Engage in the Process

OFSP is sending you strength, stamina, and good wishes for the weeks ahead!

Our Drop-in hours end today, but we are available for appointments during and after exams. The office will close Monday, December 22, and reopen Friday, January 2.

Winter Break is a Great Time to Think About Summer Options!
Check out some options below – be sure to note application deadlines.

And join OFSP in early January for a special session for freshmen and sophomores, focusing on summer fellowship options. We will talk about the DAAD RISE, UK Summer Fulbright, and NSF REUs. See below for more information about these and other summer options.

Two sessions will be offered: Monday, January 12th at 3:30 p.m., and Tuesday, January 13th at noon p.m., both in Legare 322.

**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.**

**Humanity in Action Fellowship**: A five-week summer experience that brings together international groups of college students and recent graduates to explore national histories of discrimination and resistance, as well as examples of issues affecting different minority groups today. Program locations are Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris and Warsaw. **Application deadline: January 8, 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. **Application deadline: January 15, 2015.**
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. Current undergraduate (sophomores and juniors) and graduate students majoring in applied sciences 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.

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.

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.

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.

Rapidly approaching national fellowships deadlines:
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.

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.

Tuesday, January 27, 2015, **Boren Fellowships** (for graduate students): Up to $30,000 for graduate students interested in national security (broadly defined) who demonstrate high levels of academic performance and strong motivation to develop expertise in languages, cultures and world regions less commonly studied by Americans.

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.

Don’t forget to check out INFO (our searchable database of national fellowships) over break – start planning now for the spring, and looking ahead to next year.

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