Engage in the Process

October 29, 2015

Happy Halloween!

Scared because you missed a workshop, but are 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 Udall, Hollings, Rotary, Pickering, Rangel, Payne, Boren or Critical Language Scholarship.
Schedule yourself at this link: https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP/

Final Fall Workshop:
Monday, Nov. 16, Gressette Room of Harper College, 4:00 p.m.
Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships 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.

Special Upcoming Information Sessions:
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. If you will be abroad Spring 2016, PLEASE come talk to us before you leave if you have any interest in applying for fellowships your senior year.

One more call for Hollings! We will offer one more information session about the NOAA Hollings Scholarship on Nov. 11th at 4 pm in Legare 322. Come learn about this scholarship for sophomores who have career and research interests in line with NOAA’s mission. Successful applicants come from all sorts of fields; our winners last year included students in biology, environmental science, geography, geophysics, and computer science.

Boren Representative Visit: Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 3:00 p.m. in Russell House 305. Join us in welcoming Susan Sharp, Assistant Director for the Boren Scholarships and Fellowships, for an information session. She will provide an overview and updates on the Boren competitions. This is a great opportunity to hear about the competition directly from the funding source!
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.

Don’t forget that you can learn about some fellowships straight from the foundations. Check out some of these webinars for the Boren, CLS, and Udall:

**Boren Scholarship and Fellowship:**
“Boren Scholarships: General Information” Nov. 5, 3 pm and Nov. 23, 4 pm
“Boren Fellowship: General Information” Nov. 5, 5 pm and Nov. 23, 2 pm
“The Boren Awards and ROTC” Nov. 9, 3 pm
“Boren Scholarship: Crafting Competitive Essays” Nov. 13, 2 pm and Nov. 17, 4 pm
“Boren Fellowship: Crafting Competitive Essays” Nov. 13, 4 pm and Nov. 17, 2 pm
Click on the Boren link to register for these or other sessions.

**Udall Scholarship Webinars:**
Application Tips for the Udall Scholarship Application – Tuesday, Nov. 3, Thursday, Nov. 5, or Monday, Nov. 16.
Writing Great Essays over Winter Break – Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday Dec. 1, 3, or 4.
Click on the Udall link to register for any sessions.

**CLS** hosted a webinar for applicants on October 16 which was recorded, and can be found here: [http://www.clscholarship.org/information-for/applicants](http://www.clscholarship.org/information-for/applicants)

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

**Saturday, Oct.31** is the **South Carolina Wildlife Foundation** scholarship deadline. Offers $500 for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing environmental education at South Carolina schools of higher education. See website for more details.

**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** is the **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.

Sunday, Nov. 15 is the deadline for the GEM Consortium Fellowship. GEM offers 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. 19 is the Udall Scholarship USC campus nomination deadline. The Udall offers $7,000 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.

Monday, Nov. 23, is the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) deadline. Students apply for an intensive summer language experience in one of 14 Critical Languages. Newly added this year is the opportunity to study Swahili at any level!

Monday, Nov. 30, is the National Physical Science Consortium Graduate Fellowships for Minorities deadline: 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.

Monday, Nov. 30, is the second of three Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship deadlines. The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship seeks to attract talented, committed individuals with backgrounds in the STEM fields into teaching in high-need secondary schools in Georgia, Indiana, and New Jersey. Support includes admission to a master’s degree program at a partner institution (with various tuition arrangements), as well as a $30,000 annual stipend and mentoring support.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 is the campus deadline for the Boren Scholarship (applications should be submitted to Study Abroad, Close-Hipp 453). 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. Please note, the deadline for first essay draft review (by either Jen Bess or Sarah Langston) is Friday, Nov. 13.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 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.

*Note Date Change: Wednesday, Dec. 2 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 and Rule of Law, 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. Email ofsp@sc.edu if you are interested.

Friday, Dec. 18 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.

Thursday, January 7, 2016 is the deadline for both the Humanity in Action Fellowship program and the John Lewis Fellowship. 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.

Other opportunities:

Outstanding senior students are encouraged to apply for senior awards
The University of South Carolina’s Honors and Awards Commission is accepting applications for the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges award. Students selected for this honor also will be considered for Outstanding Senior and the university’s top two undergraduate honors – the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and Steven N. Swanger Leadership Award.

The awards will be presented at the annual University Awards Day, which will be held April 21, 2016, at 2 p.m. on the historic Horseshoe. (Rain location is the Russell House Ballroom.) Recipients will be notified prior to the ceremony.

Students must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for senior awards:
- Must graduate from an undergraduate degree program at USC Columbia between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.
- Must have completed at least 75 academic credit hours.
- Must exemplify scholarship, involvement, citizenship and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities.
- Must submit all information in this online application only and electronically sign the honor statement.
- Students who have requested a privacy indicator on their records must sign the waiver to release award information.

For more information and to access the online application, visit www.sa.sc.edu/stlife/senior-awards. The deadline for students to submit their application online is Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, at 4 p.m. Questions? Please contact Lauren Young in the Department of Student Life at youngLL@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-777-5782.
The Green Networking Breakfast, on November 18th from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at the Moore School of Business, will be an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and community partners to connect on issues of sustainability. This collaborative event will ideally facilitate potential jobs, internships, research projects, and professional mentors for students. It will also be a great way to showcase all of the hard work others are doing on sustainability. Please RSVP by November 4th at http://greennetworkingbreakfast.splashthat.com/

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)
- DAAD RISE
- Gilman
- Goldwater
- Mount Vernon Fellows
- NOAA Hollings
- NSF GRFP
- Taiwan USA Alliance
- Truman
- Udall

Finally, we wanted to let you know that OFSP is moving!

Our office will be closed on Monday, Nov. 30 and Tuesday, Dec. 1 as we move to our new home on the 3rd floor of DeSaussure. We should be open for business in our new location on Wednesday, Dec. 2, and look forward to sharing our new space with you!

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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