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I have had the pleasure for several years to serve as a Review Panel member and chair for the AAUW Career Development Grant Program. Firsthand, I have seen the caliber of the women applying and seen the need. I have spent my career working in education and am passionate about the difference it has made in my life and the life of all. I understood the difference that this funding can make.

As our Branch President, I want to bring special attention in this newsletter issue to the fellowship, grant and scholarship programs offered by AAUW at the national and chapter levels and urge you to support these programs through your donations of funds, time, and sharing the news with eligible women and girls.

In Champaign-Urbana, we have women pursuing higher education (undergraduate and graduate) at Parkland College and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign assisted by funding from AAUW. And, we have women who are deserving and eligible to be considered for funding for the future.

AAUW Fellowship and Grant Programs

See

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.



One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013–14 academic year.

The four fellowship and grant programs that provide direct support to women students are (with links to full descriptions and application information):

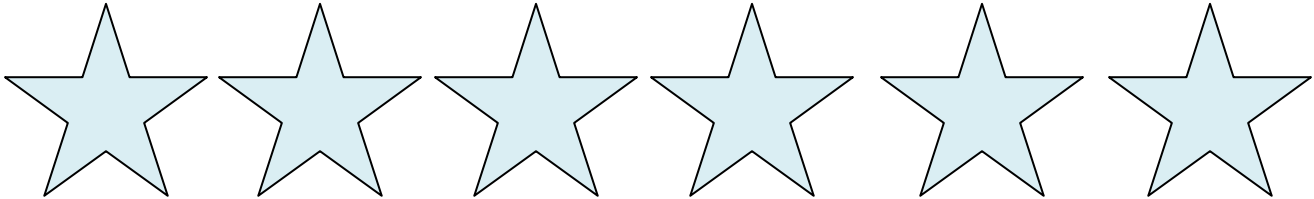
American Fellowships

Career Development Grants

International Fellowships

Selected Professions Fellowships

These programs have application deadlines falling between November and January, so there is time to share the information with others – family, friends, where you work, worship, volunteer.



2013-2014 FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

International Fellowship Recipients



Name: Gorica Grozdanic

Gorica Grozdanic is pursuing a Master in Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, with concentration in Marketing and Arts Management. A native of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Europe, Gorica holds a Bachelors Degree in Music and Performing Arts.

Along with her studies in the United States, she is also participating in variety of extracurricular and volunteering activities. In spring 2013, she joined the Global Consulting Program at UIUC, where she worked on a semester-long project that was delivered in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Currently, she is a senior leadership and internal development team member of the Innovation Immersion Program at UIUC, where she works on marketing plans, recruiting, and special event organization.

Deeply committed to volunteer work, she is the Operations Manager of the DoCha (Downtown Champaign) Free Music Festival, where she works on festival's logistics, marketing and advertising strategies, as well as organization of children's educational programs. Gorica is also a member of MBA Association, Women in Business Association, and MBA Diversity Association at UIUC.

After pursuing her MBA, her plan is to use the gained knowledge and establish her own arts organization that will promote classical music and arts. As times and trends are rapidly changing, she firmly believes that development, promotion and preservation in this industry is now more important than ever.



Name: Itzel Vazquez-Vidal

Citizenship: Mexico

Degree and Field: Ph.D., Nutrition.

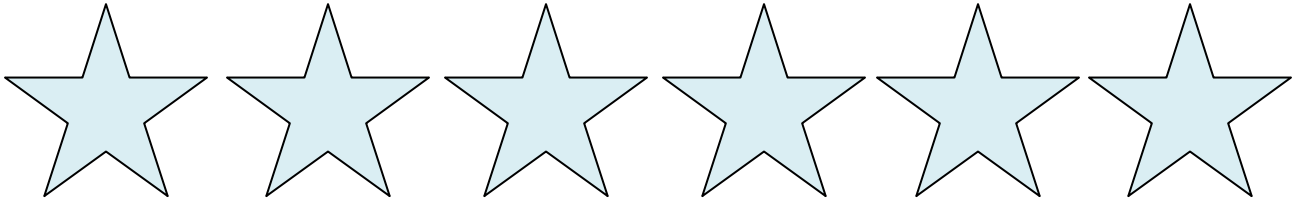
“ I got my BS in biology at University Autonomous of San Luis Potosi (UASLP) and then I got my MS in Neurobiology from National University of Mexico (UNAM) in Mexico.

My doctoral research is part of a collaborative research program between the University of San Luis Potosi in Mexico, and the University of Illinois. This multidisciplinary investigation focuses on genetics, obesity and social-environment factors (UP-AMIGOS). At this moment, my research indicates that women are a vulnerable group with more cardiovascular risk factors than men. My research study will provide useful information about genetic variants and environmental factors associated with dyslipidemia in young college students. This study could be used to design universal screening tool and it will help to promote educational programs on healthy lifestyles among young Mexican college students, especially among women.

During my first year at UIUC, I served as a nutrition instructor for Latino families in the Abriendo Caminos project developed by Dr. Angela Wiley. This experience facilitated the development of my teaching skills as well as my understanding of the needs of the Latino community related to nutrition education. During the development of this program I worked very close with Latino women who were concerned about the nutrition of their children. I am proud of this experience because I was able to

apply classroom knowledge in order to encourage mothers to make better choices for their families. I have mentored high school students during summer program who were award winners, and several undergraduate students.

Currently, I am a fourth year graduate student at the department of Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSHN), I will graduate next May. I certainly consider that the AAUW International Fellowship helped me to continue my research to provide essential information about the impact of obesity in the health status of young Mexicans.”



2013-2014 AAUW CHAMPAIGN-URBANA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

AMY KUMMEROW SCHOLARSHIP – PARKLAND COLLEGE

Sheila Stricklin is the recipient of our Amy Kummerow scholarship at Parkland College for 2013-2014. Mrs. Stricklin is majoring in surgical technology and hopes to graduate from that program in July of 2015. Sheila resides in Loda, Illinois and is the mother of five children, one of whom is also a Parkland student.



SOUTHWOOD-VAN ES SCHOLARSHIP – PARKLAND COLLEGE

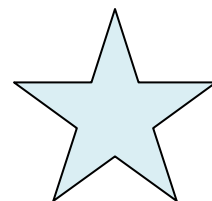
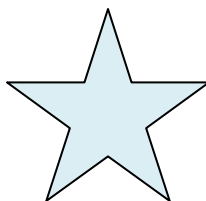
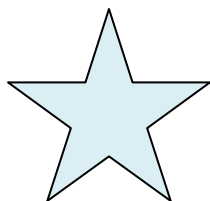
Jamie Hauersperger is our 2013-14 recipient of the Southwood-van Es scholarship at Parkland College. Ms. Hauersperger earned her GED in 2000 and is majoring in environmental science. She hopes to graduate next spring and transfer to the University of Illinois for the fall 2014 semester. Jamie works at the Parkland Counseling Office at a work/study position. She has two children and was a former client at



the Center for Women in Transition.

IDA KING STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP – UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Andrea Black is this year’s recipient of our Ida King Stevens Award at the University of Illinois. She graduated from Parkland Community College in the spring of 2006 and then experienced an interruption in her education between 2007 and 2011. She is now a first semester senior at the University of Illinois. She hopes to graduate in May 2014 and then enroll in the graduate program at the School of Library and Information Science at the U of I.



The AAUW District 2 meeting was held Saturday, October 19, 2013 in Springfield, Illinois. Topics included membership, program ideas, public policy impact grants, TRIO Stipend, and networking.

Several members of the AAUW-IL Board of Directors joined us, including: Carol Heisler, President-Elect; Cindy Grau, Vice President of Programs; Kelly Orban, Co-Vice President of Membership; Alice Huebner, Director of Branch Outreach; and Marcia Wherry, Co-Director of Public Policy.

Thanks to Sallie Miller, the Director for District 2 on the AAUW-IL., Inc. Board of Directors for her leadership in planning this meeting.

2013-2014 MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Programs are open and we encourage members to bring along friends and family members.

Tuesday, November 12 , 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. DRINKS & DIALOGUE

Location: Milo's Restaurant, 2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana.

Laura Keller will facilitate discussion about the following article about changes that were implemented at Harvard Business School to help foster success for women students:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/08/education/harvard-case-study-gender-equity.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20130908&r=0

Contact: Nancy Dietrich, 337-0334, nancydietrich01@gmail.com

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Location: 5 Bellamy Court, Champaign (home of member Barbara Scott, 352-7364)
Readings from members of the Writers' Group

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 3:00 to 5:00 pm WINE WOMEN AND SONG

Location: Milo's Restaurant, 2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana, beverages and light food
Entertainment: Margaret O'Brien, singer

Saturday, April 5, Noon, ANNUAL MEETING

Location: Ko-Fusion, 1 E. Main St., Champaign

Speaker: Jenni Purdue, Legislative and Political Consultant, state of Illinois



<http://www.girlrising.com/>

Several AAUW members and many more from the community came together on Monday, November 4, at the Savoy theatre to watch the new film *Girl Rising*. This was a beautiful film about girls who simply want to have an education. The movie showed vignettes of girls from across the globe--Afghanistan, Peru, India, Haiti, Sierra Leone to name a few--who in small, but important and significant ways held on to their desire and persevered to get the education that they wanted--education that is offered much more freely to boys. It is an important film that shows that small, but persistent efforts can result in big changes. I believe that this is a film that is at the heart of the AAUW mission--the opening of opportunities for education to all women and girls [comments provided by AAUW member and Branch Secretary, Karen Retzer].

TELL THE STORY OF AAUW

Your message about the value and importance of AAUW is critical. Stories about women joining after hearing about the mission of AAUW from others – scholarship or fellowship recipients or women who have benefited from the Legal Advocacy work of AAUW.

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

Participation is welcome by members and non-members. Invite others to join us and introduce them to the variety of interests shared by the members of our branch.



ADELANTE BOOK DISCUSSION

Meets the fourth Tuesday at 2:30 PM at 104 E. Willard, Urbana. The books, primarily non-fiction, focus on a wide range of diversity issues in the US and abroad. Contact: Phyllis Cline 344-4806, plcline@comcast.net. Complete reading list is available at <http://champaignurbana-il.aauw.net/groups/>

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 26: *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History*, 2010, S.C. Gwynne. A vivid historical account of the forty-year battle between members of the Comanche Nation and white settlers for control of the American West.
- December 17 (note change to third Tuesday): *Fire in the Ashes: Twenty-five Years among the Poorest Children in America*, 2012, Jonathan Kozol. The author returns to the scene of his previous books to share the journey of the children he has portrayed as they grow into adulthood.
- January 28: *And the Mountains Echoed*, 2013, Khalid Hosseini. The bestselling author has written a new novel revolving around not just parents and children but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers.
- FEBRUARY 25: *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys and the Dawn of a New America*, 2013, Gilbert King. In this Pulitzer prize-winning book, King draws on a wealth of never-before-published material on the Groveland case files to shine new light on this remarkable civil rights crusader.

DRAMA GROUP

Meeting day has changed – Beginning in November, Drama Group changed from evening to daytime meetings. The meetings will be held at 3 pm on the first Thursday of February, March, April and May. Light refreshments will be available before the meetings. Please notify the hostess in advance if you plan to attend so that enough chairs and refreshments will be provided. Contact: Phyllis Cline 344-4806, plcline@comcast.net.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 6 - University Place Christian Church, 403 S. Wright St., Champaign.
Hostess: Jackie Terry, 367-6755
Program: the play *The Normal Heart*
Presenter: Margaret Stewart

March 6 - 401 Burwash Ave., Savoy.
Hostess: Norma Peters, 363-2387, normarpeters@comcast.net
Program: the musical *Monty Python's Spamalot*
Presenter: Betty Cook

DRINKS & DIALOGUE

Meets the second Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Milo's Restaurant, 2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana. Each month an article or current event of relevance to women is discussed. Come enjoy a glass of wine or cup or coffee (food, too, but not required!), and join in the discussion, even if you don't have a chance to read the article. Contact: Nancy Dietrich, 337-0334, nancydietrich01@gmail.com

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Please invite friends, and forward this to anyone you think would be interested.

GREAT DECISIONS

Meets the third Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 PM eight times a year at the Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign.

Discussions are based on materials prepared by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) covering eight topics of international interest. The Foreign Policy Association is a non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1918 that is dedicated to inspiring the American public to learn more about the world. Each year, the FPA selects eight areas of global concern for study and discussion. Our resource materials are a "Briefing Book" (available for \$20.00) and a DVD to see at each session containing background material and statements of varying positions on policy by citizens, scientists, and humanitarian and foreign service professionals from around the world.

Our AAUW Branch is just one of several kinds of civic organizations to use FPA materials.
Contact: Jenny Harvey, 344-5339, jennygharvey@yahoo.com

Upcoming Meeting: November 20

Topic: Iran. Facilitated by Phyllis Cline

The new season will begin when the new Briefing Books are available after January 2014. Some of the new topics include: Turkey, US and Israel, and Climate Change and Food Shortages.



WRITERS GROUP

Meets the third Friday at 1:30 PM at the Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign. Members share their writings with the group, and present the program at the December Holiday Brunch. Contact: Barbara Scott 352-7364

Upcoming Meetings:

November 15

December 7 Holiday Brunch

STAY INFORMED

AAUW Sites:

Champaign-Urbana Branch: <http://champaignurbana-il.aauw.net/>

AAUW-Illinois: <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

AAUW: <http://www.aauw.org/>



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