# Fellowships for STAR Scholars

**Drexel Fellowships Office** 



- Not financial aid
- Merit-based: Highly motivated and ambitious students
- International or Domestic, Undergraduate or Graduate, Summer/semester/year/multi-year
- Opportunities to Excel
  - New Ideas/Research
  - New Cultures
  - Mentoring
- Prestige
- Money

# What are Fellowships?

# Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program

Goldwater Scholarship

- Funds outstanding undergraduates in the STEM fields
- Tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to \$7,500/year for 1-2 years
- Requires University nomination
- Must be either U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents and sophomores or juniors
- Campus Deadline: Jan 10, 2011

## **Goldwater Scholarship**





NASA Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology (MUST)

- Scholarships and paid internships for highachieving STEM undergraduates
- Particularly focused on engaging students from underserved and underrepresented groups
- One-year scholarship of up to one-half of tuition, not to exceed \$10,000
- Must be U.S. citizens and sophomores or juniors, GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Deadline: February 2011

#### **NASA MUST**



#### **SMART**

SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS & RESEARCH FOR TRANSFORMATION

PART OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Department of Defense Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (DOD SMART)

- Funding for outstanding students in the STEM fields
- Full tuition and fees, a \$25-41,000 stipend, paid summer internships, mentoring, and postgraduation employment
- Awardees are assigned to a DoD lab upon selection
- Post-graduation service requirement at a DoD lab
- Must be U.S. citizens
- Deadline: December 1, 2010



### **DOD SMART**



**Boren Awards** 

- Provide funding for undergraduate students to study in areas critical to national security
- Emphasize learning less commonly taught languages
- Require 1 year of federal government service
- Students design their own programs that must be connected to U.S. national security (broadly defined)
- Award amount varies
- Campus Deadline: Jan 11, 2011

# **Boren Scholarships**



Truman Scholarship

- Provides funding (\$30.000) and leadership training to outstanding students for graduate degrees in public service
- Candidates with exceptional leadership potential with a dedication to community service
- Truman Scholars commit to working in the public interest for three of the seven years post-supported graduate school
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens and college juniors at the time of selection.
- Campus deadline: January 10, 2011

# Truman Scholarship



**Fulbright Scholarship** 

- Administered by Dept. of State
- Scholarships in over 140 countries
- Open to recent B.S./B.A. graduates, master's and doctoral candidates, young professionals and artists
- Most grantees plan their own research or study programs

Deadline: Sept/Oct 2011

# **Fulbright Scholarships**



- This prestigious award offers three years of financial support (\$30,000/year + educational stipend) to top students committed to research careers
- Criteria: Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts
- Women, under-represented minorities and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents, and be either graduating Seniors, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate students. BS/MS students can apply in their fourth year, assuming that their graduate study begins in their fifth year.
- Deadlines run from November 15-22, depending on field of study.

### **NSF GRFP**

- Initial information and advice
- Preparing your strongest application
  - Essay-writing advice and feedback
- Campus processes
  - Consulting with faculty letter writers
  - Setting up campus nominating committees/interviews as necessary
- Getting completed applications out on time

**How the Fellowships Office Helps** 

- Start early
- Look for a good fit, then be yourself.
- Top grades plus
  - Get involved, be proactive
- Get to know faculty
  - Get outside input/readers in the discipline
  - Detail-rich recommendation letters

### **How Students Win**

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