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### Yale University Launches Central Student Grants and Fellowships Database

October 27, 2004. New Haven, CT ♦ Over the past year, staff in Yale College's Office of International Education and Fellowship Programs (IEFP), the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS), the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Yale Law School, and Yale's Office of International Affairs have collaborated on the development of a searchable database of all Yale-funded and Yale-administered fellowships for undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students. It will be launched on November 8, 2004, at <http://studentgrants.yale.edu/>. For the first time in Yale's history, the database will provide one central source of information about the hundreds of funding opportunities currently spread across the University in the residential colleges, academic departments, administrative offices, and professional schools. While most of the fellowships are for international study, travel, and research, many are for domestic or nonspecific opportunities (e.g. the Truman, Udall, and Goldwater for undergraduates).

"The advantages of such a database for Yale students and University funding units are many," said Barbara Rowe, Assistant Dean and Director, IAFP. "Since it is a searchable database, all students will have access to all opportunities for which they are eligible. Moreover, the database will provide a "back office" function for record keeping and for report generation for each funding unit. Among other benefits, this will enable funding units to identify students who have applied for multiple grants, and allow the units to make more equitable distribution of funds. It also will enable Yale to identify immediately those students who are in, or planning to travel to, trouble spots."

"We know of no comparable database among other universities," said Richard Kane, Associate Director, YCIAS. "The students who beta-tested the database this fall gave it rave reviews, but we expect that it will require improvements as all the functions come on line."

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