

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Academic Deans, Faculty and Staff

From: Elizabeth Garrett  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Subject: International Fellowships

Each year many of USC's top students apply for major competitive international fellowships, including the Rhodes Scholarship, Marshall Scholarship, Fulbright Student Grant, Luce Scholarship, and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. When our students win these prestigious awards, they open doors to great academic and personal opportunities. The Office of the Provost seeks to accelerate the University's efforts to promote major competitive fellowships to students. Accordingly, I am calling upon all faculty and staff to help support students who enter into competition for these programs.

Our students are always strong competitors for these fellowships. Recently, for example, USC was identified as a top Fulbright producing institution, and we received a Truman Scholarship. This year, we are also proud to recognize a Marshall Scholar. Even though we have been highly successful, we can do even more to help our students to win fellowships. For that reason, I am asking all schools and departments to play an active role in recruiting potential applicants for major competitive fellowships and encouraging their pursuit of these awards.

While most fellowships are for study/research after completing a bachelor's degree, it is never too early to encourage students to start thinking about preparing for these competitions. Candidates for such programs as Rhodes, Marshall, and Fulbright 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 potential strong competitive fellowship applicants (even early in their academic
- Refer students to the Office of Academic & International Fellowships (AIF) or send their name to AIF and the student will be contacted directly. [aifstaff@usc.edu](mailto:aifstaff@usc.edu), [www.usc.edu/aif/fellowships](http://www.usc.edu/aif/fellowships)
- To learn more about competitive fellowships, attend a workshop presented by AIF staff. See [www.usc.edu/aif/fellowships](http://www.usc.edu/aif/fellowships) for upcoming dates and further details about fellowship opportunities.

With your participation in this process, our students will reap the lifelong benefits of competing for, and winning, prestigious competitive fellowships, accomplishments that will enhance the national and international reputation of USC. If you have any questions about these fellowships or how you can help, please feel free to call Noosha Malek, Director, Academic & International Fellowships at (213) 740-9116.