Welcome to Honors

The Honors staff is always excited to see the return of the students and to hear friends new and old greeting each other. Summer in Jischke is quiet, and though we appreciated the first weeks of summer, we quickly start to count down the days till you return. For us, working in Honors means continuous learning. Rarely a week goes by without a student sharing a new discovery, concept, song or bit of pop culture with the staff.

As you start this academic year, take time to contemplate what it means to be an Honors student and what you wish to get out of this experience. Our Honors Program is designed to support your personal long-term goals. The program is not about just checking items on a to-do list, but thinking about where you want to go. Honors seminars, contracted Honors courses, or Engineering points are not hoops to jump through for a prize, but opportunities to learn and explore. We hope you will be educated, and educate yourself, both within and beyond your major. Take a chance, take an opportunity, take action to ensure that you are (in words found in the Memorial Union) learning not just to make a living, but “to live a life!"

Have a great year,
The Honors Staff

Research Opportunities

The Honors Program office occasionally receives inquiries from faculty who are interested in working with Honors undergraduates on research projects. These are different from the First-Year Mentor Program and may be set up as credit-bearing experiences, internships, or even part-time jobs.

These positions will be posted to a sign in the Jischke common area, so if you are interested in exploring such opportunities, be sure to check it out!
EuroScholars is a study abroad program, offered by one of our affiliates, for advanced students whereby students can conduct research at a high caliber institution while taking a language and culture class. Students should have a strong interest in an academic/research career and a GPA of 3.4 or higher. Students do not need to have research experience, however, science students should have ample academic experience in a laboratory setting.

The main element of the EuroScholars program is the Research Project. When applying to the EuroScholars program, students will select a specific research project from the EuroScholars Research Project Database. Almost all projects are ongoing research projects at the host institution, so as a EuroScholar, students will be an active contributor to an already existing research team. Over 170 Research Projects at the 12 partner universities are available, in many fields of study. Projects are available in Arts and Humanities, Performing Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Computer Science, Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Law, Economics, Management, Politics and Social Studies. The other part of the curriculum is built around the Research Project in dialogue with the supervising professor.

For information in ISUAbroad go to: http://isuabroad.iastate.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=11870&Type=O&sType=O

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**Honors Ambassadors 2011-2012**

The Honors Program welcomes back five of Ambassadors from 2010-2011. The Honors Ambassadors volunteer their time to share their enthusiasm and experience with prospective Honors students and families and play a key role in helping our new students.

*Allie Bender,* senior in Animal Science  
*Tessa Brow,* senior in English and Math  
*Chris Jacobs,* sophomore Chemical Engineering  
*Anndrea Joiner,* sophomore in Architecture  
*Jared Knight,* junior in Political Science  
*Jake Hemberger,* senior in Chemical Engineering and Biology

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**Conradtations to the newest Honors Ambassadors for 2011-2012. We are thrilled to have seven new students joining our team this year:**

*Emily Eulberg,* junior in Animal Science  
*Kirsten Johanson,* senior in Agricultural Business, Business Management, and Economics  
*Megan Leill,* junior in Food Science  
*Mitchell Nieland,* junior in Performing Arts and Spanish  
*Mischa Olson,* senior in Biology and Spanish  
*Diane Walsh,* junior in Psychology  
*Kelcy Weibel,* sophomore in Biology

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**Participating Institutions:**  
Università de Genève, Switzerland  
University of Helsinki, Finland  
Lund University, Sweden  
Ruprecht Karls University, Heidelberg, Germany  
Leiden University, the Netherlands  
Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy  
K. U. Leuven University, Belgium  
University of Zurich, Switzerland  
Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich, Germany  
Karolinska Insitutet, Stockholm, Sweden  
Utrecht University, The Netherlands  
Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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**Conference Travel Funds for Undergrads:**  
Are you an undergraduate delivering an academic paper at a conference? Is your undergraduate group sending a delegation to a conference? You may qualify for funding from the Undergraduate Conference Travel Fund, a collaborative effort of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Executive Vice President and Provost. Students may apply for funding as individuals or on behalf of student organizations. Guidelines and application form are available at http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/whatwedo/forms/UCTF%20Application.pdf.
TOUR THE WORLD: Engineering Study and Work Abroad Fair

Engineering International Engagement is hosting “Tour The World” Engineering Study & Work Abroad Fair! Travel to the Howe Hall Atrium on Tuesday, September 6, 5:30 - 7:00pm, to see what international opportunities await ISU engineers. At “Tour The World” you’ll find:

- Information about more than 30 engineering-friendly international programs.
- ISU faculty coordinators, students who have experienced these programs, international exchange students currently studying at ISU, and academic advisors—all happy to answer your questions.
- Free food, fun opportunities, music, and door prizes!

New Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

The Division of Student Affairs has created several funding opportunities for current ISU students. Guidelines and applications for all awards can be found online at http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/whatwedo/scholarships.php. An information session for applicants will be held Tuesday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Gold Room. Attendance at this session is not required to submit an application.

Johnny and Terry Pickett Student Enrichment Fund

This fund provides support to students from underrepresented groups who wish to pursue careers in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. A student may request funding up to $1,000 to facilitate experiences such as internships, research, and study abroad tailored to enhance his or her career interest and potential.

Application deadlines:
October 1, 2011 for activities taking place in fall 2011
November 15, 2011 for activities taking place in spring/summer 2012

Kappa Alpha Theta High Flyer Award

This award recognizes a female student who is an outstanding undergraduate leader at Iowa State University. The recipient must be a senior in academic year 2012-2013 and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 at the time of application. The amount of this award is $10,000, divided between two semesters.

Application deadline: Noon on Friday, December 9, 2011

Sesquicentennial “Learning to Live a Life” Leadership Award

This award annually recognizes a student who has taken advantage of opportunities at Iowa State University to apply his or her knowledge to real life projects and experiences. The successful applicant will show how he or she has used initiative to develop a significant, unique project with demonstrable results. The recipient must be a junior or senior as of fall 2012. The amount of this award is $3,000, divided between two semesters.

Application deadline: Noon on Friday, December 9, 2011

President’s Leadership Initiative Awards

The President’s Leadership Initiative Awards are awarded on the basis of demonstrated leadership (see individual award descriptions for additional guidelines). Each PLI award is $2,000, divided between two semesters.

Application deadline: Noon on Friday, December 9, 2011

Minority Student Scholarships

These four scholarships are awarded to students from minority backgrounds (see individual award descriptions for additional guidelines). Each award is $2,000, divided between two semesters.

Application deadline: Noon on Friday, December 9, 2011

An information session for applicants will be held Tuesday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Gold Room. Attendance at this session is not required to submit an application.

Questions? Contact Martha Tanner, tannerma@iastate.edu or 294-0322.
Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater – these names belong to a handful of foundations that award the nation’s most prestigious and selective scholarships. Among these awards, opportunities exist for students at all levels, for both undergraduate and post-baccalaureate study, in a broad range of disciplines. These scholarships recognize students of exceptional merit who have established outstanding records of accomplishment in and out of the classroom – records that are the result of effort, talent, initiative and planning. The University Honors Program provides both Honors and non-Honors students with information about these major awards.

Information meetings on a number of national scholarships will be held in the coming weeks. If you are interested in learning more, dig into the National Scholarship web page at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/scholarship_intro.php and attend the meetings on those that best fit your history and goals.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION MEETINGS
(Note: you need to attend only one session for those with multiple times):

Goldwater Scholarship
4:00 - 5:00, Thursday, September 22, Room 3512 Memorial Union
12:00 – 1:00, Friday, September 23, 1151 Jischke

International Scholarships for Language and/or Post-Graduate Study by US Students
5:00 – 6:00, Tuesday, Nov 15, Memorial Union Gold Room

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship
4:00 – 5:00, Thursday, October 27, Room 3512 Memorial Union
5:00 – 6:00, Tuesday, November 15, Memorial Union Gold Room

Truman Scholarship:
12:00 noon on Friday, September 16, in 1151 Jischke Building

Udall Scholarship
4:00 – 5:00 on Wednesday, October 26 in 1151 Jischke
12:00 – 1:00 on Friday, October 28 in 1151 Jischke