Engage in the Process

October 30, 2014

Happy Halloween!

Scared because you missed a workshop, but still interested in applying this year? It’s not too late! Schedule an appointment with OFSP today to speak to an advisor about next steps for the Udall, Hollings, Rotary, Pickering, Rangel, Payne, Boren or Critical Language Scholarship. Schedule yourself at this link: https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP/

Final reminder of deadlines in the next week:

Wednesday, Oct. 29 through Tuesday, Nov. 4 (depending on field of study) are the application deadlines for the NSF GRFP. These awards support graduate work in the STEM fields, as well as some social sciences and STEM education.

Thursday, Oct. 30 is the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Scholarship Program deadline. A variety of scholarships are available to current members of the American Occupational Therapy Association. See website for more details.

Friday, Oct. 31 is the South Carolina Wildlife Foundation scholarship deadline. Offers $500 for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing environmental education at South Carolina schools of higher education. See website for more details.

Saturday, Nov. 1, is the The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans deadline: This award offers up to $90,000 of support for two years of graduate study in any field to students who are New Americans (defined as a green card holder or naturalized citizen if born abroad, or the child of a naturalized citizen if born in this country). Eligible students must be in their senior year, holder of a bachelor’s degree, or not beyond the second year in the graduate program for which they request support.

Saturday, Nov. 1 American Scandinavian Fellowship application deadline, for up to $23,000 support for graduate students to pursue research, study or creative arts projects in one or more Scandinavian countries for up to one year.

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Both the DAAD Study and DAAD Research Grants are due by 11 pm Central European Time (5 pm EST). DAAD Study grants offer support for a year of independent study or a master’s degree in Germany. DAAD Research grants support dissertation research, post-docs, or full PhD programs in Germany for one to 10 months (may be renewed up to 3 times for full PhD program candidates).
Fall national fellowships deadlines of note:

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**, is the [Critical Language Scholarship](#) (CLS) deadline. Students apply for an intensive summer language experience in one of 13 Critical Languages.

**Friday, Nov. 14 and Wednesday, Nov. 19**, are deadlines for [The Ford Foundation Fellowship Program](#): The Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation’s college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. **Dissertation and Postdoctoral application due November 14, 2014.** **Predoctoral application due November 19, 2014.** Supplementary Materials for all levels must be received by January 9, 2015.

**Friday, Nov. 14** for the [Boren Scholarship](#) – **deadline for first essay draft review** (by either Jen Bess or Sarah Langston). **The USC Campus Deadline is Dec. 1 to OFSP.** With an emphasis on learning less-commonly taught languages and issues of national security, the Boren provides up to $20,000 to undergraduates for study abroad.

**Saturday, Nov. 15** [GEM Fellowships](#) final application due electronically. This award is designed to offer opportunities for underrepresented minority students to obtain MS degrees in engineering and Ph.D. degrees in engineering and the natural and physical sciences through a program of paid summer internships and graduate financial assistance.

**Thursday, Nov. 20** is the [Udall Scholarship USc campus nomination deadline](#). The Udall offers $5,000 to **sophomores and juniors** who have a demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment, or to Native Americans in fields related to health care, the environment, or tribal public policy.

**Note New Deadline** **Friday, Nov. 21** is the campus deadline for the [Carnegie Junior Fellows](#) program. This opportunity allows recent graduates to serve for one year as a research assistant to Senior Fellows at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, DC. USC may nominate up to two students per year. **This year, projects are available in the following areas:** Democracy, Nuclear Policy, Energy and Climate, Middle East Studies, South Asian Studies, China Studies, Japan Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, Economics (Asia Program), and Russian/Eurasian Studies. Some projects require specific language and/or quantitative skills. **Applications are only available from OFSP – please email ofsp@sc.edu for more information.**

**Saturday, Nov. 30**, [National Physical Science Consortium Graduate Fellowships for Minorities](#): This graduate fellowship is open to all eligible students, with special consideration given to underrepresented minority groups as well as female physical science and engineering students.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**, [UNCF MERCK Undergraduate Science Research Scholarships](#): This award supports outstanding African American students pursuing studies and careers in the field of biomedical science, education, and research. Fifteen awards will be made to rising juniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, African Americans, majoring in life or physical sciences and are interested in biomedical research (professional and engineering majors are not eligible). **Also available and due on the same day** is the [UNCF MERCK Graduate Science Research Dissertation Fellowship](#), which supports African American graduate students as they complete coursework, conduct research, and prepare the dissertation required for the doctoral degree in the biomedically relevant life or physical sciences and engineering.
Friday, Dec. 12 by 5 p.m. ET, **U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships (NDSEG):** DOD Fellowships are awarded to increase the number of citizens trained in disciplines of science and engineering of military importance. These highly competitive fellowships are awarded to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering, and are an opportunity for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines to receive a full scholarship and be gainfully employed upon degree completion.

**Monday, Dec. 15, SMART (Science, Math and Research for Transformation):** This award provides approximately $50,000 annually to students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in science, technology, engineering, and math, and who desire to work in DOD laboratories.

**Featured Webinars:** Don’t forget that you can learn about some fellowships straight from the foundations. Check out some of these upcoming webinars for the Boren, and the Udall!

**Boren Scholarship and Fellowship:**  
“Boren Scholarships: General Information” Nov. 6, 3 pm  
“Boren Fellowship: General Information” Nov. 6, 5 pm  
“African Languages Initiative” Nov. 14, 3 pm  
“Boren Scholarship: Crafting Competitive Essays” Nov. 18, 2 pm  
“Boren Fellowship: Crafting Competitive Essays” Nov. 18, 4 pm

Click on the Boren link to register for any given session.

**Udall Scholarship Webinars:**  
Tips for the Udall Scholarship Application – Thurs. Nov. 13 at 12 noon.

Click on the Udall link to register for the session.

The past **CLS** Webinar was recorded, and can be found here: [http://www.clscholarship.org/information-for/advisors](http://www.clscholarship.org/information-for/advisors); look for Webinar #3, Application Tips and Recommendations for Success.

**Other Opportunities – ways to build competitiveness as a national fellowship applicant:**

- **OUR** will be hosting **Getting Started** workshops on Thursdays at 1 PM in Gambrell PC 150. Through Nov. 20, these one hour provide the basics for finding a mentor, getting funding, and showcasing your work. Interested students need not RSVP. Just show up! Each session is the same, so you only need to attend one.

- **It’s not too early to be thinking about your summer! Two upcoming events might help you out:**

- **Research Experiences for Undergraduates Information Session**  
  **Friday, November 7 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Legare 322**  
  **No RSVP necessary!** Join juniors Riley Brady and Katee Driscoll for an information session about **National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs).** An REU Site consists of a group of ten or so undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with a specific research project, where he/she works closely with the faculty and other researchers. Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel. An REU Site may be at either a US or foreign location. Riley and Katee will lead an informal discussion about looking for, applying to, and working at these prestigious research opportunities.
• **OUR is also sponsoring a session on Summer Research Opportunities**
  Thursday, November 13
  1:00-1:50 PM, Legare 322
  Lifeguarding and waiting tables over summer not for you? Looking to engage your brain and make
  some money? Discover how to find research internship and experiences in Columbia and across the
  country! Learn about common application requirements and set yourself up for summer success!

• **Outstanding senior students are encouraged to apply for senior awards**
  The University of South Carolina’s Honors and Awards Commission is accepting applications for the
  Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges award. Students selected for this
  honor also will be considered for Outstanding Senior and the university’s top two undergraduate
  awards – the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and the Steven N. Swanger Leadership Award. The
  awards are presented at University Awards Day, which will be held April 16, 2015.

  Students must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for senior awards:
  • Must graduate from an undergraduate degree program at USC Columbia between January 1,
    2015 and December 31, 2015.
  • Must have completed at least 75 academic credit hours.
  • Must exemplify scholarship, involvement, citizenship and leadership in academic and co-
    curricular activities.

  For more information and to access the online application, visit [www.sa.sc.edu/stlife/senior-awards](http://www.sa.sc.edu/stlife/senior-awards). The deadline for students to submit their application online is **Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, at 4 p.m.** Questions? Please contact Lauren Young in the Department of Student Life at youngLL@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-777-5782.

• **The Green Networking Breakfast**, on November 12th (8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.) at the Moore School of
  Business, will be an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and community partners to connect on
  issues of sustainability. This collaborative event will ideally facilitate potential jobs, internships,
  research projects, and professional mentors for students. It will also be a great way to showcase all
  of the hard work others are doing on sustainability.
  **Please RSVP by October 31st** at [http://www.greennetworking.splashthat.com](http://www.greennetworking.splashthat.com)

• **Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD)**
  GLD is an honorary distinction that students may earn in four pathways:
  • Community Service
  • Professional & Civic Engagement (Professional Work Experience & Peer Leadership)
  • Global Learning (Studying Abroad)
  • Research

  If you’re interested in finding out more about Graduation with Leadership Distinction and its
  requirements, take your first step by completing the [GLD Online Orientation](#) via Blackboard. **Seniors who are graduating in Spring 2015 need to complete the orientation this semester.** Then be sure to register for **UNIV 401 for Graduation with Leadership Distinction** (sections 100 and up) to complete the GLD presentation and E-Portfolio.

  For more information, visit the USC Connect website at [sc.edu/usconnect](http://sc.edu/usconnect). If you have further questions, you may contact USC Connect at uconnect@mailbox.sc.edu.
Don’t forget to check out INFO!
Find a fellowship that fits your interest, then come see 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.

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