Citigroup Foundation Reaches \$100K in Donations to NTID

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With its latest gift of \$25,000 announced this week, Citigroup Foundation has donated \$100,000 to the Citigroup Endowed Scholarship Fund, which supports deaf and hard-of-hearing business students at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of Rochester Institute of Technology. Established in 1999, the scholarship helps about a dozen students with financial need each year.

Citigroup has also supported NTID students through employment opportunities. To date, Citigroup has hired 134 students for summer internships and 22 graduates for business, computer, and human resources positions at its various sites nationwide.

In 2004, Citigroup hired six NTID students for summer internships, and the following year doubled that number. This summer the company has 14 positions available for deaf students.

"Providing access to higher education for students with a demonstrated financial need is a priority of the Citigroup Foundation. We are proud to partner with NTID in providing scholarships to deserving students," said Kristen Fries, program officer, Citigroup Foundation.

"We consider Citigroup to be one of our most valued partners," said Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz, NTID CEO/Dean, and RIT vice president. "Despite the ups and downs of the economy over the past several years, Citigroup's support has remained steadfast; and we are very grateful."

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NTID is the first and largest technological college in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. One of eight colleges of RIT, NTID offers educational programs and access and support services for its 1,100 students from around the world who study, live and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus.

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