Engage in the Process

Fall Scholarship application season is definitely upon us. Don’t forget that we often have examples of past successful USC applications on file for you to look at if you get stuck, and we have advisors ready to meet with you and review applications and essay drafts. Be in touch with any questions!

Final Fall Workshops:

Friday, October 2, Sloan 315, 2:00 p.m.
Truman Policy Proposal Workshop. For candidates applying for the Truman this year, join us for a working session on how to craft a policy proposal. Applicants should have an idea of the particular problem they want to address in their career in public service, and a potential piece of that to address with the policy proposal. Please register for the session by Oct. 1 at https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/ and bring writing materials – a laptop or paper and pen.

Tuesday, October 13, Gressette Room of Harper College, 4:00 p.m.
Rotary Global Grant Join Prof. Louis Dessau and Jen Bess to learn more about this opportunity. The Global Grant is available to juniors and above to fund graduate study abroad with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in line with one of Rotary’s six areas of focus. Applications available from OFSP.

Application Deadline to local clubs: April 1, 2016

Tuesday, Oct. 27, Legare College Room 322, 4:00 p.m.
Pickering, Rangel and Payne Fellowships will be covered by Jen Bess. All three fellowships provide up to $90,000 for students to pursue graduate degrees related to international affairs, and who intend to pursue careers in the Foreign Service. Payne Fellowships are for students with a particular interest in being a USAID FSO. Application deadlines:

Pickering Undergraduate Deadline: late January, 2016
Pickering Graduate Deadline: early February, 2016
Rangel Deadline: January 13, 2016
Payne Deadline: January 19, 2016

Monday, Nov. 16, Gressette Room of Harper College, 4:00 p.m.
Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarship Workshop. Join us to learn about these most prestigious of all national fellowships, which offer students the opportunity for graduate study in the UK and Ireland for 1 or 2 years. Emphasizing academics, leadership, and public service, each of these awards require campus nomination. Campus deadline for expressing intent to apply in the fall of 2016 will be April 1, 2016.
Miss 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 Truman, Goldwater, NSF, Udall, or Critical Language Scholarship.

Special Upcoming Information Sessions:
Are you a Capstone student looking for more information on fellowships? Join us for a Capstone Conversation, focused on the Hollings Scholarship (available to sophomores), on Friday, October 16th at 12 noon in the Capstone Study Shack.

Junior Outreach Information Sessions will be offered on Friday, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 at noon in Legare 322. These will offer a brief overview of some of the fellowships juniors should consider as they approach senior year, including NSF, Fulbright, Rhodes, and Rotary.

Summer Opportunities for Freshmen and Sophomores: Monday, Nov. 23 at 4:00 p.m. in Legare 322. Get started on planning your summer activities with an overview of options for early college students, including NSF REUs, the UK Summer Fulbright, the DAAD RISE, and the Mount Vernon Fellows.

Upcoming fall national fellowships deadlines of note:
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.

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 Goldwater campus nomination. The Goldwater Scholarship 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. Email OFSP (ofsp@sc.edu) for a copy of the campus application.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, noon, OFSP Legare 220 for Truman campus nomination. The Truman Scholarship 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.

October 26 – October 30, depending on discipline, deadline for NSF GRF. The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRF) offers approximately $132,000 to support 3 years of graduate work in the sciences.

Thursday, Oct. 29 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.
Saturday, Oct. 31 is the **DAAD Study** deadline 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.

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.

**Sunday, Nov. 1**, is the deadline for **The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans**: 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.

**Sunday, 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.

**Wednesday, Nov. 4** is the **DAAD Research Grants** deadline by 11 pm Central European Time (5 pm EST). 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).

**Wednesday, Nov. 13** and **Wednesday, Nov. 20**, 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 13, 2015. Predoctoral application due November 20, 2015.** Supplementary Materials for all levels must be received by January 8, 2016.

**Tuesday, Dec. 1** 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. Research areas vary from year to year, but typically include fields such as Democracy and Rule of Law, Russia and Eurasia, the Middle East, East Asia, Energy and Climate, and Nuclear Policy. **Applications are only available from OFSP. Email ofsp@sc.edu if you are interested.**

**Just opened** are the applications for the **Humanity in Action Fellowship** program and the **John Lewis Fellowship**. **Thursday, January 7, 2016** is the deadline for both programs. The **Humanity in Action Fellowship** brings together international groups of college students and recent graduates to explore national histories of injustice and resistance—including antisemitism, Islamophobia and racism—as they affect different minority groups today. Programs take place this summer in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris, and Warsaw. The **John Lewis Fellowship** takes place this summer in Atlanta, GA, and explores the history of the Civil Rights Movement, diversity and minority rights in the United States, with a particular focus on Atlanta. Key areas of inquiry include race and racism, immigration, national identity, Native American issues and the relationship between civil rights and human rights. The Fellowship will also discuss contemporary racial and diversity issues.
Out to Lunch Program: Did you know that there are funds available for you to treat faculty members to lunch and get to know them outside the classroom? This is a great program to encourage you to develop relationships with faculty. Details are available here: http://www.sc.edu/success/outtolunch.html

Coffee with an Intern: Did you know that OFSP has student interns, current undergraduate winners of national fellowships, who you can invite out for conversation? Ever wonder what it’s REALLY like to apply for a Hollings or Goldwater? How do you talk about being prepared for an immersive program like the CLS? If you are thinking of applying for one of the competitions below, let us know (ofsp@sc.edu) if you would like to be connected with an OFSP intern. Coffee’s on us!

Interns are available for the following competitions:

| Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) | NOAA Hollings |
| DAAD RISE                         | NSF GRFP      |
| Gilman                            | Taiwan USA Alliance |
| Goldwater                         | Truman        |
| Mount Vernon Fellows              | Udall         |

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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