2010-2011 Report of the Scholarships/Fellowships Committee

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It was once again a mixed year in the scholarship/fellowship realm for Tufts undergraduates. Three Tufts students won major national fellowships/scholarship competitions. One outstanding junior Mathematics major (Sarah Cannon) won the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, one graduating senior was selected for the CORO Fellowship for Leadership Development (Shabbaz Stuart), and, for the first time in our five years of nominating students for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellowship, a former undergraduate (Alexandra Blackman) was selected for this honor. We continue our strong standing in the Fulbright competition with 10 grant offers thus far, and three more finalists still awaiting word. We also had a record setting year in another important competition: eleven current and former Tufts undergraduates won National Science Foundation Fellowships for graduate study, besting our previous record of eight of these awards.

Tufts finalists in the major national competitions outweighed winners, however. In addition to the Carnegie winner, another recent graduate was interviewed in that competition. Two additional seniors retain alternate status for the CORO Fellowship. Ten current and former undergraduates were designated as Honorable Mentions in the NSF competition. For the first time in many years, a Tufts undergraduate achieved finalist status for the graduate Soros Fellowship for New Americans. And, although no Tufts student was awarded a Truman Scholarship this year, two of our four nominees were selected as finalists.

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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We also thank Nancy Wilson, Dean of Tisch College, Kristina Aikens, Assistant Director of the Academic Resource Center, Amy Woodbury Tease 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.