Engage in the Process

November 13, 2014

We might all be ready for a break, but fellowship season has not slowed down! Come see us today if you are interested in any of the opportunities listed below.

Final reminder of deadlines before Thanksgiving break:

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.

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.

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 demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment, or to Native Americans in fields related to health care, the environment, or tribal public policy.

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.*

**Upcoming national fellowships deadlines of note:**

**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.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, The Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship:** For those who want to become a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State, the Rangel provides benefits of up to $90,000 over two years toward a two-year master’s degree, arranges internships on Capitol Hill and at U.S. embassies, and provides professional development and support activities. Upon successful completion of the two-year fellowship, Fellows enter the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. Applicants must be college seniors or graduates looking to start two-year graduate programs in fall 2015, must have GPAs of at least 3.2, and be U.S. citizens.

**Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015, DAAD RISE:** This summer internship program for undergraduate students in biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences and engineering offers unique opportunities to work with research groups at universities and top research institutions across Germany for a period of 2 to 3 months during the summer. RISE interns are matched with doctoral students whom they assist and who serve as their mentors. The working language is English. The online database for applicants will open December 4, 2014.

**Friday, Jan. 16, 2015 for Graduate Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship:** The Graduate Pickering Fellowships is open to seniors; all students must be interested in entering the US Foreign Service. Two years of funding, and two summer internships (one domestic and one international) are included. Applicants must be college seniors or graduates looking to start two-year graduate programs in fall 2015, must have GPAs of at least 3.2, and be U.S. citizens.
Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program: This national scholarship is only for sophomore applicants. Eligibility includes students whose disciplines are not only related to oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, or education, but also supportive of the purposes of NOAA's programs and mission, e.g., biological, social and physical sciences; mathematics; engineering; computer and information sciences; and teacher education. If you would like OFSP to review your essays, please email them to OFSP@sc.edu. The preferred deadline is Thursday, December 4th, but no later than Friday, January 9th.

Boren 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.

Boren Scholarship and Fellowship: “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.

It’s not too early to be thinking about summer activities!
Join OFSP for a special session about summer opportunities that include national fellowships, and programs that help prepare you to be a competitive fellowship applicant. Join us Monday, November 24th at noon in Legare 322. The opportunities we’ll go over are listed below:

NSF REUs (Research Experience for Undergraduates): If you are a STEM student, you should consider an REU. Sponsored by the NSF, these REUs provide fully funded intensive summer research programs. Deadlines vary by program, but will typically be in January and February 2015.

US-UK Fulbright Commissions Summer Institutes: for undergraduates with at least 2 years of study remaining to complete a 3-, 4- or 6-week academic and cultural summer program at one of 9 institutes in the UK. Deadline: depends on program, either February 26 or March 5, 2015.

DAAD RISE: see above for description of this summer internship program in Germany.

Mount Vernon Fellows: This brand new program is a competitive five-and-a-half week residential summer leadership program for rising juniors. Fellows will interact with like-minded student leaders from across the country, and learn from the top corporate, military, government, and non-profit leaders in the nation. Eligible students are current sophomores with a minimum 3.4 GPA. Deadline: February 1, 2015.

Department of Homeland Security 2015 HS-STEM Summer Internships: Offers undergraduates and graduate students 10-week paid summer internships at one of a variety of DHS labs across the country, with research areas in a range of STEM fields. Applicants must be US citizens. Deadline: December 22, 2014.

Department of Energy Scholars Program
This program offers PAID research opportunities to introduce students to the DOE's mission and operations. The program is 10 weeks and offers multiple locations throughout the country. Applicants must be US Citizens and undergraduates, graduates or post-graduates of an accredited college or university. The program is open to majors in: Engineering; Physical Sciences; Environmental Sciences; Computer Science and Information Technology; Physics; Business; Policy; Program Management;
Mathematics; Statistics; Safety and Health; Accounting and Finance; Law; Communications; and other related areas. **The application deadline is January 15, 2015.**

**Summer Fellowship at CDC**
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Division of Laboratory Sciences (DLS), is seeking Summer ORISE Fellows to focus on public health issues related to the environment. Candidates will join projects associated with developing and applying new methods to characterize and quantitative biochemical markers that are relevant in environmental exposures and chronic diseases. The fellowship carries a stipend of approximately $2,700 per month for full-time undergraduate student fellows and $3,400 for full-time graduate student fellows.

**Qualifications**
**Current undergraduate and graduate students majoring in applied sciences that have completed three years of major coursework may apply.** Chemistry and biology majors are preferred, although highly qualified candidates from other science majors may be considered. Must be able to comply with safety and security requirements before or upon reporting to CDC. **The deadline is January 16, 2015.**

**Other Opportunities:**
- **Publish Your Work in Caravel!** Caravel, USC’s online journal of undergraduate research and scholarly excellence is accepting submissions of your work! Send us your research and scholarly articles, films/videos, audio/musical recordings, poetry, plays, short essays, artwork, and more. Caravel is a system-wide journal, showcasing student achievements in all disciplines. Submissions are accepted on a rolling deadline basis.
- **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/uscconnect](sc.edu/uscconnect). If you have further questions, you may contact USC Connect at [uconnect@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:uconnect@mailbox.sc.edu).

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To save a seat at a workshop:  https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/

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