HONORS DIGEST

YOUR BI-MONTHLY ROUND-UP OF HONORS EVENTS & INFO



TOPICS AT A GLANCE

- Upcoming Events
- Upcoming Deadlines
- Fulbright Spotlight: Andi Regalbuto

Have news to share? Send your accomplishments, stories, and news to Erin to be shared in the next Honors Digest and on the Honors website!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Vision Board DIY

March 1 | 6-8pm | Eisenberg Reading Room

Join the Art Club and Honors Student Advisory
Board for a vision board DIY event. Stop in to create
a vision board for your career aspirations, personal goals, or
anything else! Materials (and snacks!) will be provided.

MIAD: Art Against the Odds March 3 | 3-5pm | meet @ Straz Tower

Join the Art Club and Honors for a trip to MIAD's Art Against the Odds exhibition. Hosted by MIAD in partnership with the Portrait Society Gallery of Contemporary Art in Milwaukee, Art Against the



Odds features art by about 60 incarcerated people. It is free to attend. More details can be found on the <u>Art Against the Odds website</u>. Contact <u>Will Eikenbary</u> with any questions!

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT.

Honors Evening Meditation March 7 | 7:00pm | Virtual

Join other Honors students for an evening of group meditation led by Danielle Nussberger from the Theology department.



Sign up via google form. The link to attend will be emailed.

Conversation & Tea: Housing Rights March 10 | 6-7:30pm | Sensenbrenner Atrium

Join Sofia Ascorbe and other Honors students in conversation about the Milwaukee housing legal



landscape and renter's rights. Most college students are either currently renting their housing or will be in the future! Bring any questions you might have or ideas you'd like to discuss. <u>Sign up via google form.</u>

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Honors Study Abroad Awards Spring 23 Application Cycle for Summer

and Fall 23 Programs

Due: March 1, 2023 | 11:59pm



Honors offers study-abroad awards for Core and Disciplinary Honors students for Summer and Fall 2023 programs. Preference will be given to applications for 4 particular study-abroad programs that are designated as meeting Honors outcomes.

Find out about the honors preferred programs and more information on the <u>Study Abroad page of the honors website</u> and <u>apply here!</u>

Honors Summer Research Awards Due: March 22, 2023 | 5:00pm

Honors will award 20 undergraduate summer fellowships to Honors students, in the amount of \$3500 each, on a competitive basis for research or creative projects to be carried out June-August 2023. Full details on



the fellowships and the application process can be found on the <u>Honors research webpage</u>.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR REMINDERS

VISIT THE MU ACADEMIC CALENDAR
WEBPAGE FOR FULL DETAILS

Add/Swap/Drop Date

• January 25, 2023

Spring Break

• March 12-19, 2023

Easter Break

• April 6-10, 2023

Withdrawal Deadline

• April 14, 2023

Final Exams

May 8-12, 2023

Honors Commencement

May 19, 2023

MU Commencement

• May 20, 2023



FULBRIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Andi Regalbuto, MU Class of 2017 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant 2022-2023 in Serbia

Why did you decide to apply for Fulbright?

After graduating from Marquette, I spent two years teaching English with the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF). After that I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do or where I wanted to be. At that point the pandemic hit so it gave me a lot of time to think! I was considering applying for grad school but did not feel completely set on what program I was interested in. Then, the world was opening back up, I knew Fulbright is a well-respected program, and I was interested in pursuing another culturally immersive experience before attending grad school. I applied once, received semifinalist status, and the second time I applied I got it! As for Serbia specifically, I studied abroad here in 2016 and loved it so I was wanting to come back and explore more.

How did you connect to the Fulbright mission? And how do you think you'll continue it once you get back?

I am interested in the idea of citizen diplomacy through international experiential learning and cultural exchange; I think Fulbright emphasizes this. Citizen diplomacy can be a strong peacebuilding technique. Once I return I will continue engaging with this through completing a masters degree in International Education Management at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies. Living abroad has been a great opportunity for me, and one that I know was more easily accessible to me due to my family's socio-economic standing, my education level, and because I am able-bodied. In the future, I want to help in reducing barriers to education abroad programs so that others can engage in formative cross-cultural exchange.

Do you have any advice for prospective Fulbright applicants?

- Most every other Fulbrighter I've spoken with has some degree of imposter syndrome about receiving their grant, so don't let that stop you from applying. Someone has to get the grant, so why not you!
- Fulbright, especially with ETA, their main mission is citizen diplomacy so keep coming back to that connection. Ask yourself:
 - How are you going to be a good representative of U.S. culture, to build a bridge between countries?
 - How can you bring your voice and specific version of American culture into your application and to share with your host country?
- You're not too old or too young to apply. There are Fulbrighters coming straight from undergrad, and others who had well established careers before
- Don't let your major stop you from applying. Certain countries do have major preferences, but there are others that are wide open
- Have as many people as possible proofread your application, and be open to their feedback!
- Really consider where you're applying to look at the country stats and what they're asking for in candidates. Ask yourself:
 - Do you want to be in a country with lots of other Fulbrighters or less? you can see how many grants are awarded per cycle per country
 - What kinds of connections do you have to the country? They're looking for a good 'why did you choose this country'?

2024-2025 Fulbright application cycle opens March 30, 2023! For more information about Fulbright and how to apply, email Marquette's Fulbright Program Advisor Karalee Surface (karalee.surface@marquette.edu).