation Experience (at Cheyenne River Youth Project)
- Farming Hands (at Harvest Farms)
- Fueling Families (with Refugee Family Services)
- Building Better Neighborhoods (with Christmas in Action)
- Fraternal Relevance Trip (Indianapolis, IN)

Apply Online at: www.sac.iastate.edu/altbreaks by Friday, November 2nd at 5 p.m.

Honors Section of Eng 314- seats still available

English 314H, Honors Technical Communication, fulfills the advanced communication requirement in lots of majors, especially in Engineering and other STEM disciplines. This class, which emphasizes principles and processes for effective written communication of technical information, will be offered Spring semester Tu-Th 9:30-11. The instructor is award-winning Professor Charlie Kostelnick, who has a long history of working with Honors students and the program. There are still a few seats left – if you want to take this class, sign up now!

A Course on Chaucer

Why is Professor Susan Yager, Honors Faculty Director, in a lifelong relationship with a very old yet vibrant poet? You can find out this spring by taking her English 440 course, Seminar on British Literature: Chaucer. You should have at least junior status, but you don’t need the listed prerequisites; a previous college lit course would be helpful, however. Best of all, you can easily contract to make this an Honors course, no matter your major. (Susan says Geoffrey Chaucer’s poetry is almost as accommodating as Harry Potter the way it incorporates aspects of many disciplines.) But you can’t take both Engl 314H and Engl 440 - both meet Tu-Th 9:30-11 a.m. in the Spring 2013 semester.

Join Phi Sigma Pi!

Phi Sigma Pi is a new Co-ed honor fraternity here on campus open to all majors. The requirement for membership is a 3.0 G.P.A. along with dues and attendance at weekly meetings. We are a new group on campus looking for members that want to get involved and gain leadership experience. We meet on Sunday’s at 7pm in Carver 290. If you would like additional information please email the Colony President Ryan Dincher at rdincher@iastate.edu or the Vice President Caitlyn Herndon at cherdon@iastate.edu. We look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting.
Apply to be a 2013 FHP Leader!

Are you looking for a way to stand out at Iowa State? Would you like to help first-year students have a good transition to the Honors Program? Are you interested in putting your own stamp on a long-running, successful campus program? Do you have a burning desire to go to the FHP retreat again? Apply to be a 2013 FHP Leader!

The Honors First-Year Program (FHP) is a unique educational opportunity designed to help students have a successful transition to Iowa State and the University Honors Program. The program focuses on enhancing students' experiences academically, socially, and leadership-wise. FHP Leaders work in co-leader teams to facilitate HON 121, a twice-weekly seminar. FHP Leaders lead discussions, plan events, attend lectures, and facilitate group activities for their section. Leaders also plan, coordinate, and attend the FHP retreat. Leaders are required to attend training sessions in the spring semester and enroll in HON 302 in the fall semester to receive ongoing development, training, and support from Honors staff. For the complete job description (including mandatory training dates), please see the FHP application.

Applications are available on the Honors website (http://www.honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/leadership.php) and are due in 2130 Jschke on December 7, 2012. Questions? Contact Emily at eawilcox@iastate.edu or 294-5827

Proposals Sought for 2013 ISCORE

Proposals for 50-minute presentations are being accepted through Nov. 26 for the annual Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity (ISCORE), to be held March 1, 2013, at the Memorial Union. ISCORE is a comprehensive forum on issues of race and ethnicity at Iowa State and beyond. Students, staff and faculty will provide concurrent sessions at the conference. Proposals should be submitted online.

http://www.iscore.iastate.edu/proposal.html

Honors Undergrad Research: Fellowship at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

What It Is
The Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Regents Resource Center announces the inaugural competition for six honors undergraduate research fellowships. Each fellowship comes with a $2,000 stipend, food and lodging expenses for one month at Lakeside Laboratory on West Okoboji Lake in northwest Iowa and up to $1,000 for supplies and equipment. Lakeside offers convenient accommodations with easy access to native and restored aquatic, wetland, and prairie habitats.

Who It Is For
The competition is open to Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa students in biology, geology, environmental science, entomology, and related fields who wish to conduct part or all of their honors research at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory in the Okoboji region. Eligible students should be part of a recognized honors program at their university or college.

How to Apply
Electronically submit the following information to stephen–hendrix@uiowa.edu
1. Maximum two-page description of your research project including a description of the portion of the project to be conducted at Iowa Lakeside Lab;
2. A copy of your most recent transcript at your university or college; and
3. A letter of reference from your Honors Mentor or Honors Program Officer.

When to Apply
Consideration of completed applications will begin January 15, 2013 and continue until all six fellowships are filled.

Questions?
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