

Furman University Seniors Awarded Mentor Fellowships

Two Furman University seniors have been awarded Mentor Fellowships from the Compton Foundation of California that will allow them to pursue year-long projects related to the environment following graduation. Colin Hagan of Tyler, Tex., and Kartikeya Singh of Greenville, both of whom will graduate from Furman June 2, have received fellowships worth \$36,000 each. The one-year fellowships will begin in mid-June when the Compton Foundation Mentor Fellows meet in the San Francisco area.

Hagan's project, "A South Carolina Guide to Climate Change," will highlight personal and behavioral actions as well as policies that can help minimize the state's greenhouse gas emissions. He will be mentored by Jennifer Rennicks, Federal Policy Coordinator for the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

Singh will work under the guidance of Sunita Narain, director of the Center for Science and Environment in India. "The Leapfrog Factor: Towards a Carbon Neutral India" will create a policy report proposing responsible energy consumption projects, particularly in the Indian auto industry.

ACORE member Furman University is one of nine schools nationwide invited to compete in the prestigious and innovative Compton Mentor Fellowship program, which supports graduating seniors as they "transform their academic studies into real world applications." The fellowship program, which was started in 2002, has traditionally been focused in the areas of environment and sustainability, peace and conflict resolution, or population and reproductive health. This year, the Foundation added a focus on climate change and energy policy.

Each Mentor Fellow is responsible for implementing a self-directed project and choosing a mentor who will provide "guidance, encouragement, and impetus for continued learning and service." The fellows are expected to demonstrate "imagination, intelligence, integrity and leadership" as well as a "commitment to compassionate and effective participation in the world community." For more information, visit www.comptonmentorfellowship.org.