

ule lists the current term's courses and gives up-to-date information on registration procedures, tuition and fees, and relevant deadlines. Information in course schedules supersedes similar information in this catalog.

Refer to pages 50-52 for general information on tuition and fees, residency determination for tuition, mandatory and other fees, course charges, late registration fee, change of courses, auditing courses, veteran students, transcripts, and withdrawal from courses.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The University of Illinois at Springfield provides or coordinates many paid internship opportunities and scholarships for graduate students. Some of these are described below. For additional information on merit and need-based financial assistance for graduate and undergraduate students, see pages 50-52.

### **GENERAL GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Graduate assistantships provide relevant educational experiences in UIS' academic or public affairs programs. These on-campus internships offer you opportunities to develop and apply skills in research, curriculum development, data analysis, editing, program evaluation, and coordination of special events. Prefer-

ence will be given to students who have not received a master's degree within four years of beginning a graduate assistantship. Application deadline is March 15.

Graduate assistants receive a monthly stipend (taxable income) and work 20 hours per week during the academic year. During each regular semester GAs receive a tuition waiver of 8 to 12 semester hours, for an academic-year total of 16 to 24. GAs who served at least one full semester during the regular academic year are eligible for a tuition waiver for six semester hours in the subsequent summer term. The maximum tuition waiver for the academic year is 30 hours.

For complete information, contact the Graduate Assistantship Office in the Office of Graduate Studies, University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza, PAC 524, Springfield, IL 62703-5407, phone (217) 206-6544; e-mail [gaprog@uis.edu](mailto:gaprog@uis.edu); or fax (217) 206-7623.

### **ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE STAFF INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Within the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies, the Institute for Legislative Studies operates the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship program. This program provides outstanding master's students with firsthand experience in the op-

erations of the Illinois General Assembly and opportunities for academic studies and research in legislative politics and policy analysis.

Twenty legislative staff interns are assigned either to the Illinois Legislative Research Unit or to one of four leadership staffs of the General Assembly. The program lasts 10 1/2 months and requires full-time work in the assigned office. Interns are required to participate in an academic seminar specifically designed for legislative interns. Interns receive graduate credit for the seminar, tuition and fees for eight hours of graduate courses, and \$2,026 a month in compensation.

To be eligible for the ILSIP, you must have a baccalaureate degree in any academic discipline, with a high-quality undergraduate academic record. Applications are due February 1 each year. For materials and further information, contact the Director, Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program, University of Illinois at Springfield, PAC 476, One University Plaza, MS PAC 476, Springfield, IL 62703-5407.

### **GRADUATE PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The Graduate Public Service Internship program is designed to provide a professional development experience during a 21-month period for graduate stu-

dents interested in pursuing careers in Illinois government. (Any student who has already completed an advanced degree is not eligible for a GPSI internship.) Interns enroll in an appropriate UIS graduate program and work 20 hours per week in a sponsoring state agency during the regular academic year (full time during summer months). Interns receive a stipend of \$850 per month during the academic year (\$1,700 per month during the summer) and an allowance for professional development travel. Interns also receive a waiver for nine credit hours of tuition per semester during the regular academic year. During the intervening summer, interns receive a waiver for four credit hours.

Applications must be received by March 15 and are first screened by a faculty/staff committee and then forwarded to sponsoring agencies, which make the final selections. Placements are completed in the spring and summer for agency assignments that typically begin August 16.

There are other scholarship awards specifically designated for GPSI interns: the Nelson Howarth Scholarship (former mayor of Springfield) and the W. Williams Stevens Jr. Scholarship (former director of the GPSI program). For complete information, contact the director, Graduate Public Service Internship program,

University of Illinois at Springfield, PAC 476, One University Plaza, MS PAC 476, Springfield, IL 62703-5407.

### **WHITNEY M. YOUNG FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

This program is a memorial to the late Whitney M. Young, Jr., former executive director of the National Urban League, educator, and social activist. The program is aimed at increasing opportunities in graduate education for highly motivated underrepresented minority students. The program is designed to complement full-time graduate work with research and scholarship in the area of public policy and public affairs.

African-American, Hispanic-American, and American Indian students who have completed undergraduate degrees with a minimum GPA of 3.00 (on a scale of 4.00) and who are accepted into a graduate program at the University of Illinois at Springfield are eligible for Whitney M. Young, Jr., fellowships. The application deadline is March 1.

Fellows are paid a monthly financial stipend of \$775 for the nine-month contract period, payable monthly (total annual amount \$6,975), and a waiver of tuition (minimum of 12 graduate credit hours) during the fall and spring terms. Although students are not required to register for summer terms, a tuition waiver for up to six credit hours will be granted

for summer school attendance, with the director's approval. Fellows must maintain a GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) in all 400-500 level courses taken and must meet all requirements of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Fellowship Program. All academic work for the master's degree must be completed within two years from the date of entry into the program.


For complete information, contact the Whitney M. Young Fellowship Program/Graduate Program Office, in the Office of Graduate Studies, University of Illinois at Springfield, PAC 524, One University Plaza, MS PAC 524, Springfield, Illinois 62703-5407, phone (217) 206-6544, or visit the website at [www.uis.edu/~wmyfp](http://www.uis.edu/~wmyfp).

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Several scholarship programs are earmarked for graduate students in the public affairs reporting program. The annual awards are based on academic achievement, financial need, and potential for a career in journalism. They are:

James E. Armstrong Scholarships, established in memory of the late publisher of the *Illinois State Register* and the *Illinois State Journal*, predecessors of *The State Journal-Register* in Springfield.

Milton D. Friedland Scholarship, established in memory of the late founder and general manager of



WICS-TV, NewsChannel 20 in Springfield, and former community relations associate for the campus.

Steven B. Hahn Reporting Scholarship, established by his parents in his memory. Hahn was a legislative correspondent for *The State Journal-Register* and United Press International.

Robert P. Howard Scholarships, established by friends in memory of the late capital correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*.

Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association Scholarships honor Burnell Heinecke, former *Chicago Sun-Times* Statehouse correspondent and former

president of the ILCA; Bill Miller, former director of the public affairs reporting program and a founding member of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association; and deceased ILCA members.

If you are interested, contact the director of the public affairs reporting program, (217) 206-7494.