We have moved! OFSP is settling into the 3rd floor of DeSaussure, and we look forward to welcoming you to our new space.

As finals approach, we send you strength, stamina and good wishes for the weeks ahead!

We are here throughout finals, but please note our office will be closed from Dec. 23rd until January 4th.

Winter Break is a Great Time to Think About Summer Options!

Check out some options below – be sure to note application deadlines.

**Humanity in Action Fellowship:** A five-week summer experience that brings together international groups of college students and recent graduates to explore national histories of discrimination and resistance, as well as examples of issues affecting different minority groups today. Program locations are Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris and Warsaw. **Application deadline:** January 7, 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 is now open, with application deadline of January 15, 2016.**

**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.**

**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!
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.**

Taiwan US Alliance Summer Program (TUSA): offers 8 weeks of Chinese language learning and cultural exploration in Taiwan. Application opens January 1st, with **priority deadline of February 15, 2016, and final deadline of March 31st, 2016.**

And join OFSP in January for a special session focusing on summer fellowship options. We will talk about the DAAD RISE, UK Summer Fulbright, Mount Vernon, Taiwan US Alliance, and NSF REUs.

Two sessions will be offered: **Monday, January 11th at 3:00 p.m., and Tuesday, January 12th at noon, both in DeSaussure 228A.**

Upcoming national fellowships deadlines of note:

**Monday, December 14 by 5 p.m. PST,** [Elie Wiesel Essay Contest](#). The 2016 suggested essay topic, on which you should write between 3000 and 4000 words, is “Articulate with clarity an ethical issue that you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself.” Prizes range from $500 to $5000.

**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.

**Wednesday, December 30,** the [Blakemore Foundation Freeman Fellowship](#): Supports a year abroad for intensive study of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Burmese, or Khmer language skills. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree, and at least three years of study of the language at the college level by the start of the grant.

**Thursday, December 31,** the [NPR Kroc Fellowship](#): Supports a one year fellowship with NPR. Fellows receive hands-on training in production skills, editorial skills, reporting, on-air experience, web writing, and multi-media production skills over a one year span, as well as a $40,000 stipend. Candidates should be close to completing an undergraduate or graduate degree, or have earned a degree no more than one year prior to the deadline.

**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.

**Friday, January 8, 2016,** [Ertegun Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities](#): Supports graduate degrees in the Humanities at Oxford University in the UK. Students must apply for admission to Oxford, and submit an additional essay statement specifically for the Ertegun award.
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, 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.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 by 5 p.m., the **South Carolina Space Consortium.** Supports undergraduate and graduate research opportunities in the space sciences and related fields with various programs. Each year, undergraduates and graduates have the opportunity to participate in research during the summer and/or throughout the year in ongoing projects sponsored by NASA. See website for specific offerings, including the summer Palmetto Academy program.

Thursday, January 28, 2016, **Boren Fellowships** (for graduate students): Up to $30,000 for graduate students interested in national security (broadly defined) who demonstrate high levels of academic performance and strong motivation to develop expertise in languages, cultures and world regions less commonly studied by Americans.

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:**

**Spring Internship:**
The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking a Conservation Education Intern for the Spring 2016 semester, 10 hours/week, $11/hour. This internship might be appropriate for someone in education, environmental/natural sciences, or media/public relations. Interested students should send their resume and cover letter to Chanda Cooper at cooperc@rcgov.us by December 15, 2015. Contact us at ofsp@sc.edu for more details about the position.

**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
Don’t forget to check out INFO! Find a fellowship that fits your interest, then come see us to get started on the process!

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