Engage in the Process

OFSP is sending you strength, stamina, and good wishes for the weeks ahead!

Our Drop-in hours end today, but we are available for appointments during and after exams. The office will close Friday, December 20, and reopen Thursday, January 2.

Winter Break is a Great Time to Think About Summer Options!
Check out some options below – be sure to note application deadlines.

And join OFSP in early January for a special session for freshmen and sophomores, focusing on summer fellowship options. We will talk about the DAAD RISE, UK Summer Fulbright, and NSF REUs. See below for more information about all three.

Two sessions will be offered: Monday, January 13th at 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday, January 14th at 1:00 p.m., both in Legare 322.

**US Department of Homeland Security STEM Summer Internships**: Offers 10-week research experiences at a variety of Homeland Security sites, with a $5000 stipend and travel expenses. Research areas include engineering, computer science, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, environmental science, and more. Applicants must be US citizens, and at least sophomores at the time of application, with a minimum 3.3 GPA. [Online application deadline: January 6, 2014.](#)

**Humanity in Action Fellowship**: A five-week summer experience that brings together international groups of college students and recent graduates to explore national histories of discrimination and resistance, as well as examples of issues affecting different minority groups today. Program locations are Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris and Warsaw. [Application deadline: January 9, 2014.](#)

**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 6, 2013. Application deadline: January 31, 2014.](#)

**US-UK Fulbright Commissions Summer Institutes**: for undergraduates with at least 2 years of study remaining to complete a 3-, 4- or 6-week academic and cultural summer program at one of 9 institutes...
in the UK. **Deadline: February 27 or March 6, 2014, depending on the program.** Check website for details. The 9 programs available for US students in 2014 are:

- AIFS Summer Institute at Shakespeare's Globe
- Durham University Summer Institute
- King's College London Summer Institute
- Nottingham Trent University Summer Institute
- Queen's University Belfast Summer Institute
- Scotland Summer Institute
- University of Bristol Summer Institute
- University of Exeter Summer Institute
- Wales Summer Institute

And finally, if you are a STEM student, you should consider an REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates). Sponsored by the NSF, these REUs funds intensive summer research programs. Check the website for specific listings: [http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp)

Don’t forget to check out INFO (our searchable database of national fellowships) over break – start planning now for the spring, and looking ahead to next year.

### Rapidly approaching national fellowships deadlines:

**Monday, Dec. 16, SMART (Science, Math and Research for Transformation):** This award provides approximately $50,000 annually to students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in science, technology, engineering, and math, and who desire to work in DOD laboratories.

**Friday, Dec. 20 by 5 p.m. ET, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships:** DOD Fellowships are awarded to increase the number of citizens trained in disciplines of science and engineering of military importance. These highly competitive fellowships are awarded to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering, and are an opportunity for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines to receive a full scholarship and be gainfully employed upon degree completion.

**Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, The Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship:** For those who want to become a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State, the Rangel provides benefits of up to $90,000 over two years toward a two-year master’s degree, arranges internships on Capitol Hill and at U.S. embassies, and provides professional development and support activities. Upon successful completion of the two-year fellowship, Fellows enter the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. Applicants must be college seniors or graduates looking to start two-year graduate programs in fall 2013, must have GPAs of at least 3.2, and be U.S. citizens.

**Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 for Undergraduate, and Friday, Feb. 7, 2014 for Graduate, Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships:** Undergraduate Pickering Fellowships open to juniors and Graduate Pickering Fellowships open to seniors; 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.

**Tuesday, January 28, 2013, Boren Fellowships (for graduate students):** Up to $30,000 for graduate
students interested in national security (broadly defined) who demonstrate high levels of academic performance and strong motivation to develop expertise in languages, cultures and world regions less commonly studied by Americans.

**Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program:** This national scholarship is only for sophomore applicants. 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 no later than Friday, January 10th. The preferred deadline is Thursday, December 5th.*

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