Welcome to the new “Fellowship Focus” newsletter! Each issue will have:

1. A highlighted article
2. A highlighted fellowship program
3. A highlighted search tool
4. A simple tip designed to facilitate your success

We welcome your feedback and requests about information and programs.

Graduate Education Welcomes New Fellowship Administrator, Elizabeth “Betty” Madigan.

Betty Madigan joined the Graduate Education team in May. She came from Albany Medical College where she coordinated multiple higher education programs for almost a decade. Betty assisted medical students in applying for and securing competitive residency positions nationwide. She looks forward to facilitating RPI students in securing exciting opportunities to fund research they are passionate about. Contact Betty at madige@rpi.edu for a variety of services, including:

1. Finding appropriate fellowship opportunities
2. Assisting with application preparation activities; CVs, personal statements, and essay feedback
3. Facilitating development of critical skills, such as interviewing and writing, enhancing career skills
4. Sharing a collection of previously successful application essays (RPI students) in our office

Please contact her at madige@rpi.edu or 518-276-3048 or stop in to 1516 Peoples Ave. to introduce yourself!

Fellowship Program Spotlight:

FULBRIGHT
The Fulbright Program is a highly prestigious and very exciting program that allows students to study abroad in any of 140 countries. The primary purpose of the program is to promote mutual understanding between the United States and other countries through research, study, or teaching placements. The ability of the applicant to engage and influence the host community via their proposed project and/or other activities must be demonstrated in the application essays in order for the student to receive an award. The program provides a tremendous amount of information on their website, including webinars, tutorials, and videos that are highly instructional as you navigate the application process. CLICK HERE to sign up for upcoming webinars or to view recordings of past presentations. A few things to keep in mind when applying to Fulbright:

1. It has one of the EARLIEST deadlines for applications submission! You should create and edit a number of drafts of your essays before submission, so start as soon as possible!

2. Fulbright requires that RPI submit documents for each applicant, including a report regarding an interview that we must conduct here for you. **You MUST send us your application materials to Graduate Education by September 12th, 2019 in order to schedule the required on campus interview.** Contact the Graduate Education office as soon as you decide to apply so that we can prepare to do our part meeting the program requirements. (Madige@rpi.edu 518 – 276-3048)

*Most of us have spent time viewing fascinating “Ted” talks. They are often a great model for communicating science to non-scientific audiences. Check out this TedxFulbright Talk to see a great example of the kinds of work and presentations Fulbright scholars engage in.*

**Fellowship Search Tool:**

RPI has a [FELLOWSHIP SEARCH](#) page on the Graduate Education site. There are dropdown menus listing large fellowships that RPI often has students receive each year. There is also a dropdown listing of opportunities for underrepresented and minority students. Please scroll down to check those listings.

Two important notes about the RPI fellowship search page:

1. The due dates for a number of the fellowships listed were updated very recently. A number of the larger programs have due dates that are considerably earlier than previously listed. Please double check the due dates on programs you are interested and confirm on each program website. Check for updates frequently.
2. The site has a number of search engines for fellowships listed. We will update those frequently to include other useful search tools. Others will also be included in future Fellowship Focus newsletters.

**Simple Tip for Success:**

NOTIFY the OGE Fellowship Program Administrator when you apply for any fellowship!!! This is for a number of reasons.

-RPI must budget in advance for potential tuition waivers in the event that you are awarded a fellowship. We often need to budget BEFORE the award is announced, so please let us know when you decide to apply.

-RPI is required to play an administrative role in a number of program applications, including submitting materials or holding interviews for the student. This varies from program to program.

-Tracking student applications, engagement with our office, and applicant success rate will help us to improve programs based on student outcomes and needs.
-This may be the FIRST time you have applied to programs for funding. Relying on experienced feedback designed to facilitate your success will likely increase the odds of you meeting your objectives. Please allow us to support you.

Today’s Quote:

“Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be defeated.”

-G.K. Chesterton

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