Sending you best wishes for a successful finals period!

Congratulations to this year’s National Fellowship Winners and Finalists

By the numbers:

- 246 = number of national applications submitted by USC students this year.
- 90 = number to date of those 246 who advanced to finalists.
- 52 = number to date of those 90 who have won national fellowships.
- $1,860,000 = amount these 52 award winners have earned for academic study.

If a national fellowship is on your 2016-2017 “to do” list for next year and you have not yet sent us your completed Intent to Apply form, please submit it by Thursday, May 5th.

Special thanks to our fellowship applicants and winners who presented their experiences at this year’s Discovery Day on April 22nd!

OFSP was proud to support presentations by:

Joy Barlow – Viva Espana: Study Abroad through the Gilman Scholarship and Graduating with Leadership Distinction in Global Learning
Rachel Botbyl – Healthcare and Health Education Differences in Costa Rica
Adriana Bowman – National Fellowships and Study Abroad: The Gilman Scholarship
Kaitlyn Bretz – Udall, Boren, and Hollings Fellowship Application Experiences
Eric Bringley – Unlocking Your Full Potential through National Fellowships, a story
Jamie Clark – The NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Experience
Katee Driscoll – Fulbright and DAAD RISE Application Experience
Chandler Green – The Hollings and Udall Fellowships
Lauren Hamm – Applying for a Fulbright Scholarship
Morgan Lundy – Graduation with Leadership Distinction: Community Service, Global Learning, and Professional Engagement
William Welsh and Anna Witkin – The Critical Language Scholarship

OFSP Summer Hours

We hope this finds you at the end of an enriching spring semester, looking forward to new experiences this summer! A reminder that our office is open and our services are available during exams and
throughout the summer – in person and electronically. In fact, we encourage you to use this time to research scholarships which interest you and let us know of your questions. Use this link to schedule an appointment, or call 777-0958. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

5 Things You Can Do This Summer to Prepare to be a National Fellowship Candidate:

1. **Update your resume** so it reflects your rich USC years – on and off campus;
2. **Research using INFO, and study the website** for your scholarships – become an expert on its requirements and the profiles of previous winners;
3. **Talk with OFSP** (in person, by phone 777-0958; or email ofsp@sc.edu) to strategize steps for your specific competition - advisors are available all summer;
4. **Discuss your essay questions and ideas** (in person, by phone or email) with professors who know your history and career goals; and
5. **Enjoy** the new experiences that await you this summer!

Planning on applying for a Fulbright grant this year?
Important dates to remember:

- The application for the 2017-2018 Fulbright is now open online: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/).
- Summer is the time to get started on your application, especially for those who are applying for research/study grants and need to secure an overseas affiliation.
- **The USC campus deadline for the Fulbright competition is August 29, 2016.**
- You must have one of our Fulbright faculty advisors, Dr. Kara Brown, Dr. Yvonne Ivory, or Dr. Jeff Persels review a draft of your application before **August 29**, and there is a **preferred deadline** for priority review of **August 1, 2016**.
- OFSP advisors are available throughout the summer to review drafts and advise on the application process. We encourage you to be in touch early and often!

**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 are now open 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. 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:**

**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) 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.

**Thursday, September 15, 2016, the Glamour Top Ten College Women awards** spotlight college women from across the United States with an annual competition that recognizes leadership, involvement on campus and in the community, excellence in your field of study, and unique, inspiring goals. One grand prize winner receives a $20,000 cash prize, and 9 others receive $3,000. All receive a trip to New York, opportunities to meet with top professionals in a variety of fields, and national recognition in the magazine. Must be a junior or senior for the 2016-2017 academic year.

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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