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Congratulations to Rebekah Parris and Olivia Reszczynski on being named Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows for the summer of 2017!
Chosen from over 950 applicants, Olivia and Rebekah are two of the 16 rising juniors from across the country who will spend six weeks at Mount Vernon, learning about leadership and the example of George Washington.

Interested in learning more? Read about Olivia and Rebekah here, our previous winner Klara Milojkovic here, and see the Mount Vernon website for information about the program and application.

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Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Miss the Fulbright workshop earlier this month? Join us tomorrow (Friday, March 31st) for an additional session in Gambrell 431 at 2:30 pm. Students from all backgrounds and interests should attend to gather information about the USC process for application.

Fulbright grants offer recent graduates and graduate students the chance to spend a year abroad doing research, studying for a degree, or teaching English.

Your application needs to be completed primarily over the summer, so don’t delay in coming to find out more! Freshmen and sophomore students are also welcome to join us and start planning ahead.

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Marshall Scholarships

Join us for an information session by Mr. Chikere Uchegbu, head of Politics, Press, and Public Affairs at the British-Consulate General in Atlanta, who will be on campus to talk about the Marshall Scholarship on Wednesday, April 12th from 12-1 pm in Osborne Administration Building, Conference Room 107. He will offer information about how to apply for the Marshall Scholarship, and why you should consider applying.
The Marshall Scholarship is highly competitive and provides two years of study at universities in the United Kingdom. Applicants must be nominated by USC in early fall of senior year or within two years of completing a BA or BS degree. US citizens only. **Campus Nomination required.**

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Dont forget 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.

Remember, USC students and recent alumni have won 788 national awards totaling more than $24 million since 1994. Our students are Gates Cambridge, 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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**Important Fellowship Deadlines:**

**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](#)
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 EXTENDED to Tuesday, April 18th at 5 pm 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.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 is the British and Irish Scholarships USC campus deadline. Students interested in the Rhodes, Marshall, or Mitchell 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.

Thursday, April 27, 2017 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. They are offering a webinar covering the scholarship application and program guidelines on Thursday, April 6 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM ET. Click here for the Access Link, or Dial in: 1-888-324-7510 Passcode: 4080222.

Monday, May 1, 2017, 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 1, 2017 is the national deadline for the Actuarial Diversity Scholarship, and the campus deadline for the Huntington Actuarial Scholarship. Both awards are for students intending to become actuaries, and require one or two actuarial exams to have been passed already by the applicant. If you are interested in the Huntington, please contact OFSP as soon as possible - we can nominate only one USC student for that award.
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!

Other Opportunities:

Thinking of graduate school at Stanford? Introducing the brand new Knight-Hennessy Fellowship!

About the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program:

- The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program will build a multidisciplinary cohort of Stanford graduate students dedicated to finding solutions to the world’s great challenges. This group is pursuing a calling rather than a credential.
- The pioneer cohort (enrolling in Fall 2018) will comprise 50 Scholars, growing to 100 in subsequent cohorts.
- Scholars may pursue a graduate education in any of Stanford’s 120+ graduate degree programs. See all graduate degrees available at
stipend covering associated academic expenses, room and board, and personal expenses. Learn more about Funding.

- The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program is the world's largest fully endowed scholars program. Of the $750 million endowment, more than 85% directly supports the educational and living expenses of the Scholars.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Citizens of all countries are welcome to apply. We expect that, over time, about two-thirds of Knight-Hennessy Scholars will be international citizens. Learn more about Eligibility.
- A student is eligible if he/she earned an undergraduate degree in 2013 or later. A student may have earned, or be pursuing, a graduate degree - as long as he/she earned her/his undergraduate degree in 2013 or later.
- Any student who graduated with an undergraduate degree in 2012 or earlier is ineligible, even if he/she earned a graduate degree since 2012.

**The Admission Process**

- The application for the pioneer class (entering Stanford in Fall 2018) will open in May 2017 and is due on September 27, 2017.
- **USC applicants must request their institutional letter of support from OFSP no later than August 27, 2017.**
- Candidates must apply not only to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program, but also to her/his graduate program of interest. Most graduate programs will ask candidates to complete the departmental application materials by November 15, 2017 (the MBA and MD programs have earlier deadlines). Please check the website of the specific department after April 2017 for more information.
- We will work in conjunction with Stanford graduate departments to select Knight-Hennessy Scholars: we cannot select an applicant as a Scholar if the department doesn't admit her/him as a student.
- We will invite 100 applicants to campus for a Candidate Immersion Weekend on January 12-14, 2018.

**Schwarzman Scholarship for graduate study in China:**

The Schwarzman Scholars is a highly-selective, fully-funded international scholarship program designed to prepare future leaders for success in a world
the program provides Scholars with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, engage in high-level interactions with Chinese leaders and visiting speakers, and learn from world-class faculty through a dynamic core curriculum and concentrations in public policy, international studies, or business and economics. The Schwarzman Scholars experience also includes unparalleled opportunities outside of the classroom, including internships, senior mentors, and travel seminars around China.

To learn more about the program, attend one of the upcoming webinars:

**Schwarzman Scholars Open Webinars**
April 20, 2017 – 4:00 PM EDT, Register [here](#)
May 16, 2017 – 1:00 PM EDT, Register [here](#)

**USC's campus deadline to request the institutional letter of support is Sept. 1, 2017.** Email ofsp@sc.edu for more information.

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**DAAD Contest: The Life of Martin Luther**

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses*, the theme of the 2017 DAAD Annual Contest will be the major life events of this great theologian and critical thinker, whose writings sent shock waves throughout religious institutions of 16th century Europe.

The contest challenge consists of completing a timed 15-question quiz on the biography of this founding father of the Protestant Reformation. Please note that you will be scored for both accuracy and speed and that questions must be answered in the order in which they appear.

Finally, good luck and have fun testing your Luther-IQ!

**Only full-time students currently enrolled in a degree program at a North American university are eligible to participate.** See [official rules](#).

Click [here](#) to participate in this year's contest.

**The first-prize is a free round-trip airfare to Germany.**

**The second-prize is a GoPro Hero Camera.**
SUMMER OPPORTUNITY IN VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Prof. Denise McGill, Associate Professor of Visual Communications, is creating a documentary film about African American farmers on the coast of South Carolina. It follows four African American landowners, all farmers and fishermen, as they work and try to pass the business on to their children. They are threatened by developers who would rather buy up the land for luxury resorts. In addition to issues of culture and economics, the film explores land and water conservation, modern agriculture and ocean science.

Student Tasks:
Student will work on computer tasks essential to the completion of the film:

- Transcribing video
- Data entry
- Monitoring social media sites
- Additional tasks dependent on interests and abilities
Potential opportunity to travel to the coast to help with filming. Training will be provided.

Experience:
Knowledge of Gullah history, Apple computers, photography and video are good but not necessary.

For more information, visit theGullahProject.org

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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/

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