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Nadia Tenouri Receives Hollings Scholarship

Ms. Nadia Tenouri of the University of South Florida has been awarded the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ernest F. Hollings scholarship. The Hollings Scholarship Program provides undergraduate students with awards that include academic assistance (up to a maximum of $8,000 per year) for full-time study during the 9-month academic year and a 10-week, full-time internship position during the summer at a NOAA facility. Nadia is also a past recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad in Japan.

Nadia is an Honors College sophomore majoring in Environmental Biology with a 4.0 GPA. She represents the USF College of Arts and Sciences where her achievements inside and outside of the classroom have been noted. Nadia is a recipient of the USF Director’s Award, a USF Business Ethics Scholar, a USF Ventures Scholar and an Education Abroad Scholar and Global Ambassador. In summer 2012, as a Gilman Scholarship recipient, Nadia interned in Japan for three months learning about organic farming and sustainability from the Japanese perspective. She placed first in the Sixth Mid-Florida Japanese Speech and Skit Contest and is currently involved in undergraduate research with Dr. Jason Rohr focusing on acquired resistance of amphibians to the chytrid fungus.

Originally from Tampa, Florida, Tenouri hopes to facilitate the formation of a world where people can live in harmony with the environment and where problems such as depleted resources, deforestation, pollution, and endangered species are addressed seriously. She plans to earn a Ph.D. while doing research on how to enhance populations of threatened and endangered species. Nadia would like to work for a government agency like NOAA or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission continuing to research and in effect, implement more effective conservation policies.

The Office of National Scholarships identifies, recruits and mentors high achieving students to apply for national merit scholarships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, motivated and academically strong students who are leaders in and out of the classroom.

The Hollings Scholarship Program provides successful undergraduate applicants with awards that include academic assistance for full-time study during the 9-month academic year; a 10-week, full-time internship position during the summer at a NOAA facility; and, if reappointed, academic assistance for full-time study during a second 9-month academic year. The internship between the first and second years of the award provides the Scholars with "hands-on"/practical educational training experience in

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NOAA-related science, research, technology, policy, management, and education activities. Awards also include travel funds to attend a mandatory NOAA Scholarship Program orientation, conferences where students present a paper or poster, and a housing subsidy for scholars who do not reside at home during the summer internship.

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