Engage in the Process  

August 7, 2014

Last year USC students submitted 225 applications for national fellowships and won over $2 million. Make this YOUR YEAR!

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

1. **Get an orientation to National Fellowships**
   Tuesday, August 19th, 11:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.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!
   Can’t make it to one of those sessions? We will have two additional National Fellowship Information Sessions at the beginning of the semester: Friday, August 29th at noon in Legare 322, and Friday, September 5th at noon in Legare 322.

2. **Use INFO, our searchable database, to find fellowships.**
   Make a list and investigate the options that fit your interests and goals, then come in to talk with us about details and how we can support your application process.

3. **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 25, Russell House 302, 4:00 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 3, 2014.

   **Wednesday, September 10, Wardlaw Dean’s Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.**
   **KNOWLES SCHOLARSHIP**
Dr. Ed Dickey will share information about the Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship, which focuses on supporting new teachers of high school science and math. **Application Deadline:** October 29, 2014.

**Monday, September 15, Room 322, Legare College, 4:00 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 20, 2014.

**Wednesday, September 17, Room 322 Legare College, 4:00 p.m.**  
**GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dr. Douglas Meade will explain the Goldwater Scholarship. 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 20, 2014.

See [www.sc.edu/ofsp](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp) for the full schedule of fall workshops!

4. **Make sure that you don’t miss early fall deadlines for fellowships and other related activities!**  
**Wednesday, September 3:** [Fulbright](http://fulbright.state.gov) online applications due for the USC campus process.

**Friday, September 12:** Exploration and SURF grant fall applications due. SCHC students are able to apply for Exploration or SURF grants to support research. You are required to attend an application workshop before applying, and there are three fall workshops you can attend:

- Monday, August 25th at 11:30 a.m. in the Gressette Room of Harper College
- Tuesday, August 26th at 4:30 p.m. in the Gressette Room of Harper College
- Wednesday, August 27th at 5 p.m. in the Gressette Room of Harper College

**Wednesday, September 17:** [Gates-Cambridge](http://www.gatescambridge.org) draft essay and VIP transcripts (for US citizens) due to OFSP by noon if you want to receive feedback on your application. A highly competitive award, the Gates supports a graduate degree in any field at Cambridge University in the UK.

5. **Talk with a scholarship advisor**  
**Schedule an appointment by visiting** Legare 220,  
**calling** 803-777-0958,  
**visiting** our website ([www.sc.edu/ofsp](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp)) or  
**email** ofsp@sc.edu.

Just a quick question? Visit Legare College 220 or Honors Residence Hall A107 during drop-in hours on Thursdays between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

6. **Keep current with The Candidate, and like us on Facebook!**  
Look for this year’s issues of The Candidate in your inbox every two weeks starting **August 21, 2014.**  
Like us on Facebook to get updates on competitions, workshops, and information sessions in your news feed!