Hope everyone had a great first day of classes!

Wondering where to start with National Fellowships this year?
Check out INFO, our searchable database, for fellowships that fit your interests and goals.

Find a fellowship that fits your interest,
then schedule a meeting with us to get started on the process!

Appointments can be made via our website:
To make an individual advising appointment:  https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP/
To save a seat at a workshop:  https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/

Just a quick question? Visit Legare College 220 or Honors Residence Hall A107
during drop-in hours on Thursdays between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Need an overview of national fellowships? Come to one of our orientation sessions on
Friday, August 29th or Friday, September 5th, both at noon in Legare 322.

Are you a Capstone student looking for more information on fellowships?
We have several Capstone events scheduled this semester, including:
Mug Mondays on August 25th and November 24th
Hot Cookie Friday on October 10th, and
Capstone Conversation Thursday, November 6th

As you plan your semester, don’t forget to mark your calendar for our upcoming workshops facilitated by USC faculty, previous winners, and OFSP advisors.
Students of ALL years are welcome to attend.

Monday, August 25, Russell House 302, 4:00 p.m.
FULBRIGHT GRANT
Dr. Jeff Persels and Dr. Yvonne Ivory will share information on this award, available to graduating seniors and graduate students who articulate a clear program involving study, research or teaching English to be carried out in a particular international academic setting for one year. Fluency in the host language is preferred, an appreciation for cross-cultural exchange and a strong background in American culture and current events of the host country are critical. **USC Application Deadline: September 3, 2014.**

**Wednesday, September 3, Room 322 Legare College, 4:00 p.m.**  
**GATES-CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dr. Kevin Lewis will discuss the opportunity offered by the Gates-Cambridge Scholarship, which funds a graduate degree at Cambridge in any discipline, to students who are committed to improving the lives of others. **USC Application Deadline: October 6, 2014.**

**Wednesday, September 10, Wardlaw 273 (Dean’s Conference Room), 4:00 p.m.**  
**KNOWLES SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dr. Ed Dickey will share information about the Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship, which focuses on supporting new teachers of high school science and math. **Application Deadline: October 29, 2014.**

**Monday, September 15, Room 322, Legare College, 4:00 p.m.**  
**TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dr. Shelley Smith will present the Truman Scholarship. The Truman provides up to $30,000 to juniors (any major) preparing for a career in public service with demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, service accomplishments, and a commitment to public service. **USC Nomination Deadline: October 20, 2014.**

**Wednesday, September 17, Room 322 Legare College, 4:00 p.m.**  
**GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dr. Douglas Meade will explain the Goldwater Scholarship. The Goldwater is the most prestigious national award for undergraduate students in the sciences, providing up to $7,500 to sophomores and juniors who are pursuing bachelors’ degrees in science, mathematics or engineering, and who have strong GPAs, research experience, and a commitment to a research career. **USC Nomination Deadline: October 20, 2014.**

**Monday, September 22, Gressetse Room of Harper College, 4:00 p.m.**  
**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRF), with DoD NDSEG, DOE CSGF, and SMART.**  
Join Dr. Mike Matthews to learn more about the NSF application process. The NSF GRF offers approximately $132,000 to support 3 years of graduate work in the sciences. We will also present a brief amount on other federally-funded opportunities for students seeking funding for graduate school in the STEM fields.  
**NSF GRF Deadlines:**  
- **October 29** - Engineering, Computer and Information Science & Engineering, Materials Research  
- **October 30** - Mathematical Sciences, Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy  
- **November 3** - Social Sciences, Psychology, STEM Education & Learning Research  
- **November 4** - Life Sciences, Geosciences  
**DoD NDSEG Deadline:** Mid-December, 2014.  
**DOE CSGF Deadline:** Early January, 2014.  
**SMART Deadline:** Late November, 2014.
See www.sc.edu/ofsp for the full schedule of fall workshops!

Research activities strengthen fellowship applications. Take advantage of some of these programs to get started and/or get funded!

**Friday, September 12**: Exploration and SURF grant fall applications due. SCHC students are able to apply for Exploration or SURF grants to support research. You are required to attend an application workshop before applying, and there are three fall workshops you can attend:
- Monday, August 25th at 11:30 a.m. in the Gressette Room of Harper College
- Tuesday, August 26th at 4:30 p.m. in the Gressette Room of Harper College
- Wednesday, August 27th at 5 p.m. in the Gressette Room of Harper College

**OUR Getting Started Workshops**
Interested in research but not sure where to start? Attend a Getting Started workshop for a crash course in turning your passions into a research experience! All sessions last one hour and take place in Legare College room 322. Please bring a laptop or tablet to the session.

* Thursday, August 28th – 1:00 pm
* Wednesday, September 3rd – 11:30 am
* Thursday, September 4th – 1:00 pm

**OUR Discover Seminar**
Have you been procrastinating getting involved in research? Looking for some support? Register for Discover! Discover is a four-week, not for credit seminar aimed at connecting and developing relationships with faculty, sharing opportunities for funding and showcasing research, and creating a plan for research during your college experience. Send an email with your name, major, year, and session to our@sc.edu if you're interested!

Session I: Wednesdays September 17th - October 8th, 1:00-2:00 pm in Legare College room 322

Session II: Wednesdays October 29th - November 19th, 1:00-2:00 pm in Legare College room 322

**Upcoming Magellan Funding Deadlines:**
Magellan Scholar - October 21st  Magellan Mini-Grant - October 30th
Magellan Apprentice - October 30th  Magellan Explorer - October 30th

Don't forget! To apply for a Magellan Scholar grant, you must attend one of the following workshops:
- Wednesday, September 17th - 4:00 pm Russell House room 315
- Tuesday, September 23rd - 4:00 pm Russell House room 303
- Thursday, October 2nd - 5:00 pm Russell House room 304
- Monday, October 6th - 5:00 pm Russell House room 304
- Friday, October 10th - 12:00 pm Russell House room 315

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include videos, audio/musical recordings, poetry, plays, short essays, and artwork. For more information and guidelines, check out http://caravel.sc.edu/. Deadline for submission is October 15th. Submissions may be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis as space allows.

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