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Congratulations to our British Scholarship Finalists!

Congratulations to senior Jory Fleming on being named a Rhodes Scholarship finalist!

Join us in wishing Jory good luck at his interview in Atlanta on November 18th and 19th.
Congratulations to senior Carl Garris on being named a Marshall Scholarship finalist!

Join us in wishing Carl good luck at his interview in Atlanta on November 14th.

Read more about the Marshall Scholarship and Carl here.
Upcoming Workshops:

On Monday, November 7th we will gather at 4 p.m. in DeSaussure 228 for a session covering **Summer Opportunities for Freshmen and Sophomores**. This will include discussion of NSF REUs, the UK Summer Fulbright program, Mount Vernon Fellows, and the DAAD RISE.

Join us for our **Junior Outreach Session** on Wednesday, November 9th at 12 p.m. in DeSaussure 228. We'll be covering some of the key competitions that juniors should consider as they approach senior year - NSF GRFP, Fulbright, Rhodes, and Rotary. **If you are a junior who will be abroad in the spring, we especially encourage you to come!**

**Interested in a career with the Foreign Service?** Come to our workshop for the Pickering, Rangel, and Payne Fellowships on Monday, November 14 at 4 p.m. in the Gressette Room of Harper College to learn how they support graduate work for those who hope to serve as a US FSO.

See our website for the [full schedule of workshops](#).

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**Have a quick question about the Hollings upcoming application?**
We have **scheduled drop-in hours** with OFSP staff and Peer Mentors on **Friday, November 11** in DeSaussure 328, from 1 - 3 p.m.

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**Important Fellowship Deadlines:**

**DAAD Study Scholarship and Research Grants** have a **deadline of Friday, November 4th**. Study grants support one year (with possible renewal for a second year) of graduate degree work, while research grants offer funding for short or long term research projects in Germany.

The **Ford Foundation Fellowship** applications for dissertation and post-doctoral awards are due **Thursday, November 10th**, while the predoctoral award deadline is **Thursday, November 17th**. The Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation’s college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Awards are made to those studying for a research-based PhD or ScD in a wide range of
The **CLS deadline is Wednesday, November 16th.** This program provides a fully-funded, immersive language learning experience over the summer for students in one of 14 critical need languages.

The **Udall campus nomination deadline is Thursday, November 17th.** Awards $7,000 scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment.

The **JET program (Japan Exchange and Teaching Program) online application AND postmark deadline is Friday, November 18th.** The program supports those interested in teaching English in Japanese schools and government offices with transportation funding to Japan and an annual salary.

The **Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship has a deadline of November 27th.** This fellowship supports early career high school teachers in STEM fields via mentorship, stipends, and grants for professional development.

The **Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships second deadline is November 29th.** This fellowship funds graduate school at partner institutions in Georgia and New Jersey for those interested in becoming high school level STEM teachers, in exchange for working in high-need secondary schools in GA and NJ.

The **Boren Scholarship campus deadline is December 1.** The Boren funds study abroad for students studying critical need languages, who intend to have a career focused on public service.

The **James Gaither Junior Fellows campus deadline is December 1 to OFSP.** Formally called the Carnegie Junior Fellows program, this offers the opportunity to work at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in DC for one year. Applications available by request from OFSP.

The **SMART deadline is December 1 at 5:00 p.m. ET.** The SMART seeks to increase the number of civilian scientists and engineers working for DOD labs, and so provides funding for undergraduate and graduate students in STEM fields whose work supports DOD interests.
The CBYX (Congress-Bendestag Youth Exchange) deadline is December 1. This program offers young professionals the opportunity to spend a year in Germany, learning German, taking classes, and participating in a relevant internship.

The National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC) deadline is December 9. Offers graduate fellowships for students in the physical sciences or engineering, with special consideration given to underrepresented minority groups and females.

The DOD NDSEG deadline is December 9 at 5:00 p.m. ET. This is a highly competitive, portable fellowship that is awarded to U.S. citizens and nationals by the DOD, who intend to pursue a doctoral degree in one of fifteen supported STEM disciplines.

National Fellowship Peer Mentors:

Don't forget, we have 25 USC national fellowship winners and finalists on campus who would love to talk with you about their experiences, and offer insight and advice as you navigate your own applications. More information can be found on our website.

Peer Mentors are available to talk about the following competitions:

Amgen
CLS (Critical Language Scholarship)
Gilman
Goldwater
Hollings
Mount Vernon
NIAF (National Italian American Foundation)
NSF GRFP
NSF REUs
SMART (Science, Math, and Research for Transformation)
Truman
TUSA (Taiwan US Alliance)

If you don't see a competition listed that you'd like to talk with a Peer Mentor about, let us know. We have several alumni who are happy to talk about their experiences!
Get to know your professors through the Out to Lunch program. Invite a faculty member to lunch and have USC pick up the tab at any campus dining facility (including 650 Lincoln). This is a great way to get to know professors outside of the classroom and begin to build rapport with them.

Outstanding senior students are encouraged to apply for senior awards
The University of South Carolina’s Honors and Awards Commission is accepting applications for the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges award. Applicants must graduate from an undergraduate degree program at USC Columbia between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2017; must have completed at least 75 academic credit hours; and must exemplify scholarship, involvement, citizenship and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities. Students selected for this honor also will be considered for Outstanding Senior and the university’s top two undergraduate awards – the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and the Steven N. Swanger Leadership Award. The deadline for students to submit their application online is Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, at 4 p.m.

Student Leadership Seminar
November 10, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Campus Room, Capstone
The Callan Course is an elite leadership program dedicated to cultivating high-impact leaders for today’s unique challenges. Students are invited to attend a unique leadership development session where they will be immersed in the experience of leading through stimulating imagery, powerful stories, and engaging stories. Register by November 4, 2016.

This interactive session will:

- Teach you how to develop the right mindset as a leader
- Explain the conditions needed to intentionally create success daily, monthly and annually
- Describe how leading small creates big wins in leadership
- Show you how to overcome your leadership blind spots

Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Have you had a professor who fundamentally changed your undergraduate
Undergraduate Research Mentor Award! This is a great opportunity to say thank you, and show your appreciation. Chances are that you know someone that deserved this award!

The Office of the Vice President of Research and The Office of Undergraduate Research is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. The winner will receive a cash award. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in mentoring the undergraduate students here at USC.

All USC campuses are considered for the award, and any faculty that has mentored an undergraduate student in research is eligible. Nominations are accepted from all undergraduates and graduates within one year after graduation. For nomination forms and past recipients, please see here.

Deadline for Nominations is November 21st

The 17th annual Harvard Kennedy School Public Policy and Leadership Conference (PPLC) will take place Thursday, February 9 - Sunday, February 12, 2017. The conference aims to increase the diversity of students pursuing graduate programs in public policy and international affairs by informing students about opportunities for graduate study and careers in both domestic and international public policy. Please note only first and second year undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or DACA recipients are eligible to apply. (Students must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and, must demonstrate a commitment to public service.)

PPLC will take place on the HKS campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. All conference expenses are covered by HKS. The conference serves as a pipeline for first- and second-year undergraduate students from historically underrepresented and underserved communities. The PPLC is designed to embolden students to pursue professional degrees to prepare themselves to become future leaders in public policy. The intensive three days of workshops,
While on campus, participants will learn about:

- Careers in public service
- Domestic and international policy issues
- Fellowship programs
- Resume building and networking
- Summer Public Policy and International Affairs Institutes
- Graduate schools that offer programs in public policy
- Student life

Click here to read interviews from previous PPLC participants. The online application is available here. The deadline to apply is November 9, 2016.

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**The Cultural Vistas Fellowship**

The Cultural Vistas Fellowship is an 8-week summer internship program that gives undergraduate students who have not yet participated in a formal study or internship abroad program the opportunity to gain practical work experience in Argentina, Germany or India. The Cultural Vistas Fellowship is open to sophomores and juniors in all fields who can demonstrate their interest in or commitment to advancing their career goals, developing global competencies, and experiencing life in another culture.

The application for the 2017 Cultural Vistas Fellowship is now open, and is due January 6, 2017! Check it out: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGyCq3R6hVQ

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**Oxford University Pershing Square Scholarship**

The Oxford 1+1 MBA is a unique opportunity for talented individuals to combine a specialist Master's degree from one of many world-class Oxford University departments with a one-year MBA.

Partnering programmes include:

- Master of Public Policy
- MSc in Environmental Change and Management
- MSc in Sociology
- MSc in Education
As a 1+1 MBA student, you will spend your first year completing a Master in your chosen discipline before completing the Oxford MBA in your second year. By completing the 1+1 MBA, you will become a dynamic leader who is able to use management practices to translate specific knowledge into practical applications with wide-reaching impact.

Every year, the Pershing Square Foundation awards full scholarships to support outstanding students on the 1+1 MBA, covering both the Master’s degree and the MBA year. Pershing Square Scholars are exceptional individuals who can demonstrate the potential and commitment to finding sustainable solutions to world-scale social challenges.

The Oxford Pershing Square Scholarship provides funding for tuition, college fees and a contribution towards living expenses for both years of studies. You would also benefit from opportunities for mentorship and networking with inspirational individuals and organisations that are part of the Pershing Square Foundation’s community. Applications are due by March 17, 2017, but watch for earlier (January) deadlines for some of the partner masters programs.

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/