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March 20, 2014

Congratulations to our THREE Truman Finalists! Andrew Kovtun will interview in Cincinnati on March 26, while Andrea Eggleston and Davontae Singleton will interview in Atlanta on April 2. Please wish them all well!

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Thinking of applying for the Rhodes, Marshall, or Mitchell Scholarships?
Rising seniors who are considering seeking nomination for one of the British and Irish Fellowships must meet the April 1, 2014 deadline to OFSP. By April 1, applicants must:
- Have had at least one conversation with the faculty advisor - Dr. Carol Harrison (ceharris@mailbox.sc.edu) for the Rhodes, Dr. John Nelson (nelson@biol.sc.edu) for the Marshall, and Dr. Ed Madden (Edward.madden@gmail.com) for the Mitchell
- Have had at least one conversation with an OFSP advisor about your interest
- Create and share with OFSP a working list of potential UK degree programs
- Create and share with OFSP a list of potential recommendation writers (minimum of 4 for Marshall and Mitchell, 8 for Rhodes)

If you intend to apply this year, please email bessj@mailbox.sc.edu those two lists by April 1, 2014. If you are abroad, the deadline still stands, but you may do the conversations via email.

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. Applications are now open at http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html, with a deadline of May 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. ET. Applicants are encouraged to participate in the Application Help conference call when questions will be addressed on March 27, 2014 from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. ET. To participate, please call 1-877-917-6902 and enter the following passcode 5854645.

**Palmetto Academy – Summer research opportunity**
The South Carolina Space Grant Program supports undergraduate and graduate research opportunities in the space sciences and related fields with various programs. Each year, undergraduates and graduates have the opportunity to participate in research during the summer and/or throughout the year in ongoing projects sponsored by NASA. *Only students that are US citizens are eligible to apply for SC Space Grant Consortium programs.*

Summer 2014 projects may be found here: [http://scspacegrant.cofc.edu/research/PA.html](http://scspacegrant.cofc.edu/research/PA.html)
Student Applications for Palmetto Academy are now open. Applications will be due no later than Monday March, 31st at 5:00 P.M. and Letters of Recommendation will be due no later than Friday, April 4th at 5:00 P.M.

**Upcoming Winter Application Deadlines:**

**Alpha Lamda Delta – Trow Scholarship:** Awarded to outstanding sophomore members of ALD, to be used during their junior year. Applications must be submitted to the ALD Chapter adviser. Supporting documents due to OFSP for mailing by noon on Friday, March 28. The final national deadline is April 1, 2014.

**Tau Beta Pi Engineering Undergraduate Fellowships:** Members of Tau Beta Pi with excellent academic records are encouraged to apply for this fellowship which is provided to advance the interest of the engineering profession. Supporting materials due to OFSP by noon, Friday, March 28 for overnight mail to meet Tuesday, April 1 deadline; electronic application due Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

**Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund:** Provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice. These need-based scholarships of up to $10,000 are awarded to those able to do academic work at the university level and who are part of the progressive movement on the campus and in the community. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression; building the movement for economic justice; and creating peace through international anti-imperialist solidarity. Supporting materials due to OFSP by noon, Friday, March 28 for overnight mail to meet Tuesday, April 1, 2014 postmark deadline.

**AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship:** Provides $5,000 to liberal arts and non-business degree holders who are pursuing both graduate studies in accounting and the CPA licensure. This award is intended to encourage students with little or no previous accounting education to consider professional accounting careers. Online application deadline Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

**Special Sessions for Sophomores:**
The end of spring semester is the perfect time for sophomores to look ahead and consider national fellowships. There are several national awards that you can only apply for as a junior, and whose application processes are very beneficial in looking ahead to national fellowships you apply for as a
senior or beyond (e.g. Truman, Goldwater, Udall). To help you investigate your options and consider strategic planning, OFSP is offering two sessions specifically for sophomores this spring.

Join us on either Thursday, April 3 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. or Friday, April 4 from noon- 1:00 p.m. in **Legare 322** to learn more.

Sign up for a session here: [https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/](https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/)

- Use your USC id and password to login.
- Click on “Make Appointment” then click on “Find Appointments”.
- Select one of the three sessions under Appointment Type: Sophomore Sessions
- On the confirmation screen select “National Fellowship Workshop” and enter phone and email address and then continue.

You will then receive an email confirmation with the date, time and location of the session you selected.

**Students from all years are encouraged to attend our workshops – it’s never too early to learn about opportunities. Learn from USC faculty, previous scholarship winners, and OFSP advisors.**

*All workshops begin at 3:30 p.m.*

**Fulbright Grant** ■ Monday, March 24 ■ Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor

For graduating seniors and graduate students who articulate a well-defined program involving study, research or teaching English to be carried out in a particular international academic setting for one year. **USC Deadline:** early September 2014

**Knowles Teaching Fellowships** ■ Monday, March 31 ■ Legare College 322

Supports student to become high school teachers of science and/or mathematics (an estimated $125,000); **Application Deadline:** mid October 2014

**National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship** with NDSEG Fellowships, DOE CSGF, and SMART ■ Tuesday, April 1 ■ Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor

An estimated $121,000 for three years of graduate study and research for students committed to a research career in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, behavioral and social sciences, or in the history and philosophy of sciences. **Application Deadlines** are in early November 2014 and vary according to discipline.

**DOD NDSEG (National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships):** Three years of support including full tuition and a monthly stipend for applicants to pursue a doctoral degree in a field closely related to an area of DoD interest. **Application Deadline:** December 2015

**Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowships:** An estimated $250,000 for full-time study toward a Ph.D. in the physical, engineering, computer, mathematical, or life sciences. **Application Deadline:** January 2014

**SMART (Science, Math and Research for Transformation):** An estimated $42,200 annually for students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in science, technology, engineering, and
mathematics (STEM) disciplines and who want to work at DOD laboratories.

Application Deadline: December 2014

**Goldwater Scholarship** ■ Monday, April 7 ■ Legare College 322
Up to $7,500 to sophomores or juniors who are pursuing bachelors’ degrees in science, mathematics or engineering and who have strong GPAs, research experience and a commitment to a research career. USC Nomination Deadline: October 2014

**Truman Scholarship** ■ Monday, April 14 ■ Legare College 322
Up to $30,000 to juniors (any major) preparing for a career in public service with demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, service accomplishments, and a commitment to public service. USC Nomination Deadline: October 2014

**Udall Scholarship** with NOAA Hollings ■ Monday, April 21 ■ Legare College 322
Up to $5,000 to sophomores or juniors with a demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment, or Native Americans and Alaska Natives in fields related to health care, the environment, or tribal public policy. USC Nomination Deadline: November 2014

Hollings: Up to $16,650 to sophomores studying oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, physical and social sciences, or teacher education which supports NOAA’s programs and mission; includes paid summer internship. Application Deadline: January 2015

**Year End Reception**
Finally, please let us know if you applied for a national fellowship this fall, or intend to apply for one this spring. Drop us an email at ofsp@sc.edu to let us know so we can add you to our invite list for our Year End Reception on April 23rd!

**OFSP Spring Drop-In hours:**
In Legare 220: Mondays and Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.;
    Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
In the Honors Residence Hall A107: Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
    Other times by appointment

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