

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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TUFTS PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## IR PROGRAM OFFERS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

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any students at Tufts face the dilemma of choosing between going abroad to gain international experience and staying on campus to gain research skills to prepare for upper-level research projects. This dilemma becomes compounded when students return to campus in the senior year and feel unprepared and overwhelmed with Fulbright proposals, senior theses, and senior seminars. The IR Program has developed an initiative to resolve these challenges.

### Creating A Global Learning Community: Undergraduate International Research at Tufts

In accordance with Tufts' commitment to support undergraduate research, the IR Program is launching an International Research Community (IRC) project to promote undergraduate international research for Tufts students and faculty. By establishing a community of international researchers, the IRC will provide students with research tools, skills, and resources to connect them with faculty and help guide them through the research process to ensure high-quality research projects and written works such as senior theses, Fulbright proposals, directed research projects, senior seminar papers, and other capstone projects.

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### This Semester IR Launches a Web-Based Course for International Research: INTR 91 and 92

The two-part colloquium provides sophomores and juniors from all majors with classroom instruction, web-based learning, and faculty support to prepare for international research from abroad or right on Tufts' campus. INTR 91, the first part in the colloquium offered this semester, will familiarize students with issues in conducting research abroad and developing a research proposal. Furthermore, as a web-based course, the INTR 91 webpage serves as the central means of communication between students and the professors, Richard Eichenberg in Political Science and Jeanne Penvenne in History.

Students will use their experience with web-based learning from INTR 91 in INTR 92 (available next year), the second part of the colloquium offered for students while abroad (or still on campus) in the junior year. INTR 92 is a learning community that provides virtual space for students and faculty to communicate, interact, and network to support students with research in the junior year and prepare them for what lies ahead in the senior year.

**It's not too late to register for INTR 91!** Contact the professors ([richard.eichenberg@tufts.edu](mailto:richard.eichenberg@tufts.edu) or [jeanne.penvenne@tufts.edu](mailto:jeanne.penvenne@tufts.edu)). Meeting Thursdays, 9:30-10:20am in Eaton 208, the course is worth .5 credits and offered on a Pass/Fail basis.

### IR Inaugurates the IR Research Scholars Program

Offered for the first time in the program's history, the IR Research Scholars Program financially supports a minimum of eight weeks of IR core faculty-mentored summer international research. Available to IR juniors (rising seniors) who plan to produce high-quality written works in the senior year, the competitive program's goal is to support the development of faculty and student mentoring relations and the advancement of strong international research skills critical to professional or academic goals.

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To apply to the program, students must submit a joint proposal with an IR Core-Faculty member who will serve as her or his faculty mentor. The deadline for applications is March 8, 2002. To learn more about this program, log on to the IR web site at: [www.ase.tufts.edu/ir](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/ir). Click on "links" and then "research opportunities." (This option will be available on January 25th). Information and application materials are also available in the IR Program Office in Cabot 605.

As a member of the IR Research Scholars Program, students and faculty will participate in the IRC virtual learning community, using the resources and tools available on the web to enhance their research and learning during the eight week timeframe and expand the community of international researchers. The IR Research Scholars Program is a great opportunity for students and faculty to work together toward the enhancement of undergraduate international research at Tufts.

## What's Next for the IRC?

Whether on campus or abroad, a sophomore, junior, senior or even a freshman, the International Research Community will help guide you, connect you, and prepare you for your academic and professional goals. So start planning early - formulating your research interests and goals is critical to quality international research. The IR Program is committed to support students in their international research efforts to produce high-quality projects, papers, and proposals. As we kick off INTR 91 and the IR Research Scholars Program, the IR Office is working toward obtaining funding to develop the web community that will encapsulate the IRC. Stay informed through the IR web site, newsletters, and mailings to learn about the progress of this initiative.

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# IR PROGRAM *news*

## Interest Flourishes for the Borghesani Memorial Prize

Last semester on November 30th a packed room on the 7th floor of the Cabot Center listened intently to the international experiences of four articulate women. Presenting on their findings in Costa Rica, Kenya, Chile, and the Philippines, Nuala Cabral, Jocelyn Robinson, Karina Weinstein, and Rita Mercado discussed how winning the Borghesani Memorial Prize impacted their lives and the lives of those with whom they worked, lived, and traveled during their summers abroad. The IR Program would like to congratulate these women on their achievements. For most of them, their experience abroad served as a stepping-stone in the pursuit of international understanding. As Jocelyn expressed in her presentation on community health in Kenya, "I came back with more questions than answers."

This year's Borghesani Prize Competition is underway, with the deadline fast approaching. In honor of Anne E. Borghesani, the prize enables Tufts sophomores and juniors from any major or department to undertake an international plan of study, activity or project abroad. Designed to foster the spirit of the award, the prize encourages personal growth and independence, while increasing one's understanding of all peoples and commitment to the global community.

To learn more about how you can apply for the prize, log on to the IR web site at [www.ase.tufts.edu/ir](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/ir) and click on "links" to access the Borghesani information and application materials. Completed applications are due in the IR Program Office by **Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 4pm**. As the Borghesani Memorial Prize launches into its second decade at Tufts, the importance of understanding the world community has never been more apparent. The Borghesani Prize is an excellent vehicle to work toward that goal.



Nuala Cabral, Rita Mercado, Jocelyn Robinson, Karina Weinstein

# IR PROGRAM *calendar*

————— Borghesani Memorial Prize Competition Deadline: —————

**Thursday, January 31, 2002 by 4pm**

————— IR Research Scholars Program Deadline: —————

**Friday, March 8, 2002 by 4pm**

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON IR NEWS & EVENTS VISIT THE IR WEB  
SITE AT:

[www.ase.tufts.edu/ir](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/ir)

## STUDENT *opportunities*

### Get a Job

If you're starting your job hunt, contact the Tufts Career Services office for resources on international jobs. Use the job search sites on the Internet for available positions and to post your resume.

### Work in Germany

If you have German language skills and want to live and work in Germany for the year, get an application for the Robert Bosch Foundation Tutor Program from the IR Program Office. Deadline to apply is Friday, January, 25, 2002. Contact the IR Program Office for more information and an application.

### Get Published

Submit your research to Hemispheres, Tufts student-run publication on international relations and affairs, at [hemispheres@tufts.edu](mailto:hemispheres@tufts.edu). Email the editors for additional information and deadlines. Check the IR web site for additional links to student publications throughout the country. Click on "links" on the IR web site.

### Get Connected

The Boston area universities and colleges offer many events and opportunities in international relations and affairs that are available to the public. Click on "links" on the IR web site at: [www.ase.tufts.edu/ir](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/ir).

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### NEW OFFICE HOURS

Professor Christiane Zehl Romero, Director: T 12-2:30pm, Th 4-5pm, F 12-1pm  
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### IR MAIL LIST: DON'T STAY IN THE DARK

If you're not getting email updates from the IR List email [melissa.dodd@tufts.edu](mailto:melissa.dodd@tufts.edu) to sign up.  
If you're not getting mailings, then send us your updated contact info.

### IR WEB SITE: [www.ase.tufts.edu/ir](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/ir)

We're Evolving. Check out the new "IR News & Events" section updated weekly with news and opportunities for you!

### IR SPRING 2002 HANDBOOK: COMING SOON...

The new handbook will be available at the end of January

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IR & International Events Calendar, Faculty Profiles, Student Perspectives, and more!