Engage in the Process

Welcome Back!
We hope you had a relaxing and restorative break, and are ready to take 2016 by storm.
Consider applying for a national fellowship to be one of your New Year’s resolutions!

Kick off the New Year in our NEW space!

Drop in and say hello during the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs’ Open House on Wednesday, January 13 between 3:00-5:00 p.m.
3rd Floor of DeSaussure College

Summer opportunities:
Join us next week as we explore national fellowship opportunities for the summer. The DAAD RISE, UK Summer Fulbright, NSF REUs, Mount Vernon, and Taiwan US Alliance all have deadlines in late winter or early spring, so we’ll review application processes, hints, and tips.

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

Reserve your seat by registering here: https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/

Rapidly approaching national fellowships deadlines:
TODAY, 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.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, by 5:00 p.m. CST, the **Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowships**: An estimated $250,000 for full-time study toward a Ph.D. in the physical, engineering, computer, mathematical, or life sciences.

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.*

Friday, February 12, 2016, **R. Gene Richter Scholarship**: Offers $5000 to junior GSCOM majors who are future leaders in supply chain management, to help fast-track students into the profession. USC has a winner nearly every year!

*Spring semester is a key time to prepare for fellowship application season. Come to a workshop to learn about some of the key competitions we support, and be ready to apply this spring or get a jump start on the fall. Learn from USC faculty, previous scholarship winners, and OFSP advisors. Students from all years are encouraged to attend workshops – it’s never too early to learn about opportunities!* Reserve your seat by registering here: https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/
Madison Graduate Fellowship Workshop
Monday, January 25 at 4:00 PM, DeSaussure 228A
*Rising Seniors & Graduate Students* Offers support for graduate school to students intending a career as a high school US history, government, or social studies teacher

DAAD, Bridging, and Gilman Scholarship Workshop
Wednesday, February 3 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor
*Undergraduate & Graduate Students* Offers a brief overview of some national fellowship opportunities that provide funding for study abroad

Rotary Global Grants Workshop
Monday, February 8 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor
*Rising Juniors, Seniors, & Graduate Students*, $30,000+ for graduate work abroad in one of Rotary’s six areas of focus. Local Rotarians will be in attendance

Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarship Workshop
Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00 PM, DeSaussure 228A
*Rising Seniors & Graduate Students (Fall 2016 applicants only)*, these most prestigious national fellowships support graduate study in the UK and Ireland

Boren Fellowship and Scholarship and Critical Language Scholarship Workshop
Wednesday, March 16 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor
*Undergraduate & Graduate Students*, These two opportunities focus on critical language study, with CLS being a summer program, and Boren offering up to $20,000 for an undergraduate year abroad

Capstone Hot Cookie Friday – Friday, March 18 at 1 PM, Capstone Study Shack
Enjoy a cookie while talking with a national fellowships advisor

Fulbright Workshop
Monday March 21 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor
*Rising Seniors & Graduate Students*, Supports one year abroad for research, study, or to teach English

Goldwater Workshop
Wednesday, March 23 at 4:00 PM, Russell House, Room 302
*Rising Sophomores & Juniors*, up to $7,500 support for STEM students who plan a career in research

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Workshop with DOD NDSEG, DOE CSGF, and SMART
Monday, March 28 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor
*Rising Seniors & Graduate Students*, estimated $132,000 for graduate school funding for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Social Science students

Udall and NOAA Hollings Workshop
Tuesday, March 29 at 3:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor
*Rising Sophomores & Juniors*, The Udall offers $5,000 for students with a commitment to the environment, or to Native Americans in fields related to health care, the environment, or tribal public policy
*Rising Sophomores*, The Hollings offers up to $16,600 to students studying STEM fields, or teacher education which supports NOAA’s programs and mission; includes summer internship with a NOAA facility

Truman Workshop
Monday, April 4 at 4:00 PM, DeSaussure 228A
**Rising Juniors**, up to $30,000 for those preparing for a career in public service with demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, service accomplishments, and a commitment to public service

**Intent to Apply Deadline – Friday, April 8 by 5:00 PM**
Complete our [online form](#) to let us know what fellowships you are considering applying for in the 2016-2017 academic years, so we can support you in the process!

**OFSP Interns:**

**NEW* Intern Drop-In Hours:** Nearly every week this spring, you can visit with an intern during drop-in hours on **Thursdays from roughly 2-4 pm in DeSaussure 332**. Each week will feature a different intern and competition. Stop by to ask questions or just chat with students who have gone before you on the national fellowship path. Check below for the upcoming schedule.

**Upcoming Intern Drop-Ins – all in DeSaussure 322 on Thursdays from 2-4 pm unless otherwise noted:**
- **January 21**: Talk about summer options like NSF REUs and the DAAD RISE with Katee Driscoll from 2-4:30 pm.
- **January 28** th: Talk about the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship with grad student Chase Nelson.
- **February 4**: Chat about the Hollings and the Udall Scholarships with Kaitlyn Bretz and Chandler Green.
- **February 11**: Learn about the Gilman Scholarship by chatting with Adriana Bowman from 3-4 pm.
- **February 18**: Come learn about the Hollings scholarship with Angie Korabik.
- **February 25**: Explore the summer Taiwan US Alliance (TUSA) program with Grant Fleming.
- **March 24**: Chat about the Hollings, Goldwater, and NSF REUs with Riley Brady from 2:30 – 4 pm.
- **March 31**: Talk about the Gilman Scholarship with Joybelle Barlow and Adriana Bowman.  
- **April 7**: There’s still time to learn about the Hollings and the Udall with Chandler Green from 2:45-4 pm!  
- **April 14**: Cover lots of science and research options, like the Hollings, Goldwater, and NSF REUs with Riley Brady from 2:30-4 pm.

**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](mailto: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!

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/

To catch up on all the news you may have missed in the final weeks of the semester, view our past newsletters at http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/newsletter.html.

Like us on Facebook for up to the minute reminders on competitions, workshops, and information sessions in your news feed!