Engage in the Process

August 8, 2013

Last year USC students submitted 191 applications for national fellowships and won $963,000. Make this YOUR YEAR!

How can you make this your year? Try the following steps:

1. Get an orientation to National Fellowships
Tuesday, August 20th, 11:00 a.m., Currell College Room 107 (Currell is next to Rutledge on the Horseshoe).
Become acquainted with the wide range of fellowships to complement your academic experience. USC student award winners will share how a national fellowship has stimulated their learning and furthered their career planning. Bring your friends!

2. Add early fall National Fellowship Workshops to your calendar
Faculty advisors and past winners are at most sessions to explain how these awards can extend your learning – in the classroom, lab, or residence hall, during the summer and throughout the academic year. Student winners will talk about the strategies they have used and the benefits these awards have brought them.

Monday, August 26, Gressette Room, Harper College, 3:30 p.m.
FULBRIGHT GRANT
Dr. Jeff Persels, Dr. Yvonne Ivory, and Jen Bess will share information on this award, available to graduating seniors and graduate students who articulate a clear program involving study, research or teaching English to be carried out in a particular international academic setting for one year. Fluency in the host language is preferred, an appreciation for cross-cultural exchange and a strong background in American culture and current events of the host country are critical. USC Application Deadline: September 4, 2013.

Wednesday, August 28, Room 322 Legare College, 3:30 p.m.
KNOWLES, MADISON, AND FORD SCHOLARSHIPS
Dr. Ed Dickey will share information about the Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship, and there will be a discussion of the Madison and Ford scholarships as well. All three offer support for graduate-level study leading to careers in teaching. The Knowles focuses on teaching high school science and math, the Madison supports those intending to teach high school social studies or US history, and the Ford supports students interested in increasing the diversity among university faculty.

Wednesday, September 11, Room 322, Legare College, 3:30 p.m.
TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Dr. Shelley Smith will present the Truman Scholarship. The Truman provides 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 23, 2013.

Monday, September 17, Room 322 Legare College, 4:00 p.m.
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP with SMART (Science, Math and Research for Transformation).
Dr. Douglas Meade will explain the Goldwater Scholarship, while Jen Bess will address the SMART. The Goldwater is the most prestigious national award for undergraduate students in the sciences, providing up to $7,500 to sophomores and 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 21, 2013. The SMART fellowship offers an estimated $42,200 for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines and who want to work at DOD laboratories. Supplemental materials to OFSP for overnight mailing: December 4, 2013. Online Application Deadline: mid-December, 2013.

See www.sc.edu/ofsp for the full schedule of fall workshops!

3. Make sure that you don’t miss early fall deadlines
Tuesday, August 27: Mitchell application deadline emailed to jenbess@sc.edu (copy of online application, unofficial transcript, copy of class schedule and four letters of recommendation).
Tuesday, September 10: Gates-Cambridge draft essay and VIP transcripts (for US citizens) due to OFSP by noon.

4. Talk with a scholarship advisor
Email ofsp@sc.edu, call 777-0958 for an appointment, or come to drop-in hours:
Legare College 220: Mondays and Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Honors Residence Hall A107: Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

5. Keep current with The Candidate
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