2014-2015 was a good year for fellowships at USC!
We had 235 applications submitted, 92 applicants advancing to the finalist round, and of those, 54 students won scholarships. Congratulations to all who helped earn more than $2.1 million for academic study!

We want YOU to be a part of that winning tradition next year. So here are Six Things You Can Do This Summer to Prepare to be a National Fellowship Candidate:

1. Update your resume so it reflects your rich USC experiences – on and off campus;
2. Use INFO ([http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/info](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/info)) to find fellowships that fit your interests and goals.
3. Talk with OFSP to strategize steps for your specific competition - advisors are available all summer;
4. Study the website for your scholarships – become an expert on its requirements and the profiles of previous winners;
5. Discuss your essay questions and ideas (in person, by phone or email) with professors who know your history and career goals; and
6. Enjoy the new experiences which await you this summer!

**OFSP Summer Hours**

*Our office is open and our services are available throughout the summer – in person and electronically.*

We encourage you to use this time to research scholarships which interest you and let us know of your questions. Our website has a wealth of information, and we have hard copies of winning applications for most competitions that you are welcome to come and look at. We are happy to make appointments – use our [online scheduler](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/scheduler) to find a convenient time for you, or email us at ofsp@sc.edu or call 777-0958 to schedule a convenient day and time.

**Did you participate in our Intent to Apply (ITA) program in April?**

Watch your email for follow-up from faculty and OFSP advisors. Don’t worry, we haven’t forgotten you! Spend the summer becoming an expert on your competition.

**Planning on applying for a Fulbright grant this year? Let us know asap, and keep these dates in mind:**

- The application for the 2016-2017 Fulbright is now open online: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/](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 2, 2015. There is a priority deadline of August 7, 2015, for those who want to be ahead of the game!

- You must have either Dr. Kara Brown (Research/study) or Dr. Christian Anderson (ETA) review a draft of your application before September 2.
- 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!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, our fall workshop schedule is now online. [http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/workshop.shtml](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/workshop.shtml)

Attend one or more of these sessions to find out about the application process for each competition, and get advice from faculty advisors and past applicants (as available).

**Please note: workshops with an asterisk will include time to work on application pieces. Students should come prepared to write.**

Our first program of the year will be our

**Orientation to National Fellowships and Scholarships**

Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. in Currell College 107 (next to Rutledge on the Horseshoe)

If you need an overview of national fellowships, come!
If you know an incoming student who should know who we are and what we do, tell them to come to one of the sessions!

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