

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **College of Applied Arts Supports Graduate Studies Through Scholarships**

The College of Applied Arts (CAA) will award fifty (50) \$1,000 scholarships to **new** graduate students in the fall of 2009. Eligible graduate students enrolled in six (6) or more hours for the fall 2009 semester compete academically for a one time \$1,000 College of Applied Arts Graduate Scholarship Award.

Students who have not attended Graduate College at Texas State University and who will enter Graduate Studies in any of the College of Applied Arts programs (Agriculture, Criminal Justice, Family and Child Development, Child Life Track, Human Nutrition, or Occupational Education) in the fall of a given academic year may compete for one of fifty \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded by the Departments and the Dean of the College of Applied Arts. Each academic department in the College of Applied Arts receives a portion of the scholarships based on departmental enrollment.

Scholarships, academic excellence and research opportunity are part of the ongoing student centered focus in the CAA. As a result of these efforts graduate enrollment in the College continues to increase.

For more information about CAA graduate scholarship opportunities contact CAA Graduate Recruiter, Yolanda Quintanilla at (512) 245-3538.

## **Graduate Research Fellowships Supported by the College of Applied Arts**

The College of Applied Arts (CAA) will award eight (8) Graduate Research Fellowships in the fall of 2009. The purpose of the Graduate Research Fellowship program is to engage graduate students with faculty in research collaboration. The students will be engaged in such research topics as “Probiotic Effects on Colorectal Cancer”, “Invasive Species in the South Texas River Basin”, and “Indicators of Neighborhood Homicides in San Antonio Neighborhoods Based on Racial/Ethnic Differences”. Each graduate student will be awarded a \$12,500 Graduate Research Fellowship to begin fall 2009 through the end of the spring 2010 semester.

Participating departments in the College of Applied Arts include Agriculture, Criminal Justice and Family and Consumer Sciences. The Graduate Advisors in their respective departments diligently combed through numerous applications to determine a “perfect match” between the graduate student, faculty and research project. The qualities of the academic background and research interest are key to a successful graduate research experience. The following students have been selected as recipients of the 2009 – 2010 Graduate Student Research Fellowship:

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has selected Ms. Megan Brooks to work with two research projects; the “Kindergarten Readiness Project” with Drs. Sue Williams, Elizabeth Russell, and Elizabeth Blunk and the second is a “Strengthening Families Project” with Drs. Michelle Toews and Ani Yazedjian. In the Human Nutrition Program, Ms. Juanita Escamilla was selected to work with Drs. Vatsala Maitin and Michelle Lane on the “Role of Probiotic Bacteria and Colorectal Cancer Metastasis”.

The Department of Criminal Justice has selected three fellowship recipients: Mr. Jonathon Allen has been selected to work with Dr. Pablo Martinez on a research proposal to entitled “Recidivism of Residential Facilities’ Treatment Programs in Texas”. Ms. Georgianna Brain will be working with Dr. Donna Vandiver and Dr. Mark Stafford on a research project entitled “A Research Study in the Identification of Distinguishing Characteristics of Sex Offenders and Non-Sex Offenders”. Ms. Cheryl Rowden will be working with Dr. Jeff Cancino on a research project entitled “A Research Study to Identify Economic and Non-Economic Indicators of Influence on Homicides in San Antonio Neighborhoods Based on Racial/Ethnic Differences”.

The Department of Agriculture has selected two students; Ms. Erica Meier will be working with Dr. Tina Cade on “A Study Looking at the Invasive Species of the Rio Grande River Basin” and Ms. Alyson Ivey, will be working with Dr. Douglas Morrish on a project entitled “The Implementation and Effect of Active Student Organizations, Clubs, and Judging Programs on Recruitment and Retention of Incoming Freshmen”.

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