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To Whom It May Concern:

The Leifur Eiriksson Foundation is pleased to announce its second annual graduate scholarship competition. I write to enlist your assistance in encouraging highly qualified graduate students to apply. This foundation is a University-related entity, and its endowment includes funding for the Robert L. Kellogg Scholarship that was created last year.

The Foundation was created to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the first Icelandic voyage to North America. It supports international collaborations between Icelandic and U.S. universities. Its scholarships provide essentially full support for up to one year of study for an Icelandic graduate student studying in a U.S. university or for a U.S. graduate student studying in an Icelandic university. The Foundation sets no restrictions as to the disciplines to be studied other than that it does not support elementary or introductory study of either Icelandic or English as a language.

Three of the five awards made for 2006 - 2007 went to U.S. graduate students to support work in Iceland. These awards were up to \$25,000 apiece, the sum calculated to cover tuition and fees, living expenses, and support costs for a full academic year in Iceland. The three U.S. Scholars this year are from the University of Washington, California at Berkeley, and the CUNY. In addition, two Icelandic award recipients are working at the University of Pennsylvania and the CUNY. The University of Virginia did not have a successful applicant for this first round of scholarships.

Opportunities for U.S. students going to Iceland include oceanography, climate studies, energy conversion, geology, metallurgy, materials science, literature, linguistics, anthropology, history, law, pathology, and other disciplines. All Icelandic universities are eligible to receive Eiriksson and Eiriksson-Kellogg scholars.

The Foundation expects to provide five scholarships this coming year. The application for 2007-2008 will be posted at www.leifureirikssonfoundation.org on October 1, 2006. The applications deadline is December 1, 2006, for study commencing in Fall 2007. The web site includes complete information.

Please send this information to the appropriate persons in your department, and post the enclosed flyer in a place where graduate students may see it.

Sincerely,

John T. Casteen III
President