Engage in the Process

March 3, 2016

Best wishes for a relaxing, restful, and energizing spring break!

Featured Fellowship: National Health Service Corps
If you are a US citizen and planning on becoming a doctor, dentist, nurse practitioner, midwife, or physician assistant, consider the National Health Service Corps. The NHSC provides up to 4 years of financial support in exchange for 2-4 years of service in the health fields in a high need urban, rural, or frontier community. Applications are now open at http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html with a deadline of April 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Upcoming Workshops: hear from our faculty advisors and past winners!
Reserve your seat by registering here: https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/

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

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.

**Can’t make it to a workshop? Don’t forget that OFSP interns are also available to invite out for conversation for the following competitions (coffee’s on us!):**

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

**Rapidly approaching national fellowships deadlines:**

**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.

Friday, April 1, 2016, Tau Beta Pi Undergraduate Scholarship: Offers $1,000 or $2,000 to members of Tau Beta Pi who have at least one semester of engineering study remaining in the 2016-2017 academic year.

Friday, April 8, 2016, Bridging: Offers scholarships to American undergraduates participating in study abroad programs in Japan for a semester or academic year (no summer funding available). Students also need to complete a USC Study Abroad Application, due to Study Abroad by March 1.

Monday, April 11, 2016, Freeman-ASIA Scholarship: Provides funding for students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. This deadline is for fall 2016 and academic programs (and offers up to $5000 for fall and up to $7000 for the academic year). Students also need to complete a USC Study Abroad Application, due to Study Abroad by March 1.

Sunday, May 1, 2016, AH&LEF Scholarships: The American Hotel and Lodging Annual Scholarship Grants: Offers a variety of awards to undergraduate and graduate students in hotel/restaurant management, culinary arts, travel/tourism, and hotel administration majors. Some scholarships require nomination by the department.

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, 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. If you are abroad, the deadline still stands, but you may do the conversations via email.

Engage In The National Fellowship Process:
Intent to Apply 2016

Join the ranks of your fellow USC students who have won fellowships such as the Boren, Critical Language Scholarship, Fulbright, Gates, Gilman, Goldwater, Hollings, Knowles, NSF, and Udall!
Steps on your way to adding your name to the winners’ list:

- Search the INFO (Investigate National Fellowships Opportunities) database on the OFSP website
- Attend an upcoming workshop
- Meet with a national fellowships advisor
- Ask us about our Intern Drop-In Hours and Coffee with an Intern Program where you can chat with previous winners about the application process and beyond
- Submit your Intent to Apply form online by April 8

Students who participated in Intent to Apply during the 2014-2015 academic year were more likely to be nominated in competitions like Udall, Goldwater, and Truman than those students who did not.

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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