OFSP is open during spring break - stop by if you are in town!

Whether you leave or stay, check out this issue of the Candidate Newsletter:

- Congrats to our Truman Finalist!
- Intent to Apply (ITA) process
- Upcoming Workshop Schedule
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- Other Opportunities
Congratulations to our Truman Finalist, Nick Santamaria!
Nick will interview in New York City on March 31st.
Please join us in wishing him well!
For more on Nick and the Truman, see our website.

Announcing OFSP's Intent to Apply (ITA) 2017

Let us know what national fellowships you plan to apply for in the 2017-2018 academic year! Our research shows that students who participated in Intent to Apply during the 2015-2016 academic year were more likely to be nominated in competitions like Udall, Fulbright, Goldwater, and Truman than those students who did not.

- Search the INFO (Investigate National Fellowships Opportunities) database on our website
- Meet with a national fellowships advisor
- Ask us about our Take a Peer Mentor to Coffee Program where you can chat with previous winners about the application process and beyond
- Submit your Intent to Apply form by April 7
- Watch for follow up from us about your specific fellowship interests throughout the spring and summer, as well as an invitation to our National Fellowship Celebration at the end of April.
SMART, Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright, Goldwater, Udall, NSF GRF, Boren, and Hollings Scholars, among others. **ITA is your first step in joining the winners list!**

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**Upcoming Workshops and Events:**

**Fulbright Workshop**

*Wednesday, March 15 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College*

For current juniors and above, the Fulbright Grant offers applicants a year abroad to do independent research, study, or teach English. This session is key for getting started on the application process, which takes place primarily over the summer.

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**Important Fellowship Deadlines:**

*Tuesday, March 7, 2017* is the [Gilman](https://www.gilman.org) deadline for study abroad in the summer or fall of 2017, or the 2017-2018 academic year. The Gilman offers up to $5000 of funding for study abroad to students who are recipients of Federal Pell Grants. Interested students should be sure to also contact the [Study Abroad Office](https://www.ita.ucla.edu/studyabroad).  

*Tuesday, March 14, 2017* is the [NIH (National Institute of Health)](https://nih.gov) [Undergraduate Scholarship](https://nihugsp.nih.gov) deadline. This program offers competitive scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral, and social science health-related research. The NIH UGSP will pay up to $20,000 per academic year in tuition, educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses to scholarship recipients. Scholarships are awarded for 1 year, and can be renewed up to 4 years. There are service requirements for working with NIH if you are selected as a recipient. See their website for more details.

*Wednesday, March 15, 2017* is the deadline for three scholarships offered by [Delta Phi Alpha](https://dpa.org), the national German honor society. Awards are available for members who are studying abroad in the upcoming fall or academic year, for those who plan to teach German at the K-12 level, and for the Outstanding Senior award. Visit their [website](https://dpa.org) for more details about any of the competitions.
junior students who are residents of SC and have a parent who lives in SC and works for SCBA.

**Friday, March 31, 2017** is the final deadline for applying to the Taiwan USA Alliance Ambassador Summer Scholarship. The program provides scholarship students from the United States a unique opportunity to intensively study Chinese Language (Mandarin) and immerse themselves in Taiwanese culture over a period of 2 months. TUSA Ambassadors are expected to act as goodwill advocates for both the United States and Taiwan wherever opportunities present themselves. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with early application winners announced February 25th, and regular admission winners announced April 10th. Applying early is encouraged!

**Saturday, April 1, 2017** is the deadline for submitting your application to a local Rotary Club for the Rotary Global Grant. This award offers $30,000-$50,000 for a year of graduate study abroad in one of Rotary's six areas of focus. [Ask us for an application.](#)

**Saturday, April 1, 2017** is the Tau Beta Pi Undergraduate Scholarship deadline. This award provides $2,000 for use during senior year for engineering students who are members of Tau Beta Pi.

**Saturday, April 1, 2017** is the deadline for a variety of American Institute for CPAs (AICPA) scholarships. These awards provide support for accounting students at various stages in their education.

**Monday, April 3, 2017** is the submission deadline for the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) Trow Scholarship, worth between $1,000 and $6,000. One applicant per chapter is allowed to be submitted.

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017** is the deadline for fall/academic year program funding from the Freeman-ASIA Scholarship. This award provides funding to students with financial need who plan to study abroad in one of these countries: Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam. Interested students should be sure to also contact the Study Abroad Office.
competitions MUST have talked with OFSP and the faculty advisor, as well as submitted a list of graduate programs in the UK and a list of potential recommenders, by this date. **Meeting this deadline does not absolutely commit you to submitting one or more of these applications, but it is required if you think you may seek university nomination.** Please email Jen Bess ASAP if you are interested in these awards.

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017** is the Bridging deadline for fall 2017 and academic year 2017-2018 applications. The Bridging funds semester or year-long study in Japan (it does NOT fund summer programs). Students in any field are eligible, and no previous Japanese study is required. Interested students should be sure to also contact the Study Abroad Office.

**National Fellowship Peer Mentors:**

**Don't forget you can take a Peer Mentor to Coffee (on us!).** There are 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!
Done something you are proud of?
Maybe you have…

- Returned from a study abroad experience in Brazil
- Completed a research project on the impact of acid rain on watersheds
- Competed for a national scholarship
- Or participated in a life-changing community service or service-learning experience

You may be asking yourself – what’s next? DISCOVER USC of course!

Why keep your experiences to yourself when you’ve got an excellent opportunity to share your pursuits in a professional setting with your peers, faculty or staff mentors, and community members.

ALL undergraduate students, ALL majors, and ALL USC campuses are welcome!
Students are invited to participate in Discover USC more than once, so join us again.

AND there is no time limit on when you can present an experience. Activities completed in previous academic years are eligible to be presented at any Discover USC, up until the academic year of graduation.

DEADLINE: Friday, March 3 (by 5 pm) to register your poster or presentation by submitting an abstract (description of experience) on-line at http://www.sc.edu/about/annual_events/discover/usc/registration/presenter_registration.php. Participants have the opportunity to make poster, oral, creative, or artistic presentations and visual art displays, including theatrical, musical, or creative writing presentations.

If you’ve been looking for a way to showcase your beyond-the-classroom research, travel, scholarship, leadership, internship, or service experience, Discover USC is the place for you. For more information, visit sc.edu/discoverusc
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/