September 3, 2009
Engage in the Process

MARK OUR SEPTEMBER DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR
Workshops are the best way to learn about these scholarships – all students are welcome!

Wed, Sept 9, 4 pm, Legare 322
TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Mon, Sept 14, 4 pm, Legare 322
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP*
Wed, Sept 16, 4 pm, Legare 322
NSF FELLOWSHIP

*Did you know that USC has had Goldwater Scholars for the past 17 consecutive years?
Goldwater is considered the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship for students pursuing degrees and research in the natural sciences, mathematics, engineering, and social sciences. Applicants must have a very strong GPA, research experience, and plan a career in research. Up to four sophomores and/or juniors can be nominated by USC’s Goldwater Committee each year. Chaired by Dr. Doug Meade in Mathematics, this committee has advised all 35 Carolina Goldwater Scholars, including Hudson Harper (2009), Oliver Goethe (2008) and Joey Montoya (2008). In addition to winning up to $7,500 for educational expenses, 50% of USC’s Goldwater Scholars go on to win a second national award such as Rhodes, NSF Graduate Research Fellowships, Fulbrights, and NDSEG Fellowships. How is that for a nice return on your investment in the Goldwater competition?

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS WITH FALL SEMESTER DEADLINES

GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD  http://www.iie.org//programs/gilman/index.html
Gilman Scholarships expand opportunities for study abroad for students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding. The program recruits a diversity of participants and encourages participation by students in a broad range of fields of study in a wide range of countries. Students who have not studied abroad previously are encouraged to apply. Application Deadline to Study Abroad for Spring 2009: Friday, September 25, 2009.

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP  http://www.truman.gov/
The Truman solicits juniors to apply for this very competitive scholarship. Successful applicants will possess superior academic ability and a strong record of service and leadership (especially campus, community volunteer work) and be planning a career in public service. USC Nomination Deadline: October 14, 2009.

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP  http://www.act.org/goldwater/
Sophomore and junior students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in the natural sciences, mathematics, or engineering and intending to earn a graduate degree in these fields and pursue a career in research and/or college level teaching are eligible to apply. USC Nomination Deadline: October 21, 2009.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)  https://www.fastlanebeta.nsf.gov/grfp/Login.do
NSF awards are awarded for study and research in the sciences or in engineering leading to master’s or doctoral
degrees in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, behavioral and social sciences, as well as in the history and philosophy of sciences. Check website for various November 2009 deadlines.

**LINKS TO OTHER FALL COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**MAGELLAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM**  
http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml  
Choice of Required workshops: Sept 18, 21, 29; Oct 1, 12  
The Magellan Scholars Program was created to enrich the academic experience of the University’s undergraduates through research opportunities in all disciplines. By providing access to faculty mentors and a professional research experience, this program enables students to explore their interests in-depth. Attendance at a 30-minute workshop is part of the application process. Contact Julie Morris: Office of Undergraduate Research, Legare College, phone 777-1141

**STUDY ABROAD FAIR**  
Russell House, 2nd Floor Lobby, 10 am–3 pm, Fri, Sept 11, 2009  
http://www.sa.sc.edu/sa/

**WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM (WSP)**  
http://www.ipspr.sc.edu/ws/default.asp  
WSP gives students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while earning academic credit toward their degrees in Washington, DC. Application Deadline to WSP office for Spring 2009: September 24, 2009.

**ESSAY CONTEST**  
http://www.ayrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education_contests_atlas  
Select one of three topics related to Ayn Rand’s *Atlas Shrugged* and win $10,000. Essays must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than 11:59 PM, PST on September 17, 2009.

**XEROX TECHNICAL MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS**  
High-achieving US citizens or visa-holding Permanent Residents of African American, Asian, Pacific Island, Native American, Native Alaskan, or Hispanic descent enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student in Chemistry, Information Management, Computing & Software Systems, Material Science, Printing Management Science, Laser Optics, Physics, Material Science, or Engineering (Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Imaging, Optical, Manufacturing, Mechanical, or Software) are eligible to apply. **Postmark deadline: September 28, 2009**

**INVESTIGATE OTHER RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE**  
**COMPLETE CALENDAR AND WORKSHOPS**  
http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/calendar.html  
**APPLICATION PROCESS**  
http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/app_process.html  
**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUNDING**  
http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/suggestionsforfunding.html

**DROP-IN HOURS IN LEGARE AND THE HONORS RESIDENCE HALL**

**Legare:**  
Mondays and Tuesdays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 – noon  
Fridays and other times by appointment  

**Honors Residence Hall:**  
Mondays 1-3 p.m.  
Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.  
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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