The Candidate Newsletter from OFSP: Engage in the Process!

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Wishing you a restful Thanksgiving break!

We are grateful for all our students. You truly make our jobs enjoyable and worthwhile!

Upcoming Workshops:

Are you a junior going abroad this spring? Join us at a special session on Monday, November 28th at 4 pm in the Gressette Room of Harper College. We will focus on how to prepare for fellowship applications while abroad, and how to make the most of your time away to become strong candidates for options like the Fulbright.

See our website for the full schedule of workshops.

Important Fellowship Deadlines:

The Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship has a deadline of November 27th. This fellowship supports early career high school teachers in STEM fields via...
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. Boren is offering an upcoming webinar on constructing competitive essays, for which you can sign up via the links below.

Boren Fellowships (graduate) Crafting Competitive Essays Webinar - Monday, November 21 at 2:00-3:00 pm EST
Boren Scholarships (undergraduate) Crafting Competitive Essays Webinar - Monday, November 21 at 4:00-5:00 pm EST

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.

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 is the deadline for the summer programs.
students and recent graduates to explore national histories of injustice and resistance—including antisemitism, Islamophobia and racism—as they affect different minority groups today. Programs take place this summer in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Sarajevo, and Warsaw. The John Lewis Fellowship takes place in Atlanta, GA, and explores the history of the Civil Rights Movement, diversity and minority rights in the United States, with a particular focus on Atlanta. This year, the program will also address restorative justice in Atlanta, looking at key issues and subjects including education, health, law, local and state government, religious institutions and the arts.

Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 for the Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship: The Pickering Fellowship offers both an undergraduate and graduate version; all students must be interested in entering the US Foreign Service. Two years of funding, and two summer internships (one domestic and one international) are included. Undergraduate applicants must be college juniors; graduate applicants must be seniors or alumni looking to start two-year graduate programs in fall 2017, must have GPAs of at least 3.2, and be U.S. citizens.

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, DAAD RISE: This summer internship program for undergraduate students in biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences and engineering offers unique opportunities to work with research groups at universities and top research institutions across Germany for a period of 2 to 3 months during the summer. RISE interns are matched with doctoral students whom they assist and who serve as their mentors. The working language is English. The online database for applicants will open December 1, 2016.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program: This national scholarship is for sophomore applicants only. Eligibility includes students whose disciplines are not only related to oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, or education, but also supportive of the purposes of NOAA’s programs and mission, e.g., biological, social and physical sciences; mathematics; engineering; computer and information sciences; and teacher education. If you would like OFSP to review your essays, please email them to OFSP@sc.edu.

Thursday, February 2, 2017 The Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program: For those interested in the Foreign Service, this is a six-week summer program designed to provide undergraduate students with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs, a greater understanding of career opportunities in international affairs, and the
enhanced knowledge and skills to pursue such careers. Applicants must be at least sophomores at the time of application, must have GPAs of at least 3.2, and be U.S. citizens.

**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!

**Other Opportunities:**

**Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award**

Have you had a professor who fundamentally changed your undergraduate career? If someone in your research journey has significantly encouraged or improved your time at university, nominate them for the Distinguished 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.
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**

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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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGyCq3R6hVQ)

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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/)