Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching! We are thankful for all our students: applicants, interns, scholars. You truly make our jobs enjoyable.

Wishing you a restful break – and hoping to see you in our new offices in DeSaussure in December!

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. Students of all years are welcome to attend. Campus deadline for expressing intent to apply in the fall of 2016 will be April 1, 2016.

Special Upcoming Information Sessions:
One more Junior Outreach Information Session will be offered tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 13 at noon in Legare 322. This 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.

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.

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 2016.
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 eight institutes in the UK. **Deadline: depends on program, either February 23 or 26, 2016.**

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. **The online database for applicants will open December 1, 2015, with application deadline of January 15, 2016.**

Mount Vernon Fellows: This program is a competitive five-and-a-half week residential summer leadership program for rising juniors. Fellows 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 5, 2016.** Check out our own Klara Milojkovic in the video on last year’s inaugural program!

**Upcoming national fellowships deadlines of note:**

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.

Friday, Nov. 20, is the deadline for The Ford Foundation Fellowship Program Predoctoral Grant: 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. **Supplementary Materials must be received by January 8, 2016.**

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.

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, 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. 15, 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. The online database for applicants will open December 1, 2015.
Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 for the **Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship**: The Pickering Fellowship offers both an undergraduate and graduate version; 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. Undergraduate applicants must be college juniors; graduate applicants must be seniors or alumni looking to start two-year graduate programs in fall 2016, must have GPAs of at least 3.2, and be U.S. citizens.

Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, **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.**

**Other opportunities:**

**Coffee with an Intern**: Don’t forget 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
- NSF REUs (summer research program)
- 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/](https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP/)

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