Engage in the Process

Workshop season is here! Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar, and don’t miss hearing from USC faculty, previous winners, and OFSP advisors. Some workshops will have a beginning draft writing component, but students of any year are welcome at workshops – it’s never too early to be thinking about a national fellowship.

Need a quick overview of national fellowships? Check out our Fellowship Fridays at noon in Legare 322. Sessions will be held on September 11th, 18th, 25th, and October 2nd.

September Workshops:

Wednesday, September 9, Room 322 Legare College, 4:00 p.m.  
**GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP**
Dr. Scott Goode 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 19, 2015.

Monday, September 14, Gressette Room, Harper 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, 2015.

Wednesday, September 16th, RHUU 205 (note location update), 4:00 p.m.  
**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRF), with DoD NDSEG, DOE CSGF, and SMART.** Join Dr. Mike Matthews and Dr. Erin Connolly 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 26** - Life Sciences, Geosciences  
**October 27** - Engineering, Computer and Information Science & Engineering, Materials Research
October 29 - Social Sciences, Psychology, STEM Education & Learning Research
October 30 - Mathematical Sciences, Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy

DoD NDSEG Deadline: December 18, 2015, by 5:00 p.m. EST.
SMART Deadline: December 1, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. EST.

Wednesday, September 23, Gressette Room of Harper College, 3:30 p.m.

**Udall Scholarship with NOAA Hollings.** Join Dr. Greg Carbone and Dr. Claudia Benitez-Nelson as they present the Udall and Hollings scholarships. 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. **USC Nomination Deadline: November 19, 2015.** The Hollings provides over $18,000 to **sophomores** studying oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, physical and social sciences, or teacher education which supports NOAA’s programs and mission; includes a paid summer internship. **Deadlines:** For essay review, Dec. 4, 2015; Final application due January 29, 2016.

Monday, September 28, Gressette Room of Harper College, 4:00 p.m.

**Boren Scholarship and Fellowship** and **Critical Language Scholarship.** Join Jen Bess for a discussion of the opportunities offered by the Boren and CLS programs. The CLS is a fully-funded intensive summer language program in one of 13 critical languages. **Deadline: November 15, 2015.** With an emphasis on learning less-commonly taught languages and issues of national security, the **Boren** provides up to $20,000 to undergraduate and up to $30,000 to graduate students for study abroad. **USC Campus Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2015 to Study Abroad (students must have 1st drafts reviewed by 11/15); Fellowship Deadline: January 27, 2015.**

See [www.sc.edu/ofsp](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp) for the full schedule of fall workshops!

**Upcoming fall national fellowships deadlines of note:**

**Thursday, Oct. 1,** **GEM Fellowships Part 1 due electronically; final application due electronically**

**Thursday, Nov. 15** 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, Oct. 1,** **Scoville Peace Fellowship deadline** for the spring 2015 fellowship program. The Scoville funds recent college and grad school graduates as fellows for six to nine months with various organizations in Washington, DC, focused on key issues of peace and security.

**Monday, Oct. 5,** **recommended deadline for Gates-Cambridge applicants** (to ensure enough time to complete additional material upload by the official Oct. 15 Gates deadline). The Gates-Cambridge Scholarship funds a graduate degree at Cambridge in any discipline, to students who are committed to improving the lives of others.

**Tuesday, Oct. 6** **Gilman deadline for study abroad in the spring of 2015.** The Gilman offers up to $5000 of funding for study abroad to students who are recipients of Federal Pell Grants. Interested students should be sure to contact the [Study Abroad Office](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp).

**Thursday, October 8,** **Bridging deadline for study abroad in the spring of 2015.** The Bridging offers $2500 for a semester and $4000 for an academic year of study abroad to Japan. Summer programs are not eligible.
Monday, Oct. 19, noon, OFSP Legare 220 for campus nomination
**Goldwater Scholarship** (see description above)

Tuesday, Oct. 20, noon, OFSP Legare 220 for campus nomination
**Truman Scholarship** (see description above)

Sunday, Nov. 1, by **11:59 p.m. PST** is the online application deadline for the **Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship**. The Knowles provides a variety of support for new teachers of high school math and science.

**Are you a Capstone student looking for more information on fellowships?**
**Join us for a Capstone Conversation, focus on the Hollings Scholarship**, on Thursday, November 6th in the Capstone Study Shack.

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

**Getting Started workshops with OUR (Office of Undergraduate Research)**

**No project? No mentor? No problem! Let's get you started in research!**
Research is all about asking questions and finding answers. It is a great way to gain real-world experience, work closely with faculty, and build your resume. This interactive workshop is designed to get you thinking about your research interests, and learn how to find and reach out to potential faculty mentors. Let us help you get started on your research path! **All Getting Started workshops take place in Gambrell Hall PC Classroom 150. No RSVP is necessary.**

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**Upcoming Magellan Funding Deadlines:**

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Don't forget! To apply for a Magellan Scholar grant, you must attend one of the following workshops:

* Monday, September 14 -- 4:00 pm (Russell House room 305)
* Wednesday, September 23 -- 4:00 pm (Russell House room 305)
* Friday, September 25 -- 11:00 am (1600 Hampton St room 404)
* Thursday, October 1 -- 4:00 pm (Russell House room 305)
* Tuesday, October 6 -- 5:00 pm (Russell House room 305)
* Friday, October 9 -- 12:00 pm (Russell House room 305)

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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/

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