Congratulations to Eric Bringley, our Gates Cambridge Scholar! Eric was selected as one of only 35 US students to receive this scholarship, which will allow him to pursue his doctorate in chemical engineering at Cambridge in the UK.

Read more about Eric and the Gates on our website: https://www.sc.edu/ofsp/news/2016-gateswinner.shtml

Thinking of applying for the Rhodes, Marshall, Gates, or Mitchell Scholarships?

Current juniors or seniors who are considering applying for any of these British and Irish Fellowships must meet the Tuesday, April 5, 2016 deadline to OFSP. By April 5, applicants must:

- Have had at least one conversation with the faculty advisor —
  - Dr. Carol Harrison (ceharris@mailbox.sc.edu) for the Rhodes,
  - Dr. John Nelson (nelson@biol.sc.edu) for the Marshall, and
  - Dr. Ed Madden (Edward.madden@gmail.com) for the Mitchell.

- Gates candidates should speak with OFSP advisors.
- Have had at least one conversation with an OFSP advisor about your interest in the UK and/or Ireland
- Create and share with OFSP a working list of potential degree programs
- Create and share with OFSP a list of potential recommendation writers (minimum of 3 for Gates, 4 for Marshall and Mitchell, 8 for Rhodes)

If you intend to apply this year, try to come to the workshop on Wednesday, February 24th at 4 pm (see schedule below), make an appointment to talk with an OFSP advisor ASAP, and please email bessj@mailbox.sc.edu the list of programs and potential recommendation writers by April 5, 2016.

Don’t forget *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 DeSausseur 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.

Today, February 18th: Chat about the Hollings with Angie Korabik.
Next week, February 25th:
Learn about the Taiwan US Alliance (TUSA) program with Grant Fleming.

Don’t forget that interns are also available to invite out for conversation for the following competitions (coffee’s on us!):

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

Rapidly approaching national fellowships deadlines (lots on March 1!):
Tuesday, February 23 or Friday February 26 (depending on 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 9 institutes in the UK. Contact OFSP (ofsp@sc.edu) for details about how to handle the USC Study Abroad application process for this program.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016. American Chemical Society: American Chemical Society Undergraduate Fellowships are available to African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and American students who demonstrate: high academic achievement in chemistry or science and evidence of financial need (according to FAFSA form). College freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who intend to, or are already, majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or a chemically-related science and planning a career in the chemical sciences or chemical technology are eligible. If you need supporting documents mailed, bring to OFSP by noon on Wednesday, February 24.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 by 5 p.m. CT, James Madison Graduate Fellowships: These fellowships support the graduate study of American history by aspiring and experienced secondary school teachers of American history, American government, and social studies. Fellowships fund up to $24,000 of each Fellow's course of study toward a master's degree. The program must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution. If submitting hard copy of transcripts, those are due to OFSP for mailing by Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Pat Tillman: Supports active and veteran service members and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Gilman Scholarship: offers support for students who receive Federal Pell Grants to go on study abroad programs. The March deadline is for students going abroad in Summer 2016, or Fall 2016/Academic Year 2016-2017.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Freeman-ASIA Scholarship: Provides funding for students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. This deadline is for summer 2016 programs (and offers up to $3000 for summer study abroad).
Tuesday, March 1, 2016, National Italian American Foundation: Awards a variety of scholarships to Italian American students who demonstrate potential and high academic achievements; or students from any ethnic background majoring or minoring in Italian language, Italian studies, Italian American studies or a related field.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Mortar Board: Awards for Mortar Board members to pursue postgraduate degrees in any field of study. Awards range from $3000-$5000.

Monday, March 14, 2016, NIH Undergraduate Award: Offers competitive scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral, and social science health-related research. Disadvantaged background means that your financial aid office has certified you as having "exceptional financial need" (EFN), as defined by the Federal Government. Recipients have 2 service requirements with the NIH - one 10-week summer internship with the NIH, and one year of employment with an NIH laboratory for each year of scholarship funding.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016, Delta Phi Alpha Scholarships: Offers several scholarships to German students, for both undergraduates and graduates. See website for more details about specific competitions.

Thursday, March 31, 2016, Taiwan USA Alliance: Final deadline for this summer ambassador program to bring US students to Taiwan to study Chinese and learn about Taiwan. Earlier submission is encouraged, as admission is rolling.

Friday, April 1, 2016, Rotary Global Grant: Funds scholarships for a minimum of $30,000 for students for graduate level study abroad, in one of Rotary’s six areas of focus: peace and conflict resolution; water and sanitation; child and maternal health; disease prevention and treatment; basic education and literacy; economic and community development. You are eligible to apply starting in your junior year at USC. You must be a US citizen to apply. Applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club in their permanent residence or in District 7770 (SC Midlands and Coast). Applications are available from OFSP, and are submitted to sponsoring local Rotary Club. This cycle will fund the 2017-2018 academic year.

Friday, April 1, 2016, Alpha Lamda Delta – Trow Scholarship: Awarded to outstanding sophomore members of ALD, to be used during their junior year. Applications must be submitted to the ALD Chapter adviser. Supporting documents due to OFSP for mailing by noon on Wednesday, March 30.

Friday, April 1, 2016, Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund: Provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice. These need-based scholarships of up to $10,000 are awarded to those able to do academic work at the university level and who are part of the progressive movement on the campus and in the community. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression; building the movement for economic justice; and creating peace through international anti-imperialist solidarity. Supporting materials due to OFSP by noon on Wednesday, March 30 for overnight mail to meet April 1, 2016 postmark deadline.

Friday, April 1, 2016 AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship: Provides $5,000 to liberal arts and non-business degree holders who are pursuing both graduate studies in accounting and the CPA licensure. This award is intended to encourage students with little or no previous accounting education to consider professional accounting careers.

Upcoming February and March Workshops
 Reserve your seat by registering here: https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/
*Note Rescheduled Day, Time, and Location* DAAD, Bridging, Freeman-ASIA and Gilman Scholarship Workshop Tuesday, February 23 at 4:00 PM, Russell House 302
Undergraduate & Graduate Students Offers a brief overview of some national fellowship opportunities that provide funding for study abroad

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 For Capstone Scholars, 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

Other opportunities that can help you on your Fellowship journey:
Sustainable Carolina and Green Quad are hosting the annual GREEN CAREER FAIR on Wednesday, February 24th from 4pm-7pm in the Russell House Ballroom. The Green Career Fair is an opportunity for students to learn about potential paid and unpaid internships, job openings, volunteer opportunities, and future career paths in the field of sustainability. Students of all majors and disciplines with an interest in sustainability are encouraged to attend. Dress for the event is business casual. A list of attending employers, as well as the link to register to attend, can be found at www.sc.edu/green/careerfair

Summer Internship with alumna Meghan Conroy’s new non-profit Project Cyma This internship is with Project Cyma, based in Washington DC, which aims to address problems caused by the terrorist group Boko Haram and its insurgency in West Africa. It can be completed remotely and has a start date of any time between April 1st and June 1st of this year and will last at least 10 weeks.

1) Seeking any and all majors to fill six potential internship positions for Cohort 1:
• Marketing/Branding
• International development with an emphasis in Sub-Saharan Africa
• Counterterrorism and international security
• Nonprofit management
Fundraising and donor management  
Sustainability/agriculture

2) Key duties will be brainstorming, research, and analysis. Because Project Cyma is a startup, there is a lot of potential for interns to express what they want to get out of the internship, and for their supervisors to comply.

3) Schedules, start-dates, and hours are flexible. Students will have daily/weekly assignments, totaling approximately 20 hours/week, leaving room for them to work and make supplementary money during the internship period. If they receive funding through USC, the student has the option of completing a full-time internship (35-40 hours per week).

If you are interested in receiving a stipend for your internship, the Office of Undergraduate Research has agreed to let Cyma’s Founder/CEO, Meghan Conroy, serve as your external mentor. If you are a Maxcy (Magellan Navigator, deadline: rolling), Preston (Magellan Explorer, deadline: rolling), Capstone (Magellan Apprentice, deadline: February 26), or Green student (Sustainable Magellan, deadline: rolling), you are eligible for a stipend through OUR. If you are a general student and are interested in funding, you can apply for up to $3,000 in salary through the Magellan Scholar for the fall 2016 semester. Please visit OUR’s website for more information.

Present at Discovery Day!
Last year at Discovery Day, OFSP supported eight students making seven presentations on their fellowship application experiences. If you applied for a national fellowship this year, consider sharing your wisdom and experience! We are happy to serve as your required Faculty/Staff reviewer.

Or, present your study abroad experience, research experience, community or service-learning project! The opportunity to present to your peers, faculty, and community members is great preparation for a fellowship application in the future. Everyone should experience Discovery Day!

Registration deadline: March 4 Register your poster or presentation by submitting an abstract (description of experience) on-line at www.sc.edu/our/discovery_online.shtml. Participants have the opportunity to make poster, oral, creative, or artistic presentations and visual art displays, including theatrical, musical, or creative writing presentations.

If you’ve been looking for a way to showcase your beyond-the-classroom research, travel, scholarship, leadership, internship, or service experience, Discovery Day is the place for you. For more information, visit www.sc.edu/our/discovery.shtml. QUESTIONS? Contact us at our@sc.edu or (803) 777-1141

The 14th annual Discovery Day will be held Friday, April 22th from 8:15am until 5:30pm in the Russell House.

Have you done research? Do you have a positive experience to share with other students?  
Become a MAGELLAN AMBASSADOR!

What does a Magellan Ambassador do?  
- Provide outreach and guidance to students interested in research
Present to classes, student organizations, and more!
- Represent our office at campus events
- Volunteer at Discover Day

What are the benefits?
- An opportunity to share your research experience with your peers, staff, and faculty of the university, and potential new students
- Build presentation and verbal communication skills
- Be a part of a community of researchers
- Networking opportunities
- A great resume-building experience
- An opportunity for a great recommendation letter from OUR staff members
- An undergraduate research polo shirt and nametag

How do I apply?
Application materials must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) in Byrnes Building room 207 by March 25. Questions/Concerns/General excitement you just want to share? Email us at our@sc.edu or call us at 803.777.1141.

Finally, please let us know if you applied for a national fellowship this fall, or are applying for one this spring. Drop us an email at OFSP@sc.edu to let us know so we can add you to our invite list for our Year End Reception in April!

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/

View our past newsletters at http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/newsletter.html.

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