


MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty
From: C. L. Max Nikias 
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Subject: International Fellowships

Office of the Provost

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Each year many of USC's top students apply for major competitive fellowships, including the Rhodes Scholarship, Marshall Scholarship, Fulbright Student Grant, Luce Scholarship, and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. In winning these prestigious awards, they are able to pursue tremendous opportunities for further study and research across the globe. The Office of the Provost now seeks to accelerate the university's efforts to promote these fellowships to students. Accordingly, I am calling upon all faculty and staff to support our students' pursuit of these programs.

Our students are already strong competitors for these fellowships. Just last year, for example, a record 17 USC scholars received Fulbright grants—a significant increase over previous years. We have great momentum on which to build. Therefore, I am asking all schools and departments to play an active role in recruiting and supporting potential applicants for major competitive fellowships.

Most of these fellowships are for post-baccalaureate study and research, but it is never too early to begin preparing students. Candidates for such programs as Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, and others can apply at the beginning of their senior year, and many programs also allow graduate students and recent alumni to apply. The best candidates combine a strong academic record with other accomplishments in areas such as campus leadership, community involvement, and research.

Here's what you can do:

- Identify and encourage potential competitive fellowship applicants (even early in their academic careers).
- Refer students to the **Office of Academic Recognition Programs** (213-740-9116, arpstaff@usc.edu, www.usc.edu/arp/fellowships), or send their names to ARP and the students will be contacted directly.
- Attend a workshop presented by ARP staff to learn more about competitive fellowships. See www.usc.edu/arp/fellowships for upcoming workshop dates and further details about fellowship opportunities.

With your participation, more of our students can reap the lifelong benefits of winning prestigious competitive fellowships, and their accomplishments will enhance USC's national and international reputation. If you have any questions about these fellowships or how you can help, please feel free to call **Noosha Malek**, Director of Academic Recognition Programs, at (213) 740-9116.

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