2012-2013 Report of the Scholarships/Fellowships Committee

Carmen Lowe, Dean of Academic Advising & Undergraduate Studies

It was a mixed year for the Scholarships/Fellowships Committee. Laura Doane transitioned to a new position in the university, and Anne Moore took over in the new position of Program Specialist in Scholar Development. While the transition took some toll in Tufts’ performance in competitions in the Humanities and Social Sciences, we had higher numbers in the STEM fields than ever before.

Continuing a historical strength, graduating senior Averi Becque has been offered the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs. Tufts also maintained its strong record with the Carnegie Endowment for Peace, graduating senior David Smythe was a finalist for the Foundation’s Junior Fellowship. One place where our performance decreased was in the Fulbright competition, with only five students from Tufts receiving Fulbright grants, with two named as alternates; on the bright side, our first ever Fulbright mtvU finalist is awaiting word.

Perhaps most notable this year was Tufts’ performance in scholarships and fellowships in the STEM fields. Two Tufts undergraduates were offered the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship this year: Samuel Bashevkin in Biology and Noah Kurinsky in Engineering Physics. Sam is also Tufts’ current Astronaut Scholar, an award that has carried over from last year. We also had a record year in another important competition: twelve current and former Tufts undergraduates won National Science Foundation Fellowships for graduate study. Nine additional Tufts undergraduates and recent alumnae were named Honorable Mention for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

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.

Carmen Lowe, Dean of Academic Advising & Undergraduate Studies, Chair
Anne Moore, Program Specialist, Scholar Development

Julie Dobrow, Lecturer, Child Development
Richard Eichenberg, Associate Professor, Political Science
James Glaser, Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts & Sciences
Anna Hardman, Senior Lecturer, Economics
Misha Kilmer, Professor, Mathematics
Joshua Kritzer, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Kelly MacLaughlin, Associate Professor, Biology
Eric Miller, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Pedro Angel Palou, Associate Professor, Romance Languages
David Proctor, Lecturer, History
Michael Reed, Professor Biology
Ann-Christine Rice, Lecturer, Romance Languages
Saskia Stoessel, Senior Lecturer, German, Russian & Asian Languages & Literature
Chris Swan, Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Eric Todd Quinto, Professor, Mathematics
Heather Urry, Assistant Professor, Psychology
Arthur Utz, Associate Professor, Chemistry

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
Laura Doane, Director of Advising & Scholarships

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 interested in joining should contact Anne Moore in Academic Advising & Undergraduate Studies.