

## 2008 PAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

### PROJECT TITLE: Financial aid for underprivileged international students

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My PAL research project was on financial aid for underprivileged international students. To carry out the project I was scheduled to visit institutions of higher education in Washington, D.C, and in California.

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Bulgarian students are among the top candidates to US colleges and universities. Being however a country in transition from a centrally planned to a market economy, Bulgaria does not yet have a distinct middle class. About ten per cent of the population of the country owns over 90% of Bulgaria's wealth and the remaining ninety per cent of the population has an average monthly income of approximately \$250. Among those 90 per cent come most of the successful Bulgarian candidates to US undergraduate institutions who crucially need financial aid in order to afford studying in the United States. Those are students mainly from public foreign language high schools in Bulgaria or from public high schools of mathematics. Those students are our USAP (United States Student Achievers Program) target group of low-income candidates with excellent academic achievements and a wealth of extracurricular experiences. These factors combined, prompted the choice of the research project on financial aid for underprivileged international students, when I was given the opportunity to apply for the PAL program.

#### GOAL AND RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

My goal was to acquire new and current expertise, techniques and knowledge on the financial aid decisions and to identify the criteria used by US colleges and universities in providing full-ride scholarships for low-income international students. My main objective was to improve the efficiency of the advising services that will ultimately reflect in higher numbers of Bulgarian students studying in the U.S.

#### PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND BENEFIT TO ADVISING CENTER/REGION/PROFESSION

The PAL fellowship will enable me to help undergraduate students maximize their chances to qualify for financial aid. The issue is of great importance to Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Fulbright Commission advising center and my own work, therefore my interest in it. The results of my research will have wide relevance to the USAP Program and my USAP colleagues. The findings will be also relevant to all the EducationUSA advisers as the strategies for attracting financial aid from U.S. universities could be well replicated worldwide.

#### WHAT DID I LEARN?

- **Financial aid for international students is very limited in the US.** Some schools have a clear and upfront policy stating that they do not offer any financial aid for international students:
  - **75% of US schools – award little or not**
  - **25 % of US schools – award over \$10,000**
    - **125 US schools - award over \$20,000**
    - **65 US schools are able to meet full need**

- **8 US schools offer need-blind admissions to international students** - Dartmouth College announced its new need-blind admission policy in January of 2008! Basically, if you can get in, you can afford to go - they are:
  - MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Massachusetts
  - Stanford University in California
  - Harvard University in Massachusetts
  - Princeton University in New Jersey
  - Yale University in Connecticut
  - Williams College in Massachusetts
  - Middlebury College in Vermont
  - Dartmouth College in New Hampshire
- **Top Bulgarian students can get full-ride scholarships by applying to universities which have need-blind admission.** This financial arrangement is likely to cover both tuition and living costs. Under a need-blind admissions policy, a college or university will admit students regardless of their ability to pay, and for any students that cannot afford the pricetag, the university awards scholarships and other institutional aid to make up the difference.
- **Another option is applying for merit-based scholarships** which commonly cover the tuition, with the student expected to come up with personal funds for the living expenses. A good news is that some of the Bulgarian banks already began granting international educational loans amounting to \$12,000 to Bulgarian students studying abroad.
- **International students should contact the Financial Aid Office** at each school they are interested in for information about the availability of funds for international students and the policies and procedures for applying for aid.

Questions to Ask Financial Aid Officers:

- What is the total cost of attending your university (tuition, room and board, books, fees, supplies, medical insurance, etc.)?
- Approximately how much should I expect to spend on extras (transportation, living expenses, entertainment, etc.)?
- Do you take financial need into consideration when making the admission decision?
- If I apply Early Action or Early Decision, how will this impact my financial aid package?
- What financial aid forms do you require?
- What are your deadlines for the receipt of financial aid applications and documentation? Do you have priority deadlines?
- When will I know if/how much aid I will be receiving? When will I get notification of my financial aid award package?
- What happens if, even after you have put together a financial aid package, I cannot afford to pay the gap in tuition? What can the university do for me in that case?
- How can I find out about available university scholarship or grants?
- Is there a separate application for applying for merit-based aid?
- What are your deadlines for scholarship applications?
- How will the awarding of outside scholarships impact my financial aid package?
- How can I find out about job opportunities on campus?
- How is the financial award package determined after my first year of studies? Will my package remain the same? Will it be reduced? Will I receive greater funding?
- Does the school offer payment plans or payment schedules?
- Do you offer financial aid to international students? If so, what is the average package for an international student? What are the deadlines for applying?

- **For those schools that do provide aid, most will require students to submit the Foreign Student's Financial Aid Application.**
- **For visa purposes, all international students will be required to complete a Certification of Finances Form** sponsored by the College Board or a similar form created by the university. These forms are typically verified by an employer or a bank official and inform the university that the family is financially able to pay the full amount for tuition, books and expenses for the student.

## **INSTITUTIONS VISITED**

I am thankful to the people I met at the different institutions I visited. Each person contributed to my project in a particular way by providing in-depth information on a specific aspect of my research.

### **1. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C.**

At American University I met with:

- **Evelyn Levinson, Director of International Admissions**
- **Olya Dadressan, Career Center adviser for SIS**
- **Jonathan Post, academic adviser for Undergraduate Kogod business program**
- **Professor Michael Mass, Director of Honors Program**
- **Assen Assensov, Mentor to Bulgarian student community**
- **Int'l students from India and Bulgaria**

The American University was the first institution I visited and that was fortunate, as Evelyn Levinson is a very knowledgeable person in the field of admissions and financial aid. She provided me with the ground information on an important part of my project: the mechanics of financial aid and the criteria used by the American University in putting together the financial aid package. With Olya Dadressan we discussed internships and OPT options. Jonathan Post provided information on the undergraduate Kogod business program specific admissions and financial aid requirements. The Director of Honors Program, Professor Michael Mass, supplied comprehensive information on the merit-based scholarships for students in the Honors Program. During the debriefing over coffee with Assen Assensov, Mentor to Bulgarian student community, and int'l students from India and Bulgaria we talked about the difference between a successful and an unsuccessful candidate for admission and financial aid; what mistakes to avoid when applying for a full scholarship; how can international students enhance their application for financial aid.

The American University has a new admissions strategy. TOEFL is not required of students attending international or bi-lingual secondary schools outside the U.S. for at least three years (grades 10, 11, and 12), where English is the medium of instruction. A telephone interview may be recommended instead. **SAT is not required** for students educated outside the United States regardless of citizenship. International applicants transferring from U.S. schools who have completed two university-level English writing courses with grades of C or better at an AG-rated, regionally accredited college or university, or with grades of B or better at an AP-rated college are exempt from submitting scores from these examinations. Scholarships for international students at the American University vary from \$5,000 to \$30,000 and a minimum of \$18,000 proof of finances is required.

### **For scholarships, the admissions requirements include:**

- Outstanding academics (GPA, IB/AP Program)
- Level of courses
- Extraordinary two letters of recommendation
- An impressive essay
- Leadership
- Volunteerism (service and giving back)
- Excellent English language proficiency

## **2. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford, CA**

At Stanford University I met with:

- **Karen Cooper, Director of Financial Aid**
- **Robert Hall, Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics**
- **Erinn Evans, Assistant Director of Admissions, Office of Undergraduate Admissions**
- **Maria Kazandjieva, Graduate Student in Computer Science**  
**Nikola Penev, Ph.D. student in Mathematics**  
**Marina Hristova, MBA student**

With Karen Cooper, Director of Financial Aid we discussed financial aid for underprivileged international students both at the graduate level and undergraduate level. Professor Hall is the current chair of the graduate admissions committee at the Department of Economics. He answered all my questions about admissions to the Economics Department at Stanford. Erinn Evans supplied ample information on the process of admissions and financial aid at the undergraduate level. Maria Kazandjieva, Nikola Penev and Marina Hristova shared their experiences as Stanford graduate students.

Stanford's admission program is need-blind which means that the financial status will not affect the admission decision. Its need-based financial aid is designed to ensure that the family's economic circumstances will not prevent the student from being able to enrol at Stanford. The Financial Aid Office awards all aid on the basis of demonstrated financial need.

There are a variety of funding options for Stanford graduate students based on academic merit, financial need, course of study, or type of degree program. Most fellowships and grants are secured through academic departments or schools, or outside agencies or governments.

## **3. OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, Los Angeles, CA**

At Occidental College I met with:

- **Royce Mussman, Assistant Dean of Admission**
- **Marisa G. Mofford, Assistant Director, International Programs and DSO**
- **Susan Popko, Director of International Programs**

With Royce Mussman, Marisa G. Mofford, and Susan Popko we discussed financial aid for international undergraduate students and general issues such as cooperating with foreign universities or establishing a transfer articulation agreement.

Occidental College is a small private liberal arts college in a big city, in this case Los Angeles. Oxy emphasizes a strong sense of community and a decidedly diverse student population. Financial aid for international students at Oxy is very limited. Aid is awarded in the form of scholarships, which vary in dollar amounts according to each student's demonstrated need, but may cover up to the full cost of an Occidental education. International scholarships are awarded according to merit and need, and are given to those students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

## **4. CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Pasadena, CA**

At CalTech I met with:

- **Jann Lacoss, Assistant Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions**
- **Marjory Gooding, Director, International Scholars, Office of International Scholar Services**
- **Jim Endrizzi, Associate Director, International Student Programs**

Jann Lacoss presented an overview of Caltech for prospective students and was available to answer questions during the information session. A student-led tour detailed undergraduate academics and student life. With Marjory Gooding and Jim Endrizzi we discussed in depth CalTech admissions and financial aid requirements.

CalTech offers broad education with a very strong science focus. With fewer than 1000 undergraduates, CalTech is a quarter the size of MIT but just as muscular academically. Financial aid for international students is very selective. CalTech looks at two pools of international students: those who do not need financial aid and those who need money. This means that if you apply for financial aid at CalTech, it influences your admission. If admitted, CalTech meets all of your need.

**Admissions requirements:**

- Students need to be very strong in math and science
- Students need to have a perfect SAT score
- Students need to have excellent scores on the Subject Tests in sciences and Mathematics, Level II
- No TOEFL requirement
- CalTech is looking for students who have competed and won olympiads in mathematics or physics
- Students need to have some science research through school

**5. UCLA- the University of California, Los Angeles, CA**

At UCLA I met with:

- **Gloria Nathanson, Associate Director, Undergraduate Admissions**
- **Ross Shideler, Associate Dean, Graduate Division**
- **Shiden Hanassab, Director of Research, Exchange Visitor Section Supervisor**

UCLA is a public research university which does not offer financial aid to international undergraduate students. Each year, it considers many more excellent applicants for freshmen admission than it can possibly admit. With over 151,000 applicants, this year UCLA ranked #1 in number of undergraduate applications in the whole USA. The goal of the campus' admissions review process is to single out from a large and growing pool of academically strong applicants those unique individuals who have demonstrated the intellectual curiosity, tenacity, and commitment to community service expected of the UCLA graduate. These select applicants are the ones who would contribute the most to UCLA's dynamic learning environment; they are also the applicants who would make the most of being immersed in it. Although high school grade point average and standardized test scores are important indicators of academic achievement used in UCLA's admissions review, they only tell part of the story.

**Profile of a successful undergraduate applicant:**

- Self-reported transcript
- Honor courses
- AP courses
- Strong test scores on the TOEFL, SAT and Subject tests
- Honors and awards
- Extracurricular activities (academic and non-academic)
- Impressive personal statement

With Gloria Nathanson, the Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, we talked about the admissions requirements and the profile of the successful candidate. It is not surprising that UCLA does not offer financial aid to undergraduate international students as it is a public institution. With Dr. Ross Shideler, Associate Dean of the Graduate Division, we discussed graduate admissions and availability of funding for international graduate students depending on the department they are applying to. The Engineering Department for example has much money to bring international

students. In the sciences, there is also much money for research and financial aid. The Economics Department and the MBA Program have a lot of money too. The Public Health Department offers some scholarships, but not many. At the Psychology Department, getting financial aid is very competitive.

### **FOLLOW-UP AND NEXT STEPS**

In order to assist Bulgarian underprivileged applicants in the application process and maximize their chances to qualify for financial aid, I am going to:

- Expand outreach to underserved regions and diverse social groups
- Prepare PPT presentations on undergraduate admissions and financial aid
- Compile and maintain a separate email list for each class with the following target groups: UG 2008/09, UG 2009/10, UG 2010/11, USAP 2008/09, USAP 2009/10
- Schedule meetings and seminars on undergraduate admissions to U.S. colleges and universities
- Provide professional training seminars for the Fulbright coordinators at the nine Fulbright local information centers. The seminars will be tailored to the needs of beginner or intermediate advisers. They will be a perfect opportunity for sharing the expertise acquired on the PAL program.
- The Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center Webpage has already been re-constructed to generate a more personal environment and provide opportunities for interaction through various forms of electronic communications: online applications, online registration, questions and answers, link on the webpage to an email form, online chats (link on the webpage to the adviser's Skype account), web counter
- The findings on undergraduate financial aid are already presented in the group advising sessions held once a week at the Fulbright EducationalUSA Advising Center

My plan from now is, together with other interested EducationUSA advisers, to prepare and publish an electronic newsletter in English about **EducationUSA Success Stories**. The Newsletter will be published quarterly on the USBT alumni website in four special issues, starting in January 2009:

- **International Student Success Stories**, January 2009
- **International Admissions and Financial Aid Officer Success Stories**, April 2009
- **International Student and Career Center Adviser Success Stories**, July 2009
- **EducationUSA Adviser Success Stories**, October 2009

### **MY ADVICE TO FUTURE PALs**

- Plan ahead
- Contact schools and make appointments long in advance
- Send schools promotional materials about EducationUSA and the advising center prior to your campus visits

### **CONCLUSION**

I was fortunate to have been part of this PAL Fellowship program. Both components (research project and leadership seminar) provided a new opportunity to rediscover myself and make new commitments to my professional development. Throughout the selection process for the PAL Fellowship, the preparation for my participation in the program and the actual training and research program, I enjoyed the steady support of the Bulgarian Fulbright Commission Executive Director, Dr. Julia Stefanova, the US Embassy in Bulgaria, the ECA Bureau in Washington and the REAC for Europe. My gratitude goes to the ECA bureau in Washington and the REAC for Europe who made possible this remarkable process of self-growth. I would like to express my gratitude especially to Dorothy Mora, Senior Program Officer for East Asia/Pacific in the Educational Information and Resource Branch, and to Wes Teter, Regional Educational Advising Coordinator for Europe, based at the Fulbright Commission in Germany.

The program has been masterfully administered by the College Board who provided excellent facilitators, training facilities, and networking opportunities, thus making for a most productive learning and research environment. With infinite attention to detail, Janine Farhat, Carol Blythe, Stephanie Trainor and Christina Hum, have managed to offer comprehensive and enriching individualized programs to each PAL Fellow.

## **RECOMMEDED RESOURCES**

### **Bibliography: Financial Aid for International Students – Including Sports Scholarships**

**The College Board Scholarship Handbook. Published annually. The College Board, Washington, D.C.** - provides complete and authoritative facts about more than 2,100 scholarship, internship, and loan programs offered to undergraduates by foundations, charitable organizations, and state and federal government agencies. Each program is clearly described, and indexes help students quickly find scholarships for which they qualify. Includes a planning worksheet that students can use to organize their applications and meet critical deadlines.

**The College Board Guide to Getting Financial Aid. Published annually. The College Board, Washington, D.C.** - explains how to get financial aid to help pay for college. It also gives the "financial aid picture" for each of more than 3,000 colleges, universities, and technical schools.

Includes "Know the Lingo" guides to key financial aid terms; details about unique scholarships offered by colleges; lists of colleges that offer scholarships for artistic or musical talent, NCAA sports, ROTC, and academics.

**The College Board International Student Handbook of US Colleges. Published annually. The College Board, Washington, D.C.** - provides information about over more than 2,900 colleges-financial aid offered to foreigners, TOEFL requirements, and special services for international students. Includes a general introduction to the U.S. higher education system, with special attention to the needs of international students, and comprehensive indexes that will help students find schools that meet their needs.

**Funding for United States Study: A Scholarship Guide for International Students and Professionals, Daniel Obst, Editor. 2008-2009 Edition. Institute of International Education, New York, NY.** - includes detailed descriptions of over 500 grants, fellowships and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study, and doctoral and postdoctoral research in the United States. Provides informative articles on financial assistance and university funding options.

**Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes, Peterson's, Princeton, NJ** - provides up-to-date details on millions of privately funded awards valued at billions of dollars. Contains profiles of millions of awards based on ethnic heritage, talent, employment experience, military service, and many other categories that are available from private sources such as foundations, corporations, and religious and civic organizations.

**Peterson's Sports Scholarships and College Athletic Programs, Peterson's, Princeton, NJ** - includes insider tips on how to get a sports scholarship; information from the NCAA's Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete; details on athletic programs at more than 1,500 accredited colleges and universities; contact information on coaches and athletic directors; information from current college coaches on the recruiting process and what they look for in potential student athletes; foreword written by the athletic director of a nationally-renowned university.

**Paying for College without Going Broke, 2008 Edition (College Admissions Guides), Princeton Review Publishing, New York, NY** - includes the latest financial aid forms and lists of annual changes in tax laws, shows students and their parents how to calculate their aid eligibility before applying to college and plan ahead to improve their chances of receiving aid. The book also includes advice on how to negotiate with financial aid offices, handle special circumstances (for single parents or independent students), and receive educational tax breaks.

### **Internet Resources: Financial Aid for International Students**

**Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, EducationUSA,** <http://www.educationusa.state.gov/> - provides "a wealth of information and services for international students at all stages of the college search. Portions of the Web site cover accreditation, finding a school, visa information, financial assistance, Fulbright scholarships, and programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State.

**Open Doors Online: Report on International Educational Exchange. New York: Institute of International Education,** <http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/> - includes comprehensive data on international students, scholars in the US and American students who study abroad; features graphic displays, especially data maps, tables, figures and to-the-point policy-oriented analysis.

**College Board's Online: Pay for College,** <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/index.html> - provides information about college costs, scholarships, financial aid applications, education loans, and college financing.

**College Board's Online: Scholarship Search,** [http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp) - helps to locate scholarships, internships, grants, and loans that match student's education level, talents, and background. Contains a database of more than **2,300** sources of college funding, **totaling nearly \$3 BILLION** in available aid!

**Funding for US Study Online. New York: Institute of International Education,** <http://www.fundingusstudy.org/> - an extensive database of scholarships, fellowships and grants organized and maintained by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Includes all types of funding programs, for all levels of post-secondary study, across the full range of academic areas.

**The International Education Financial Aid Website,** [www.IEFA.org](http://www.IEFA.org). Includes a listing of grants, scholarships, loan programs and other information for US and international students who wish to study in a foreign country.

**College and University Education in the United States, E-Journal of the U.S. Department of State,** <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/1105/ijse/ijse1105.htm> - contains a series of lively articles by educators and experts about the American system of higher education and academic and student life.

**FastWeb: Scholarships, Financial Aid and Colleges,** <http://www.fastweb.org> - helps students make the decisions that shape their lives: choosing a college, paying for college, and finding jobs and internships.

**eduPASS,** <http://www.edupass.org/finaid/> - contains up-to-date information about everything an international student needs to know about studying and living in the United States: from college admissions and financial aid to culture shock and clothing sizes.

## ***Snejana Teneva 2008 PAL Fellows Itinerary***

### **Tuesday, May 13**

9:00am-12 noon **PAL Fellows Leadership Seminar – Part II**

#### **PM American University**

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12:30-1:50 pm: Lunch meeting with Director of International Admissions re undergraduate international admissions process and scholarship overview

2:00-2:30 pm: Meet with Career Center adviser for SIS, Ms. Olya Dadressan (originally from Belarus) re internships and OPT options

2:30-3:00 pm: Meet with Jonathan Post, academic adviser for Undergraduate Kogod business program

3:00-3:30 pm: Meet with Director of Honors Program, Professor Michael Mass

3:30-4:00 pm: Meet with academic adviser in SIS, Julie Wickham

4:00 pm -4:30 pm: Debriefing over coffee with Assen Assensov, Mentor to Bulgarian student community, and int'l students from India and Bulgaria.

### **Wednesday, May 14**

AM – **State Department Day**

12:30pm Lunch – Smithsonian's

2-5pm

**PAL Fellows Leadership Seminar – Part III**

### **Thursday, May 15**

Fly Washington DC to San Francisco

8:30am Depart Dulles IAD UA 871

11:15am Arrive SFO International

Shuttle to downtown

Check in to **Hotel Whitcomb**

1231 Market Street, San Francisco CA 94103

Tel: 415-626-8000 Fax: 415-861-1460 [www.hotelwhitcomb.com](http://www.hotelwhitcomb.com)

Queen room pre-paid by College Board; free wireless High-Speed Internet

#### **PM UC Berkeley?**

### **Friday, May 16**

#### **Stanford University**

Contact: Pauline Larmaraud, Administrative Associate, Office of International Visitors

Bechtel International Center

584 Capistrano Way, P.O. Box 20227

Stanford, California 94309-0227

Tel: (650) 723-1984; Fax: (650) 725-0886; Email: [plarm@stanford.edu](mailto:plarm@stanford.edu)

PM Office of Undergraduate Admission

Contact: Erinn Evans

Montag Hall - 355 Galvez Street, Stanford CA 94305-6106

Tel: 650-725-4732 Fax: 650-725-2846

E-mail: [eevans@stanford.edu](mailto:eevans@stanford.edu)

Take Caltrain from San Francisco (King & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets) to Palo Alto station (40 minutes) and shuttle bus to Stanford campus

Return to SFO

**Saturday, May 17**

Free day in San Francisco

**Sunday, May 18**

Check out of hotel

Shuttle to SFO International Airport

Fly SFO to Los Angeles BUR Burbank-Pasadena

3:55pm Depart SFO UA 298

5:05pm Arrive Burbank (BUR)

Taxi to Pasadena

Check in to **Saga Motor Hotel**

1633 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena CA 91106

Tel: 626-795-0431; 800-793-7242

[www.thesagamotorhotel.com](http://www.thesagamotorhotel.com)

Confirmation #25979; single room and tax prepaid by College Board; free deluxe continental breakfast, Internet, laundry; heated outdoor pool. Across the street from Pasadena City College.

Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau, [www.pasadenacal.com](http://www.pasadenacal.com).

**Monday, May 19**

**AM Occidental College** (commencement May 18)

9:30am Royce Mussman, Assistant Dean of Admission

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10:30am Marisa G. Mofford

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Campus tour with Royce

The [Metropolitan Transit Authority \(MTA\)](#) operates four metro rail lines and 200 bus lines in greater Los Angeles. The [Metro Gold Line](#) runs to both Pasadena and Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. The Highland Park Gold Line station can be reached using either the city's [DASH Shuttle](#) service or an MTA (catch the eastbound Route 83 on York Boulevard).

**Tuesday, May 20**

Check out of Saga Motor Hotel; store luggage and walk to Cal Tech campus

**California Institute of Technology**

You have been registered for the

Admissions Information Session: 10:30 a.m.

Campus Tour: 11:15 a.m.-12:15pm

Arrive at Steele House by 10:20am. Admissions counselor presents an overview of Caltech for prospective students and is available to answer questions during the information session. Student-led tours detail undergraduate academics and student life.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions – Steele House  
355 South Holliston Avenue, Pasadena CA 91125  
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Engineering & Applied Science Division – including Computer Science Dept.

PM transport to Santa Monica  
Check in to **Comfort Inn**  
2815 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica CA 90404  
Tel: 310-828-5517 Fax: 310-829-6084  
Reservation #275141 Double room prepaid by the College Board (shared with Helen – arriving 5/17).

### **Wednesday, May 21**

Taxi to UCLA

**AM UCLA** (with Helen Reidy) times pending

Contact: Marisela Maddox Tel 310-825-5139  
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**PM** Ross Shideler, Associate Dean, Graduate Division  
Shiden Hanassab, Director of Research, Exchange Visitor Section Supervisor