

Office of Fellowships prepares USC's finest for national recognition

Staff Reports

The Office of Fellowships and Summer Programs, housed on the third floor on Harper College, has two primary missions: (1) to help coordinate the many academic programs at USC each summer for secondary school students and indirectly to begin recruiting these students, and (2) to identify, recruit and train our finest students for such prestigious scholarships as the Rhodes, the Rotary International, the Fulbright, the Truman, the Goldwater, the Mellon and the Marshall. There are more than 100 of these type scholarships.

Once identified as potential scholars, students are provided support and assistance in every aspect of candidacy, such as selecting appropriated courses, completing applications, writing essay and participating in interviews.

Although the ultimate goal is USC students being awarded these competitive and prestigious scholarships, the preparation process for potential scholars is designed to be developmental and rewarding by itself.

The operations of the office are assisted by an advisory committee representing a wide range of academic and

administrative areas on campus.

Information on scholarships, fellowships and grant opportunities for advanced academic study will be offered throughout the year. To learn more about criteria and application processes, plan to attend one of the following information sessions: Fulbright Grant, Aug. 28; Marshall Scholarship, Aug. 29; Rhodes Scholarship, Aug. 30; Truman Scholarship, Sept. 12; National Science Foundation Fellowships, Sept. 19; Mellon Fellowship, Sept. 21; Goldwater Scholarship, Sept. 26.

All information sessions will be at 4 p.m. in the Gressette Room on the third floor of Harper College. Faculty and staff will be present to explain the merits and requirements for applications to individual programs. Student may not apply directly for these particular programs, but must be nominated by a USC committee.

To nominate a student for scholarship or fellowship program or for more information, contact Novella Beskid at 777-0958.

Fulbright Grants announced

The annual competition for Fulbright

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Grants has opened for 1996-97 for graduate study abroad in academic fields and for professional training in the creative and performing arts.

The purpose of these grants is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor's or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant.

Creative and performing artists are not required to have a bachelor's, but they must have four years of relevant training or study. Candidates in medicine must have an M.D. or equivalent (e.g., D.D.S., O.D., etc.) at the time of application.

All applicants are required to have sufficient proficiency in the language of the host country to carry out their proposed study or research.

Full grants provide roundtrip international travel, maintenance for the

tenure of the award, a research allowance and tuition waivers, if applicable. Travel grants provide roundtrip international travel to the country where the student will pursue study or research. All grants include health and accident insurance.

The Fulbright Grant information session will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 28, in the Gressette Room of Harper College. Applications will be reviewed by a campus faculty committee prior to being forwarded for the Oct. 23 deadline.

Rhodes Scholarship offers two years at Oxford

Highly prestigious and competitive, the Rhodes Scholarship presents an exceptional opportunity for a full fellowship for two and possibly three years of study. The Rhodes recognizes altruism and superior intellect and provides for two years at the University of Oxford in any field.

Awards include all tuition and fees (such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory fees and other set charges), books,

living expenses and travel expenses to and from the United States.

Thirty-two Rhodes Scholarships are awarded annually. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and have been born on or after Oct. 1, 1971, and before Oct. 1, 1977. An applicant must have achieved academic standing sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a bachelor's before October 1996. First-year students, sophomores and juniors are encouraged to attend the Rhodes Information Session. Rhodes candidates must be evaluated by a USC committee for nomination.

The Rhodes Scholarship information session will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 30 in the Gressette Room of Harper College. The campus application deadline is Sept. 25.

British government offers Marshall Scholarships

Competition for the 1996-98 Marshall Scholarship has opened. The British Marshall Scholarships, funded by the British government, were established in 1953 as a national expression of gratitude to the United States for economic aid under the Marshall Plan after World War II.

The scholarships are awarded annually to up to 40 U.S. college graduates. The scholarships include tuition fees, a living allowance, fares between the United States and Britain and a book grant.

Awarded for two years, the scholarships enable successful candidates to study a wide range of subjects for further degree at any of Britain's universities and business schools. The selectors are looking for candidates of high ability and wide interests who plan to take up careers not only in higher education but in commerce and industry, the arts and professions and public life generally.

Candidates must have a GPA of 3.7 or better, possess a record of service and leadership, be well informed on global issues and no older than 24 as of October 1996.

The information session will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 29 in the Gressette Room of Harper College. Sept. 22 is the application deadline to be considered for nomination by the university. No direct applications to the British Consulate will be accepted.



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