

UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS

 MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

Office of University Fellowships Newsletter

Spring 2016

Congratulations to Fartun Musse, Gilman Scholarship Recipient!

Musse (Ethnic Studies, '16) will study abroad in Seoul, South Korea through the Minnesota State Mankato Exchange from February - June, 2016.

Reflection on Juneau Icefield Research Program Joseph Wolf '16, Geography

During the summer of 2015, I spent two months on the Juneau Icefield in Alaska, learning about glaciology under the Juneau Icefield Research Program (JIRP). Thirty-two undergraduate and graduate students from around the world learned how to cross-country ski, rescue someone from a crevasse, and many other glacial travel survival skills. We explored almost every aspect of glaciology through lectures and hands-on experience from world-renowned glacial researchers and professors.

There are four permanent camps on the Icefield that are only occupied in the summer months. We stayed at each camp for around ten days, with 12 to 23-mile ski journeys in between each one. Each student created and completed a research project; examples include measuring how much snow fell the past winter, or how fast the glacier was moving down the slope.

I gained personal and academic growth from this experience. We were cut off from electricity, and I discovered it was very rewarding to get away from my phone and email. All communication with family and friends was from letters, which were flown in by helicopters. This experience taught me much about myself and others when we were many miles away from civilization.

I am grateful for receiving scholarships from the Minnesota State Mankato Department of Geography, the Minnesota State Mankato College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the JIRP; without them, this experience would not have been possible!

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Featured Awards

Goldwater Scholarship

This award funds U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are *receiving the Federal Pell Grant to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad*. Over 2,700 awards of up to \$5,000 will be awarded this academic year alone. For more information, visit <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

The program funds *Study/Research Grants and English Teaching Assistantships* in over 140 countries. The Study/Research Grant category includes projects *both in academic and arts fields*. Successful applicants use grants to attend graduate school, carry out independent projects, and teach English abroad. For more information, visit <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>.

Critical Language Scholarship

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, this program offers a *fully-funded overseas language and cultural and linguistic immersion program* during the summer for American undergraduate and graduate students. *First-year through graduate students* are eligible to apply. For more information, visit <http://www.clscholarship.org>.

Rhodes/Marshall/Mitchell Scholarships

These three awards fund young Americans' graduate study in the UK and Ireland. Email fellowships@mnsu.edu to set up an advising appointment if you are interested in these opportunities, as they all require institutional endorsement from Minnesota State Mankato.

Award Deadlines

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURFs) & NSF REU's

Varies from late January - March

*Udall

Campus: January
National: March

*Boren

Campus: January
National: March

Fulbright Institutes for Undergraduates

National: February

Gilman

National: March

*Fulbright Application

Cycle opens on March 31, 2016

Contact the Office of University Fellowships if you are interested in any award.

**Awards with campus deadlines require institutional endorsement.*

Spring Student Programs

- **Gilman Ambassador: Beth Lohrenz**
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 4 P.M.-5:30 P.M. — MH 265
- **Information Session: Public Service Awards**
Tuesday, March 1, 4 P.M.-6 P.M. — MH 265
- **Information Session: STEM Awards**
Tuesday, April 5, 4 P.M.-6 P.M. — MH 265
- **Fulbright Information Session**
Tuesday, April 19, 4 P.M.-5 P.M. — MH 265

Visit our social media and website often to stay up to date on these and other events!

Spring Faculty Programs

- **SIG Webinar:**
Motivating Our Best & Brightest
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 12 P.M.-1 P.M., Virtual
- **CETL Scholars-at-Work Session:**
Motivating Our Best & Brightest
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 3 P.M.-4 P.M., ML
- **Workshop:**
Writing Recommendation Letters for Award Applicants
Friday, March 25, 1 P.M.-3 P.M., MH 265

Interested students and faculty who cannot attend an event should contact fellowships@mnsu.edu for more information about the office in general or specific awards.