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## I. Scholarships and Fellowships

### MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN AT UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

University of Rhode Island (URI) offers merit scholarships to international freshman applicants. All students who apply by **February 1<sup>st</sup>** will be considered. While most of their applicants submit SATs to be considered for scholarships, they will consider students who apply without them. Students must submit a TOEFL for scholarship consideration if English is not their native language.



URI offers 80 majors in their seven degree-granting colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration (AACSB accredited), Engineering (with ABET accredited programs), Environment & Life Sciences, Human Science and Services, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

Please visit [www.uri.edu/admission](http://www.uri.edu/admission) and click on link to International Students to read about more details. To find important resources and social gatherings for international students, visit the Office of International Students and Scholars at [www.uri.edu/iss](http://www.uri.edu/iss).

### FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AUSTIN LBJ SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The University of Texas at Austin pleased to announce a new pre-doctoral fellowship at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. The Climate Change and African Political Stability (CCAPS) program will offer up to three pre-doctoral fellowships for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The CCAPS pre-doctoral fellowship program aims to stimulate the development of the next generation of researchers and thought leaders on the topic of climate change and political stability in Africa. Pre-doctoral fellowships are available to advanced PhD students, with preference given to those who have made substantial progress towards the completion of their dissertation. CCAPS will consider applicants working on a broad range of topics related to climate change, political stability, and security in Africa. Suitable topics may include, but are not limited to: climate change vulnerability in Africa; potential impacts of climate change on political stability or security in Africa; and strategies for addressing climate change challenges in Africa.



More information about the call for applications is available online at: <http://ccaps.strausscenter.org/fellowship>.

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## ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS AT BROWN UNIVERSITY

The Cogut Center for the Humanities, the Center for Environmental Studies, and the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine seek an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral fellow who studies ethical issues concerning the environment, especially those dealing with environmental justice, climate justice, environmental health, and both individual and community right-to-know about environmental risks and hazards.



Brown University

The Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow will teach two courses a year in the Center for Environmental Studies and the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine on topics dealing with environmental ethics, one which will stem from their own research, and one which covers a broader array of environmental ethics topics. The Fellow will also work with the Center for Environmental Studies and several

Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Colloquium Committees to bring in speakers on environmental ethics, in order to expand that area both in the Center and throughout the university. The Fellow will have the opportunity to work with Center for Environmental Studies and Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine faculty who teach and/or have funded projects in environmental ethics, and will have collegueship and mentoring from faculty dealing with environmental ethics in other departments and centers as well. All fellows are affiliated with the Cogut Center for the Humanities where they participate in its activities as appropriate to their research. Fellows have the opportunity to interact with Brown faculty affiliated with the Center, to participate in fellows' seminars, lectures, and conferences and to participate in the planning of research groups and large-scale seminars on various topics in a stimulating intellectual environment in which to pursue research, develop new interdisciplinary connections, and network. The Fellow will receive a stipend of **\$52,000** and **\$54,080** in their first and second years respectively, plus a supplement for health and dental insurance, as well as a **\$2,000** per year research budget.

Candidates should send a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation. The deadline for applying is **January 15, 2011**. Applications received by the deadline will receive full consideration, but the search will remain open until the position is closed or filled. For further information or to apply email [Patti\\_Caton@brown.edu](mailto:Patti_Caton@brown.edu) or write to:

Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee  
Center for Environmental Studies  
Box 1943  
Brown University  
Providence, Rhode Island 02912

## II. News You Can Use

### UPCOMING ACT REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

Students planning to take the ACT university entrance exam on February 12 for admission into a 4-year college or university in the USA need to register by the **January 7, 2011 registration deadline**.

The ACT is one of the entrance exams typically required by U.S. colleges and universities for entry into their undergraduate programs. To register to take the ACT, students should go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), create their free ACT web account, and follow the simple instructions to select a test date and test location.



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### PENN STATE DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

Penn State University Dickinson School of Law will be hosting a virtual open house session for prospective LL.M. students on Wednesday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. EST (GMT minus 5).



The 45-minute LIVE streaming video session will allow prospective LL.M. applicants to visit Penn State Law, meet current LL.M. students, and ask questions about the program without ever leaving home. Internet access and a personal computer with either Windows MediaPlayer or a Mac with Silverlight are required to participate in the event.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit the Penn State Law's website at <http://bit.ly/e9Z2RF>.

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## AFTER YOU FILE, MONITOR YOUR APPLICATION STATUS

**Charlotte Observer**  
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**By: Lee Bierer**

When you hit "submit," much of the stress of the college admissions process melted away. But then you likely received a notification that your application is incomplete. Now your anxiety is in overdrive because you followed instructions, but it's still not working.

When you receive a note from a college saying that a piece of your application is missing - DON'T BE ALARMED! Parents, students and college administrators all hope that a better system will evolve that prevents this panic.

Right now, at most colleges, when a student submits an application or even sends his or her test scores, an application folder is opened. As materials arrive, they are added to the folder. Transcripts are sent by the high school, letters of recommendation are often sent by individuals or done online and the application is completed by students. Because so many pieces of the application folder arrive separately, systems have been put in place to notify applicants with updates. The problem arises because the materials aren't really missing; they are probably sitting in the mailroom waiting to be distributed.

This is an all too common occurrence. Imagine the college mailroom - one large public university reports that it generally receives more than 100,000 pieces of information from freshman applicants alone, plus mail from transfer students and other college mail.

The best way to avoid this fire drill is to send applications and all of the accompanying material as early as possible. To make matters worse, many colleges report receiving as many as half of their applications during the last week before the deadline.

Read more at: <http://bit.ly/fOk5ts>