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## I. Scholarships and Fellowships

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY OFFERS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRADUATE STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Central Michigan University is nationally recognized for academic excellence in more than 200 programs, but what sets us apart is our personal attention in providing students with the best college experience possible, from the residence hall to the lecture hall. We are a big school (Michigan's fourth largest) with lots of activities, but our campus feels like a smaller, tight-knit school.

A number of Presidential Awards help international students finance their education at Central Michigan University. To be eligible for these awards, you must be a non-immigrant student who will be new to the university and plan to earn a degree. You must meet all eligibility requirements for admission to CMU.

All the awards are renewable, and students may receive the scholarships as many as eight semesters. Scholarships are applied to payment of tuition and may not exceed the cost of tuition in any semester.

Students who enroll in CMU's English Language Institute, which is a nondegree program, are eligible for the scholarships after completing the program and earning admission to an undergraduate degree program.

For more information regarding financial aid, please visit:

<http://cmich.edu/international/financial/>

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### UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Located on the Pacific Rim and just 22 miles from the Mexican border, the University of San Diego is optimally positioned for international activity. USD has been involved in international instruction, research, and service throughout the world for many years, and we're expanding our activities with an increased emphasis on the importance of global awareness for the entire campus community. One of USD's strategic goals specifically addresses the importance of internationalization:

**USD will become a more culturally diverse and culturally competent community through recruitment at all levels, deepening transborder and international educational partnerships, and involving students and faculty in international learning experiences.** The International Center at USD has created the bold new "Abroad at USD" Free Mover program.

The University of San Diego welcomes applications from all over the world. About 3% of the USD student body is comprised of international students from over 60 countries.

For more information on scholarships, go to:

[www.sandiego.edu/financial\\_aid/scholarships/university\\_scholarships.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/financial_aid/scholarships/university_scholarships.php)

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## **INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, NEW YORK SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS**

International House, a residence and program center in New York City, is pleased to announce that applications for scholarship are now available.

**International House is a vibrant community of 700 graduate students, interns and trainees from over 100 countries, including the United States, who attend more than 75 academic and professional institutions around New York City.** The mission of International House is to enable its members to live and learn together in a diverse residential community that builds life-long qualities of leadership, respect and friendship. This mission is achieved by daily interaction among its residents through programs, facilities and residential life designed to foster diversity of thought and experience. For more than 80 years, the International House experience of international cultural exchange in a diverse community has transformed the lives of more than 65,000 people.

Through the generous support of corporations, foundations and individuals, International House offers a number of scholarship opportunities during the academic year to assist resident members with housing and living expenses. **Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 for the academic year and are awarded to approximately 200 people each year.**

Recipients are selected based on their financial need and enthusiasm and interest in becoming an active member of the International House community. Priority is given to those who will add to the exceptional geographic, cultural and economic diversity that is central to the mission of the House.

For additional information about International House and the other scholarship opportunities offered by International House please visit the International House website. [www.ihouse-nyc.org](http://www.ihouse-nyc.org)

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International House

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## II. News you can use

### DEMOCRACY VIDEO CHALLENGE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED: PUBLIC VOTING BEGINS

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The Department of State and its partners announced the **eighteen finalists for the Democracy Video Challenge**, an online video competition that asked participants to complete the phrase, "Democracy is..." Also today, public voting to select the six winners opened ([www.youtube.com/democracychallenge](http://www.youtube.com/democracychallenge)) and will continue until midnight June 15th (EST).

The finalists, chosen from among a pool of more than 900 entries from 95 countries, represent Brazil (2), Cote d'Ivoire, Germany, India, Iran (2), Japan, Nepal, Philippines, Poland, Serbia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, the United States, Uzbekistan, and Zambia.

These videos provide an array of voices and visions about democracy from around the world. The finalists were selected by an independent jury, co-chaired by Michael Apted (President of the Directors Guild of America) and Hernando de Soto (President of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy).

**Six winners** - one each from the Western Hemisphere, Europe, Middle East/North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, South and Central Asia and East Asia/Pacific - **will be announced mid-June 2009. The winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip in September to Washington, New York and Hollywood.** The prize package includes time on television/film sets, meetings with film professionals, democracy advocates, the media, government officials, and special screenings of their videos.

The Democracy Video Challenge was launched online and at the United Nations on International Democracy Day (September 15, 2008). It was created through a unique partnership consisting of democracy and youth organizations, the film and entertainment industry, academia and the U.S. Government. Partners include the Center for International Private Enterprise, Directors Guild of America, International Republican Institute, International Youth Foundation, Motion Picture Association of America, NBC Universal, National Democratic Institute, New York University Tisch School of the Arts, TakingITGlobal, the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, and the U.S. Department of State. YouTube is providing the video platform, and the William Morris Agency is contributing part of the prize package.

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### EXCHANGES CONNECT CHALLENGE

- Create and Name your Original Illustration -

Dear ExchangesConnect Members,

We challenge you to showcase your digital art skills by creating and naming an original illustration of a character that represents international cultural exchanges and understanding. The winning mascot (and artist!) will be featured on our main page and the mascot will be used in ongoing ExchangesConnect Challenges.

To learn more, watch our How-To video and submit an entry, click here: <http://connect.state.gov/page/enter-our-mascot-challenge>. Entries will be accepted until June 26, 2009.

Congratulations - we have reached (and already surpassed) the 10,000-member mark! Thank you for helping to form the vibrant, international community that we are today.

I want to know why you joined ExchangesConnect and your ideas for making it even better! Please contribute to the discussion: <http://connect.state.gov/forum/topics/what-brought-you-to>.

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