



## Goldberg Undergraduate Research Fellowship – DEADLINE APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Greater Good Science Center is an interdisciplinary research center devoted to the scientific understanding of happy and compassionate individuals, strong social bonds, and altruistic behavior. Our research agenda engages scholars in multiple disciplines including neuroscience, psychology, sociology, political science, economics, public policy, social welfare, law, and organizational behavior. Our publications and websites provide a bridge between social scientists and the general public.

We will award research a fellowship of **\$3,000** to one UCB undergraduate for the next academic year (Fall 2008 - Spring 2009). We will support research that responds to one or more of the following themes:

**1. The biological underpinnings of prosocial emotion.** Examples of research in this arena would address questions such as: Is there a reward system in the brain that is involved with the experience of pro-social emotion that is different from reward systems involved in sensory pleasure? What physiological processes are involved in attachment-related processes, such as care-giving, altruism, monogamy, and friendship?

**2. The context and cultivation of social well-being.** For example, how do children and young adults learn to be compassionate and caring individuals—in school, at home, and in other social contexts? What qualities of human institutions (e.g., families, neighborhoods, schools, churches, laws, organizations) foster the underpinnings of social well-being? What are the childhood trends in social well-being over the last 35 to 40 years? How do people with different ethnic, religious, or class backgrounds, different social perspectives, different cultural values or different mental health histories peacefully co-exist?

In addition to pursuing their chosen research, Center Fellows are expected to “contribute to the Greater Good” by working approximately 5 hours per week as a research assistant—or otherwise sharing their talents—contributing to the Center’s website, *Greater Good* magazine, or one of the Center’s other initiatives.

**TO APPLY: We are now accepting applications for 2009-2010 fellowships. Please submit:**

- 1) 500 word research proposal
- 2) Brief description of how you intend to spend the fellowship
- 3) One letter of recommendation
- 4) Completed application cover page

Submit all application materials to Christine Carter, Greater Good Science Center, 2425 Atherton Street #6070, Berkeley, CA 94720. **Applications are due April 6th, 2009 by 12:00 pm.** For further questions, please contact Caroline Wilmuth at [ggsc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ggsc@berkeley.edu).