2011-2012 Report of the Scholarships/Fellowships Committee

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It was another successful year in the scholarships/fellowships realm for Tufts undergraduates. Continuing a historical strength, three graduating seniors (Erik Antokal, William Huang, Suzanne Schlossberg) have been offered Coro Fellowships in Public Affairs; two additional interviewees have been named alternates. For the second consecutive year, a recent Tufts alumna (Alexandra Siegel, ’11) won a Carnegie Endowment for Peace Junior Fellowship. We continue our strong standing in the Fulbright competition with 10 grant offers thus far, with two alternates and three more finalists still awaiting word. We also had a record matching year in another important competition: eleven current and former Tufts undergraduates won National Science Foundation Fellowships for graduate study. Twelve additional Tufts undergraduates and recent alumnae were named Honorable Mention for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

Perhaps most notable this year, a graduating senior (Sarah Cannon) was offered an interview for the Rhodes Scholarship. Though not ultimately offered a Rhodes, Sarah’s accomplishment marks the first Tufts-affiliated Rhodes finalist in 14 years. Also of note, for the first time in several years, an undergraduate (Seth Rau) was awarded an interview for the prestigious Luce Scholarship.

The following faculty served on the committee, helping students with their applications, selecting Tufts nominees for various external competitions, selecting winners of internal competitions and preparing students for interviews. We are grateful for their participation.

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Holly Taylor, Professor, Psychology
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We also thank the following staff members for their service to the committee:
Nancy Wilson, Dean ad Interim of Tisch College
Kristina Aikens, Assistant Director of the Academic Resource Center
Jean Papalia, Director of Career Services
Nichola Minott, Fletcher PhD student, 2011 Fulbright Program Consultant

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. Service typically involves just one or two selection/nomination sub-committees during the academic year. Any faculty member who is interesting in joining should contact Laura Doane in Undergraduate Studies.