2013-2014 Report of the Scholarships/Fellowships Committee

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In the realm of prestigious nationally-competitive scholarships and fellowships, it was an extremely successful year for Tufts undergraduates, and for Tufts overall. Tufts was named as the Truman Foundation Honor Institution for 2014 by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation to recognize the extraordinary achievement in which two Tufts students were selected as Truman Scholars. Further, all four of Tufts’ 2014 nominees for the Truman Scholarship were named as finalists, another first for Tufts. Amber Rose Johnson (American Studies) and Safiya Subedjgo (International Relations) are the latest Tufts students selected as Truman Scholars, while Ariel Branz (International Relations/Community Health) and Rebecca Goldberg (American Studies/Community Health) were Truman Finalists. The Truman Foundation will send Tufts a plaque to recognize our status as a Truman Foundation Honor Institution. Scholar Development Program Specialist Anne Moore was also recognized by the Truman Scholarship Foundation as someone “who no doubt deserves much of the credit for the wonderful Truman Scholars and Truman Candidates that Tufts sends to us.”

We had a record-matching year for the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, with Summer Morrill (Biology) and Andrew Rosen (Chemical Engineering) both named as winners.

We also had a student receive the highly competitive National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, Sam Bashevkin from Biology (prior winner of the Goldwater and Astronaut Scholarships). Continuing this success in the STEM fields, we had our first finalist on record for the Churchill Scholarship, Math major Eric Kernfeld.

Continuing a historical strength, two Tufts students (Alex Wallach Hanson, Political Science ’14, and Sophie Dover, Sociology/Community Health ’13) have been offered Coro Fellowships in Public Affairs. We continue our strong standing in the Fulbright competition with 10 grant offers thus far, with one alternate still awaiting word. We had an excellent year in another important competition: eight current and former Tufts undergraduates won National Science Foundation Fellowships for graduate study. Fourteen 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.

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Anne Moore, Program Specialist, Scholar Development

Barker, John; Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Beckley, Michael; Associate Professor, Political Science
Bennett, Clay; Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Bernheim, Harry; Professor, Biology
Blanchette, Alex; Assistant Professor, Anthropology
Cohen, Steven; Senior Lecturer, Education
Ellmore, George; Associate Professor, Biology
Evrgenis, Ioannis; Associate Professor, Political Science
Glaser, Jim; Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences
Gute, David; Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Hardman, Anna; Senior Lecturer, Economics
Hescott, Benjamin; Assistant Professor, Computer Science
Lantagne, Danielle; Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Lin, Yu-Shan; Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Manjapra, Kris; Assistant Professor, History
Nathans, Heather; Professor, Drama and Dance
Palou, Pedro Angel; Associate Professor, Romance Languages (Spanish)
Proctor, David; Lecturer, History
Quinto, Eric Todd; Professor, Mathematics
Remedios, Jessica; Assistant Professor, Psychology
Soares, Cristiane; Lecturer, Romance Languages (Portuguese)
Stoessel, Saskia; Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, German, Russian, & Asian Languages (German)
Storeygard, Adam; Assistant Professor, Economics
Sullivan, Vickie; Professor, Classics
Taylor, Rosemary; Associate Professor, Sociology
Williams, Darryl; Associate Dean of Recruitment and Retention, Engineering
Xu, Man; Assistant Professor, History

We also thank the following staff members for their service to the committee:
Robin Olinsky, Associate Director of the Academic Resource Center
Kristina Aikens, Assistant Director of the Academic Resource Center
Laura Doane, Associate Dean of Orientation and Student Transition
Jean Papalia, Director of Career Services

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 Anne Moore in Undergraduate Studies.