

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Native American Studies Faculty Position

Pending budgetary approval, the Native American Studies Program within the Ethnic Studies Department of the University of California, Berkeley, seeks applicants for a full time position open as to the subfield with NAS and open as to rank. Fluency and proficiency in at least one Native language of the Americas is desirable. An ability to teach in the department's ethnic studies undergraduate and graduate programs is also desirable. Candidates should send letter of application, one writing sample or publication and three letters of reference to: Search Committee Chair, Native American Studies Program, Ethnic Studies Department, 506 Barrows Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-2570.

Referees please see the University's statement on confidentiality, found at [www.chance.berkeley.edu/apo/evaltr.html](http://www.chance.berkeley.edu/apo/evaltr.html). Start date is July 1, 2004.

**Applications are due by November 14, 2003.**

### GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP (GMS) — APPLY ONLINE

The Gates Millennium Scholars program is pleased to announce the launching of its website for the 2004 - 2005 GMS awards. Apply online or download nomination materials from [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). General information, detailed instructions, and current scholar profiles can also be found on the website. Principals, teachers, guidance counselors, Tribal higher education representatives and other professional educators are invited to nominate students with outstanding academic records, strong leadership potential, and commitment to community service. Nominators and recommenders must act in their personal capacity. Institutional nominations will not be accepted. All completed nomination materials must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **January 16, 2004**.

The Gates Millennium Scholars program was established in 1999 through a grant provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to provide Asian Pacific Islander Americans, African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Hispanic Americans with an opportunity to complete a college education. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need, particularly those intending to study mathematics, science, engineering, education or library science, to reach their fullest potential. Additionally, GMS provides opportunities for scholars to prepare for leadership roles in their profession and communities through a leadership development program. GMS selected 1,000 high-achieving students for the 2003-2004 academic year, bringing the total number of students awarded GMS scholarships to more than 7,000 since the program's inception.

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF), with the support of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars (AIGCS), and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF), administers the Gates Millennium Scholars program.

#### Eligibility Criteria

In the 2004-2005 academic year, individuals are eligible to be considered for a Gates Millennium Scholarship if they:

- are Asian Pacific Islander American, African American, Hispanic American or American Indian/Alaska Native;
- are a citizen, legal permanent resident or national of the United States;
- have a minimum GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale;
- will be entering a U.S. accredited college or university as full-time, degree-seeking freshmen in the academic year 2003-2004;
- have demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities that reflect leadership abilities; and
- meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. Eligibility for Federal Pell Grant can only be determined through the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Programs.

### Medical Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students

Up to \$5,000 (paid in 2 equal installments).

#### Who can apply:

Must be a member of a minority group — defined as African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or Pacific Islander. Must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library school or have completed no more than half his or her graduate program at the time the award is made (February). Must be a citizen or have permanent resident status in the United States or Canada. Past recipients are not eligible.

For more details and the MLA Scholarship for Minority Students application: [www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html](http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html). (You may be eligible for other MLA awards or scholarships). For more information about MCMLA, visit the MCMLA website at [www.kumc.edu/mcmla/](http://www.kumc.edu/mcmla/).

**Deadline is December 1, 2003.**

### Portland Teachers Program

The Portland Teachers Program (PTP) is a partnership effort among Portland Public Schools (PPS), Portland Community College (PCC), Portland State University (PSU) and the University of Portland (UP). It is designed to recruit and help prepare culturally competent teachers, with a special focus on historically under-represented groups in the teaching profession. As a retention and scholarship program, it assists selected students in completing teacher education through the regular course work at PCC and PSU or UP. For more information please contact Deborah Cochrane, Director, Portland Teachers Program, 705 N Killingsworth Portland, OR 97217. Phone 503-978-5444 or 978-5020 or email [dcocoran@pcc.edu](mailto:dcocoran@pcc.edu).

### University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship

The postdoctoral fellowships can be renewed for a second year. What you do is choose a UC faculty mentor you would like to work with during the fellowship year. You must finish your dissertation by the time the fellowship begins.

What is important to know is that this past year, the President of the UC system committed funds to UC departments to hire UC President's postdocs in tenure-track positions. I'm not sure how long this commitment is going to last, but it's an important step to diversifying the faculty in the UC system. These fellowships started out being for underrepresented minorities, but as a result of California state Proposition 209, the targeted audience was broadened. But the spirit of the original program is still being upheld as much as possible. There is a new President of the UC system as of this summer, also.

The UC system has nine campuses; UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Francisco, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, and a tenth one, UC Merced, in the works. We have had several NA postdocs here at UC Davis within our NAS program.

Check out the following website: [www.ucop.edu/acadadv/ppfp/](http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/ppfp/).

**Deadline: November 15, 2003**

### Scholarship Announcement

Third Wave Foundation Scholarship Program is available to all full-time or part-time students age 30 and under who are enrolled in, or have been accepted to, an accredited university, college, vocational/technical school or community college.

The primary criteria to qualify for a Third Wave scholarship are vigorous engagement in activist work and financial need. The Scholarship Committee prioritizes applicants who have limited access to financial resources and whose civic, community, or cultural work shows a commitment to social justice. Within our scholarship grant making, the Woodlake Fund provides scholarships for young women of color who prioritize social justice and the work done in the spirit of justice and equality over academic performance and who integrate social justice into all areas of their lives.

Students applying for grants should also be involved as activists, artists, or cultural workers working on issues such as racism, homophobia, sexism, or other forms of inequality. The amount of each scholarship is decided after careful review of the student's financial aid report. The number of scholarships awarded depends on the amount of each award. Scholarships range in amount from \$500 and \$5,000 each. Our deadline is April 1, 2004.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in an accredited university.
2. Under the age 30
3. Demonstrate financial need - Primary criterion.
4. Be full-time or part-time
5. Be involved as activists, artists, or cultural workers working on issues such as racism, homophobia, sexism, or other forms of inequality.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Application Form available at [www.thirdwavefoundation.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/programs/scholarships.html).
2. 500 word essay.
3. Official Transcripts (and high school transcripts for college freshman).
4. Two letters of recommendation.
5. Copy of Financial Aid Report from school.
6. Copy of parent's/guardian's most recent tax return (or your own if you are completely economically independent from parents/guardians).

The number of scholarships awarded depends on the amount of each award.

**Scholarships range in amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each.**

QUESTIONS: Contact Third Wave Foundation at: Third Wave Foundation, 116 East 16th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003. Telephone: 212-675-0700. Fax: 212-255-6653 [info@thirdwavefoundation.org](mailto:info@thirdwavefoundation.org). Email to [:info@thirdwavefoundation.org](mailto:info@thirdwavefoundation.org).