2009-2010 National and International Scholarship Committee

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Overall, it was a mixed year in the scholarship/fellowship realm for Tufts undergraduates. While we did not win any of the “biggies” (Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater), five Tufts students won major national fellowships/scholarship competitions. Our students won two Pickering Scholarships for foreign service aspirants (Mary Jo Pham and Anna Boulos), one CORO Fellowship for Leadership Development (Ikenna Acholonu), one Rangel Fellowship (Tessa Henry), and one spot on the USA Today Academic All-American team (Rachel Brown). We also had record tying/setting years in two other important competitions. Eight former Tufts undergraduates won National Science Foundation Fellowships for graduate study, more than we have ever had before. The Fulbright process is not completely over, but a record 18 students are Fulbright winners (alas, one declined so Fulbright credits us with 17 winners). Three more students are alternates and still have some chance at acceptance. We do not yet have information on Rotary Scholarships. Kudos to Director of Scholarships/Fellowships Laura Doane, who has done a magnificent job guiding and advising students through all of these competitions. Below is an overtime look at Tufts success in these scholarship competitions.

National scholarships include Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater, Beinecke, Luce, CORO, USA Today, Udall, Cooke, Churchill, Soros, Emerson Hunger, Pickering, Rangel, and Mellon. The Mellon Program ended in 2005. This chart does not include NSF Graduate Fellowships or Fulbright/Rotary.

Below is an over-time report on Fulbright and Rotary winners. This includes only those who accepted the award. We do not yet have information on the Rotary competitions.
The following faculty served on the committee, helping students with their applications, selecting Tufts nominees for the various competitions, and preparing students for interviews. We are grateful for their participation.

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Glaser, James M. Dean of Undergraduate Education
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Pechenik, Jan Biology Professor 08-09
Remick, Elizabeth Political Science Associate Professor
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Tan, Chih Economics Assistant Professor
Taylor, Holly Psychology Professor
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We also thank Nancy Wilson of Tisch College, Amalia Jiva, former Assistant Director of the Academic Resource Center, and David Proctor for their service to the committee.

This is a very rewarding committee to serve on. When students win major awards, it can be life-changing for them and it is great for the university. Any faculty member who is interesting in joining should contact Laura Doane in Undergraduate Education.