

Postgraduate opportunities information session

November 11, 2020

LUC Fellowship Office



Awards

- Gaither Junior Fellowship Program (Carnegie Endowment)
- Scoville Peace Fellowship
- FAO Schwarz Fellowship – webinar 11/17 9 am
- Humanity in Action
- Foreign Affairs Information Technology Fellowship
- NIH Post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA)
- Lead 4 America
- O'Hare



Lead for America (L4A)

New program announced in Fall 2018

- Graduating seniors who want to get into grassroots government
- Two-year commitment
- Provides a salary on top of local government wage (to attract talent)
- Four deadlines a year: two upcoming on January 1 and March 1
- Statistics not available; but 20 chosen in first year



Gaither Junior Fellows Program

- For graduating seniors and recent alumni
- Paid position as a research assistant to a research fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Students apply to one of ten different research projects
- [PDF application online here](#)
- Campus nomination required: notify the Fellowship Office as soon as possible; complete application due by January 6, 2020
- Institutional deadline is January 15, 2020
- Fellowship Office emails in the application with our endorsement
- In 2019, 11 fellows chosen from 210 applicants



Gaither Junior Fellows Program

- Application tips:
 - Read topic descriptions carefully
 - Be strategic: *everyone* applies to either the Democracy Program (topic A) or the U.S. Foreign Policy Program (topic B)
 - The three-page topical essay must be analytical, not a research paper, nor your opinion.
- Application is now a *fillable* pdf!
- After submission by FO, about 20% of applicants chosen for interviews, all done by phone or video



FAO Schwarz Fellowship

- Two years of service in one of the Schwarz program's five partner non-profits
- Total award approximately \$74,000
- You **MUST** choose the non-profit first, then apply directly to that organization
- Each non-profit has its own description, specific cover letter questions
- Deadline = February 15
- In 2019, 6 Fellows chosen from 200 applicants



Humanity In Action fellowships

- For graduating seniors and recent alumni
- One-month study program with other international students on human rights issues, at sites throughout Europe; then 11 months working together on an Action Project
- Website contains valuable information on Action Projects
- Deadline = January 5, 2020
- There is an application fee of \$40; the FO can reimburse you.



Foreign Affairs InfoTech Fellowship

- For seniors in any IT-related field planning to enter a two-year Masters degree program in the fall of 2020
- Provides \$37.5K each year for the graduate program, then --
- Places you in the U.S. Foreign Service for a five-year commitment, working around the world as an Information Management Specialist
- Deadline = February 14, 2020
- No statistics available on applicants vs. recipients



NIH Post-bac IRTA

- Graduating seniors and recent alumni
- One to two years paid research at the NIH
- Research to find opportunities
- Rolling deadlines – i.e., you can apply anytime
- Info session tomorrow
- Website includes great video on how to apply successfully



General advice

- Use as many resources as you can
 - Award website, including social media
 - Fellowship Office
 - Academic advisors and professors
- Give yourself plenty of time
 - Set a personal deadline before official deadline
 - Plan to write *at least* three to four drafts
- Re-apply if still eligible



Working with the F.O.

- Individual award-specific info sessions every fall semester for:
 - CLS -- Udall
 - Boren -- Truman
 - Goldwater -- International affairs
- Gilman scholarship info sessions every semester
- Spring semester info sessions on international, STEM, and leadership awards



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There is nothing to sign, but we do
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Questions?

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