Greetings Honorables! It’s finally starting to look like winter outside. Here are several (mostly) indoor opportunities.

1. **Volunteer this Weekend**
   Please join Honors Volunteering this **Saturday, February 2** from 1:30–4:30pm for a Room of Magic afternoon with children staying at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. We will be helping set up and enjoy a movie with child patients. It is a great volunteering opportunity and really brightens the children’s day. **RSVP** to honors-volunteer@uiowa.edu to sign up or to raise questions.

2. **Choose to Attend an ICFRC Talk**
   This week we are able to offer **two** opportunities to attend an ICFRC luncheon. Both talks will be held in at 30 N. Clinton Street (building next to Phillips Hall). **RSVP** pronto before places fill up!
   - **Chuck Peters**, Publisher and CEO of the Cedar Rapids Gazette—**Friday, Feb. 8, noon to 1pm**. Interested in international journalism? Come check out what Chuck Peters has to say about international news media and the way business models affect media. Join us for a free lunch and a question and answer session afterwards. Please **RSVP**: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGdfMjU0c09CdmhEcEF5SzNSbmVDZmc6MQ#gid=0. Questions? Email onalee-yousey@uiowa.edu. Bonus—Check out Chuck’s blog: http://cpetersia.wordpress.com/about-me-and-this-blog/.
   - **Diana Rus**, Romanian Public Health Researcher—**Tuesday, Feb. 12, noon to 1pm**. Dr. Rus is in the United States researching public health campaigns and injury prevention at the University of Iowa College of Public Health. She will be speaking about her research and will be available for questions after the luncheon. Come learn about health and share a delicious meal! Please **RSVP**: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDItSzU4VGVMcmdYOGpXzG5mNINxU0E6MQ#gid=0. Questions? Email onalee-yousey@uiowa.edu.

3. **Give a Hoot!** Join Honors on **Saturday, February 9 at 1:00pm** for "Big Owls Hoot and Little Owls Toot," a presentation on owls in Iowa. We will be travelling to Coralville Lake (transportation provided) to an outdoor viewing site for birds and wildlife. Take an early semester study break and explore the "wild" of Iowa City! **RSVP** to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHRVaU51c0tKZjE2MndIZIFOWGJ
4. **Register for an Honors Independent Study.** Friday, February 1 will be your last opportunity to file paperwork for any honors independent study courses (Honors Studies, Honors Internship, Honors Service Learning, Honors Research Practicum, Honors Teaching Practicum) you are taking this spring. Required forms are available at [http://honors.uiowa.edu/forms/academic/index.shtml](http://honors.uiowa.edu/forms/academic/index.shtml) and are due by **4:30pm**.

5. **Learn about Fulbright Fellowships.** Are you an undergraduate researcher, scholar, or performer who wants to shift your perspective with a change of context? The Fulbright U.S. Student Program may take you where you want to go next. Click [here](http://honors.uiowa.edu/forms/academic/index.shtml) to find out more and to reserve your access to our expert knowledge and app resources at our Intensive Fulbright Grant Application Development Workshop on **Friday, February 1**, beginning at **9:00am**.

6. **Designate a Class as Honors.** You can make an A–F-graded course into an honors class with Honors Designation (which will be renamed Honors Contract beginning with the 2013-14 academic year). Here’s the drill:

   - Negotiate an additional project or projects with the instructor of your A–F-graded course. Courses graded P/N or S/U and courses that are already honors courses are not eligible.
   - Complete an Honors Designation form in ISIS (follow the path ISIS > Student Records > Documentation and Reports > Honors Designation for Course Work). **The form will be active only until 11:59pm Thursday, February 21.**
   - Print out the designation form (it must be printed, not handwritten), take it to your instructor for a signature, then submit a copy of your designation form to the Honors Program by **5:00pm on Friday, February 22**.
   - Retain the original until you complete your project, then secure a second signature from your instructor and submit the twice-signed original form to the Honors Program by the **5:00pm May 17** deadline. As long as you earn a minimum B- in the course, an honors code will be added to the course on your grade report/transcript approximately three weeks after the end of the semester. Note that the form says the Honors Program will approve your project. In fact, we’ll contact you **only** if there is a problem with the project you propose.

7. **Apply for a 2013-14 Honors Scholarship.** All Honors students applying to the 2013–14 UIHP Scholarship Competition should complete our universal online application form to compete in this year’s process, which can be found by following the link below. The submission deadline is **Friday, February 8**.

   - To build your application, sign into the 2013–14 UIHP Scholarship Online Application at [https://apps.iowa.uiowa.edu/honors/scholarship/](https://apps.iowa.uiowa.edu/honors/scholarship/).
To access more information on scholarship funding at the University of Iowa and professional development on Brain FORCE Development, the UIHP Scholarships & Fellowships blog, go to http://uihpscholarships.wordpress.com.

Directions and guidance for the 2013–14 Scholarship Competition may be found by logging into the application or on the UIHP Scholarships and Fellowships blog here. Questions? Contact Kelly Thornburg, UIHP’s Fellowships Director, at 319-335-1874 or kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu

Additional UIHP Funding Opportunities (Applicants MUST apply to each of these opportunities individually).

- Laster Award for Interdisciplinary Studies - University of Iowa Honors Program. The Howard Laster Memorial Fund offers financial support to full-time Honors students who are engaged in academic inquiries which cross or combine disciplines of study. Qualified applicants should complete and submit the following questionnaire by 11:59pm on Friday, February 8. All other required documents, including the faculty letter of support, should be submitted in PDF format to honors-scholarships@uiowa.edu by the established deadline. To access the online application form for the Laster Award, go to: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHppUWJDWkd4VTBUelVCcWxVZWICVWc6MQ.

- Guy D. and Betty J. Williams Scholarship. The Williams Scholarship rewards students of undergraduate physics or natural sciences to apply the knowledge and skills gleaned from their education in the Liberal Arts and Sciences to environmental challenges. Qualified applicants should complete and submit the following questionnaire by 11:59pm on Friday, February 8. All other required documents should be submitted in PDF format to honors-scholarships@uiowa.edu by the established deadline. To access more information on the Williams Scholarship or to apply online, go to: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGRzS2xpMjJQSUxJeWd5b0FYNYkIqeHc6MQ.

And from Honors’ Friends . . .

8. Snag a Paid Part-time Job with Flexible Hours. Consider sharing your knowledge by becoming a paid private tutor. Go to the Tutor Iowa website (tutor.uiowa.edu) to review the terms of eligibility under the “Apply to be a Tutor” tab. Tutors are needed to assist University students with a variety of undergraduate subjects.

9. Support Iowa’s Recruiting Efforts. The student organization STAR (Students to Assist Recruitment) is currently seeking more Honors students to serve as Honors Hosts. Volunteers assist the Office of Admissions by serving as personal lunch and class hosts for individual high-achieving prospective students. STAR members also interact with students during campus visit days, represent the university on student panels, and give tours of residence halls, among other admissions recruitment activities. STAR is an excellent way to
meet new people, have fun, and ensure that visitors have the best possible experience at the University of Iowa! Visit www.uiowa.edu/~star for an application. Applications are due by **4:00pm Thursday, February 7** in the Admissions Visitors Center (C110 Pomerantz Center). Any questions? Contact star@uiowa.edu,

That should be enough to keep everybody out of trouble for now. See you next week, Honorables.