Engage in the Process  

April 15, 2016

Results of national fellowships are coming in, and USC is having a great year!

Congratulations to our Goldwater winners! Juniors Jory Fleming and Ryan Geiser were named 2016 Goldwater Scholars, extending USC’s winning streak to 24 years!

Congratulations to our 8 Hollings Scholars this year! USC is second in the nation for producing Hollings scholars in 2016, and has 42 winners over the 11 years of this competition. Join us in congratulating sophomores Leon Tran, Christian Brown, Kayla Gardner, Katie Frame, Olivia Harris, Amaelia Zyck, Rita Hjelm, and Sierra Wachala (pictured here with Hollings advisor Dr. Claudia Benitez-Nelson).

Want to know what it’s like to apply for a national fellowship? Come to Discovery Day on April 22nd and hear directly from students who have gone through the process! OFSP is happy to feature 13 students who have undergone the process of applying for a national fellowship at this year’s Discovery Day, Friday, April 22nd. Please consider supporting their presentations with your presence!
Morning Poster Session (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.) in the Russell House Ballroom:
Joy Barlow – Viva España: Study Abroad through the Gilman Scholarship and Graduating with Leadership Distinction in Global Learning
Kaitlyn Bretz – Udall, Boren, and Hollings Fellowship Application Experiences
Lauren Hamm – Applying for a Fulbright Scholarship

Mid-Day Poster Session (11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.) in the Russell House Ballroom:
Jamie Clark – The NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Experience
Katherine Driscoll – Fulbright and DAAD RISE Application Experience
Morgan Lundy – Graduation with Leadership Distinction: Community Service, Global Learning, and Professional Engagement
Jared Thompson – The Fulbright Process: Realizing My Potential By Starting From Scratch

Afternoon Poster Session (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.) in the Russell House Ballroom:
Rachel Botbyl – Healthcare and Health Education Differences in Costa Rica
Adriana Bowman – National Fellowships and Study Abroad: The Gilman Scholarship
Chandler Green – The Hollings and Udall Fellowships

Mid-Day Oral and Creative Presentations (11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
Eric Bringley – Unlocking Your Full Potential through National Fellowships, a story

Afternoon Oral and Creative Presentations (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
William Welsh and Anna Witkin – The Critical Language Scholarship

The end of the semester is a great time to take an OFSP intern out for coffee. Hear from other students about their experiences, and start planning your future fellowship applications today! Email ofsp@sc.edu to schedule a conversation about any of the fellowships listed below:

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

Letters of Recommendation
Nearly every national fellowship will ask for at least one. But how should you go about talking with faculty about a letter of recommendation? Check out this article in the Chronicle of Higher Education for some good advice: http://chronicle.com/article/How-to-Ask-for-a/235968

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship
These scholarships are available to women undertaking business studies who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Zonta International offers 32 scholarships of $1,000 each at the district/region level and 12 international scholarships of $7,000 each. Any woman undertaking a business and/or business-related program at an accredited university/college/institute, in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted, is eligible to apply.
The **deadline** to submit applications to the Zonta Club of Charleston is **5/15/2016**. More information and applications available on the Zonta website: [http://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Education/Women-in-Business-Scholarship](http://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Education/Women-in-Business-Scholarship) Students may submit their applications to Pam Tinsley, Treasurer of the Zonta Club of Charleston, at the following email address: **1649treasurer@gmail.com**.

**Schwarzman Scholarship for graduate study in China**

Applications open today for the **Schwarzman Scholarship**. Inspired by the Rhodes Scholarship, the Schwarzman program offers students the chance to develop their leadership skills through a fully-funded one-year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University in one of three areas: Public Policy, Economics and Business, or International Studies. The program seeks students from a variety of backgrounds, with a wide variety of experience (or no experience) in China and/or Chinese. Interested students are invited to attend a **webinar for applicants on April 21 at 5:00 EDT**. To sign up, follow this link: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/684695950406141185](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/684695950406141185)

Applications are due September 15, 2016. A Campus Assessment is required – **students must contact OFSP no later than September 1** if they are planning to apply.

**Rapidly approaching national fellowships deadlines:**

**Thursday, April 28, 2016 by 7:30 p.m. ET** 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.

**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.

**Monday, May 2, 2016 the Actuarial Diversity Scholarship**: Created to promote diversity within the actuarial profession, the award offers $2000-4000 depending on year of application. Applicants must have at least one birth parent who is a member of one of the following minority groups: Black/African American, Hispanic, Native North American, Pacific Islander. While having taken an actuarial exam is not a requirement, it is a factor in the evaluation process.

**Monday, May 2, 2016 the Huntington Actuarial Scholarship**: Offers $2000 to a student who has successfully completed at least one actuarial exam. Applicants MUST be nominated by USC, and this date is the campus deadline. Please contact OFSP ([ofsp@sc.edu](mailto:ofsp@sc.edu)) if you are interested in applying.

**Sunday, May 15, 2016, South Carolina Tax Council Scholarships**: Available for South Carolina residents who are rising seniors majoring in Accounting or Taxation with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications available online.

**June 1, 2016 the Actuary of Tomorrow Scholarship**: Offers $9,000 to rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors who plan to pursue a career in actuarial science and have successfully completed TWO actuarial exams.
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/)
To save a seat at a workshop:  [https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/](https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/)

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