**Undergraduate Research Assistantships**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA) Program. The URA program encourages outstanding juniors and seniors to pursue graduate study by offering them hands-on experience in a formal research environment. Participation in the URA Program assists students in making career decisions and in attaining information about graduate education and fellowships.

In its twenty-fourth year, the URA program continues to help students develop technical and manipulative skills as well as foster originality, imagination, judgment, and patience -- the traits of an independent scholar. Submitting an application does not guarantee a URA.

To qualify for the URA Program, students must:
- Be classified as juniors or seniors by the beginning of the term employed as a URA
- File the 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be eligible for work study funding (be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen)
- Maintain an ISU cumulative GPA of at least 3.25
- Complete URA application (deadline of March 31)

Applications and the guidelines and procedures are available on-line at: http://financialaid.iastate.edu/employment/ura.php

For further information contact Julie Arnold at (515) 294-0103 or jaarnol@iastate.edu

**Fulbright UK Summer Institutes**

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce the opening of its competition for the 2011 UK Summer Institutes. Participants in these programs will get the opportunity to experience an exciting academic program at a highly regarded UK University, explore the culture, heritage and history of the UK and develop their academic ability by improving presentation, research and communication skills.

There are three Summer Programmes available for US students in 2011:
- Fulbright Commission Newcastle University Summer Institute
- Fulbright Commission Roehampton University London Summer Institute
- Fulbright Commission Wales Summer Institute

The Summer Institute will cover the majority of the participant costs.

This includes round-trip airfare from the US to the UK, tuition and fees at the University, accommodation and social program and meals.

The program is open to students in all courses of study. The deadline to apply is April 15. For more information and applications, please visit: http://www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institute
Hiring Summer Conference Staff

Looking for a great summer job? Consider working for the Department of Residence on the Summer Conference Staff! We provide front-line quality service to summer conference guests of all ages in our facilities. We’re looking for friendly, flexible, and hard-working staff who want to develop valuable job skills and work on a dedicated, fun-loving team. Pay is $7.25/hour with free housing at selected Frederiksen Court apartments and a 25-meal plan block & $400 Dining Dollars (other housing and salary options are available). The job lasts from May 17-August 4. You can stay in Ames and take a class (optional)!

Application packets are on-line at http://www.housing.iastate.edu/about/employment/conference-services.html and are due Wednesday, February 16.

Edible Book Festival 2011

Please join us for the Edible Book Festival 2011 on April 1 in the Bookends Reading Room, NE corner of Parks Library (1st floor).

The competition is open to anyone in the Ames community, and entries can be submitted by individuals or teams.

Everyone who stops by to see the show will have the chance to vote for their favorite entries. In addition to the public vote, a panel of judges will select the winner of the Critics’ Choice award, with a prize donated by ISU Library Preservation Department.

RULES FOR ENTRY
The rules are simple: play with your food! Using edible materials, design and build a book structure or diorama based on a book’s title, characters, content, or cover art. Register by March 26, 2011 for a chance to win a prize!

TO REGISTER: Email the following information to EdibleBooksISU@gmail.com:
-Your name or the names of your team members
-The title of your Edible Book Festival entry
-The competition is open to anyone in the Ames community, but if you are representing an ISU department, residence hall, Greek house, or specific academic course, please include this information as well.

For more detailed information about the event and some great edible books ideas, please visit the Edible Book Festival 2011 web page: http://parkslibrarypreservation.wordpress.com/edible-books-2011/

Questions may be directed to Melissa Tedone, Library Conservator, at tedone@iastate.edu.