OFSP Celebrates its 20th year with the 100th edition of the Candidate!

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Congratulations to this year’s National Fellowship Winners and Finalists!

By the numbers:

- 219 = number of national applications submitted by USC students this year.
- 65 = number to date of those 219 who advanced to finalists.
- 42 = number to date of those 65 who have won national fellowships.
- $1,158,100 = amount these 42 award winners have earned for academic study.

Thanks to all who joined us for our National Signing Day and Year End Celebration!

A record 75 students have declared their intentions to apply for national fellowships next year!

If a national fellowship is on your 2014-2015 “to do” list for next year and you have not yet sent us your completed Declaration form, please get yours to us by Friday, May 9 (email us at ofsp@sc.edu if you do not have a copy of the Declaration form).

Special thanks to our fellowship applicants and winners who presented their experiences at this year’s Discovery Day on April 25th!

- 5 students gave 4 presentations on their experiences, and 1 was awarded a prize in his presentation category!

OFSP proudly supported presentations by:

- Connor Bain (Goldwater Scholar and Udall nominee)
- Eric Bringley and Katherine Driscoll (Goldwater Scholar and nominee)
• Leila Heidari (Rotary Global Grant Scholar)
• Davontae Singleton (Truman finalist) – 2nd place in USC Connect Showcase 1 (Afternoon Poster presentation)

OFSP Summer Hours
We hope this finds you at the end of an enriching spring semester, looking forward to new experiences this summer! Although our drop in hours are over for the year, our office is open and our services are available during exams and throughout the summer – in person and electronically. In fact, we encourage you to use this time to research scholarships which interest you and let us know of your questions. We are happy to make appointments so e-mail us at ofsp@sc.edu or call 777-0958 to schedule a convenient day and time.

5 Things You Can Do This Summer to Prepare to be a National Fellowship Candidate:
1. Update your resume so it reflects your rich USC years – on and off campus;
2. Talk with OFSP (in person, by phone 777-0958; or email ofsp@sc.edu) to strategize steps for your specific competition - advisors are available all summer;
3. Research using INFO, and study the website for your scholarships – become an expert on its requirements and the profiles of previous winners;
4. Discuss your essay questions and ideas (in person, by phone or email) with professors who know your history and career goals; and
5. Enjoy the new experiences that await you this summer!

Planning on applying for a Fulbright grant this year?
Important dates to remember:
• The application for the 2015-2016 Fulbright will soon be open online: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/.
• Summer is the time to get started on your application, especially for those who are applying for research/study grants and need to secure an overseas affiliation.
• The USC campus deadline for the Fulbright competition is September 3, 2014.
• You must have either Dr. Jeff Persels or Dr. Yvonne Ivory review a draft of your application before September 3, and there is a preferred deadline for priority review of August 15, 2014.
• OFSP advisors are available throughout the summer to review drafts and advise on the application process. We encourage you to be in touch early and often!

National Fellowships with Early Summer Deadlines:
South Carolina Tax Council Scholarships:
Available for South Carolina residents who are rising seniors majoring in Accounting or Taxation with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications available online. Application deadline: May 15, 2014.

Scotland Saltire Scholarships:
Offers up to 200 awards, each worth £2000. These are towards the tuition fees, for any one year of study, on an Undergraduate, Masters or PhD course at any of Scotland’s higher education institutions. Application deadline: May 30, 2014 at midnight GMT.
**MEXT Japanese Research Student Scholarship**
The Japanese Government’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) offers scholarships for academic study in Japan to international students interested in deepening their understanding of the Japanese language, Japanese affairs and Japanese culture. This deadline is for application for *graduate* study in Japan. **Application materials due to OFSP by noon, Tuesday, June 17 for overnight mail for receipt June 19, 2014.**

**Tylenol Scholarship:**
The makers of TYLENOL® are excited to support students who pursue a healthcare-related education by awarding 10 $10,000 and 30 $5,000 scholarships. **Apply online. Application deadline: June 30, 2014.**

**The Endeavour Postgraduate Award**
This award provides financial support for students for up to 4 years to undertake a postgraduate qualification at a Masters or PhD level either by coursework or research in any field of study in Australia. Proof of acceptance at an Australian institution must accompany the application. **Electronic application due June 30, 2014 by 11:59 p.m. AEST.**

**Glamour Top Ten College Women**
Glamour's Top 10 College Women Awards spotlight college women from across the United States with an annual competition that recognizes leadership, involvement on campus and in the community, excellence in your field of study, and unique, inspiring goals. One grand prize winner receives $20,000 cash prize, and 9 others receive $3,000. All receive a trip to New York, opportunities to meet with top professionals in a variety of fields, and national recognition in the magazine. Must be a junior for the 2014-2015 academic year. **Application materials due September 15, 2014.**

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