

The Current

University of Louisville
Honors Program Newsletter

KHR Edition

Quick Calendar

- 2/21** Flint Bottled Water Collection begins
- 2/26-27** Kentucky Honors Roundtable Conference (KHR)
- 2/29** Trivia Night
- 3/4** Travel Seminar Applications Due

More important dates and deadlines are listed throughout this newsletter. **Please read carefully.*

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Honors News

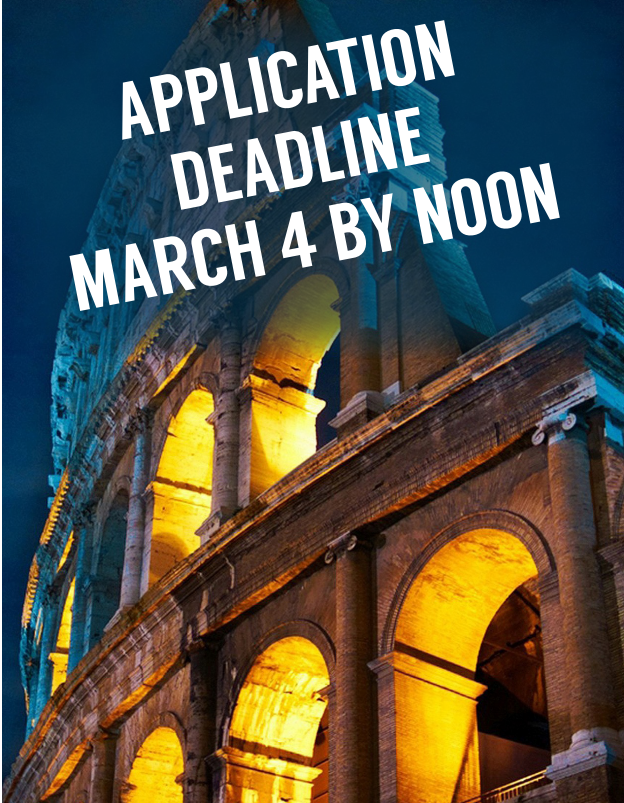
CALL FOR KHR STUDENT MODERATORS



The University of Louisville Honors Program is hosting the Kentucky Honors Roundtable (KHR) conference at the end of this month! We are seeking any students interested in moderating panels on Saturday, February 27. Student moderators have a great opportunity to represent UofL while gaining valuable conference experience. If you are planning to attend KHR at the end of the month we invite you to consider being a student moderator. Interested students should contact Luke Buckman for more information: luke.buckman@louisville.edu



Jamitra Fulleord Moderating at NCHC in Chicago, 2015



APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 4 BY NOON

HONORS IS GOING TO ITALY!

Have you heard that the Fall 2016 travel seminar is heading to Italy? Dr. Hale will be teaching *The Roman Empire: Science, Technology and Infrastructure* on Tuesdays and Thursdays next semester from 2:30-3:45 PM. All students interested must review the full criteria online before applying: <http://bit.ly/1Sjakyw> If you have any questions you can email your advisor, ask during your Honors advising appointment, or email honors@louisville.edu

Course Description

The Roman Empire covered the territory of 27 modern countries, and completely enclosed the Mediterranean Sea. The Romans built their empire on military conquests, but then sustained it for five centuries through a highly-developed infrastructure of urban planning, resource extraction, long-range communication systems, and the imperial guild of engineers. A key element of Roman infrastructure was provided by the peace-time army, which constructed the thousands of miles of stone-paved highways as well as the extraordinary aqueducts which brought water from distant sources to most Roman cities. From Hadrian's Wall in northern England to the fortress city of Dura Europos on the Euphrates River, the Roman world was integrated by this unique infrastructural framework. In this participatory seminar on the Roman Empire, students will research and present reports on special topics related to this human-built physical environment. This course will fulfill requirements in the Social Sciences or Natural Sciences.

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WANT TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CURRENT?

We're looking for any Honors student interested in contributing to *The Current*! Contributors can write on a variety of topics, including event reviews, conference reviews, travel reviews, interviews, and personal essays. If you are interested you will work closely with the editor to generate quality content, and you can submit as many times as you want per semester.

Have an idea for an article? Interested in learning more?
Contact the editor, Alex O'Keefe, to get started!
a.okeefe@louisville.edu • 502-852-6293



Being a student writer is easy, flexible, and based on your interests!

SHOUT OUTS!

Honors students are doing amazing things on campus and in our community. Honors would like to congratulate these students for their accomplishments! Are you or someone you know in Honors doing great things? Let us know, and we'll consider recommendations for next month's student spotlight! Email the editor of *The Current*: a.okeefe@louisville.edu

Photo Credit: Andrew Kung



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1 Kyle Hornback crowned Miss Kentucky

"I'm incredibly excited to represent Louisville and the state of Kentucky at Miss USA and I'm looking forward to all of the opportunities I'll have throughout the next year!"

2 UofL Quiz Bowl Team Nationally Ranked

Honors Student, Megan Seldon, is a member of the Division I team going to the 2016 Intercollegiate Championship Tournament in Chicago. Megan told us, "Quiz Bowl is a fun academic competition between teams that race to buzz in with answers (sort of like Jeopardy.) Everyone is welcome to come to practice and enjoy the team, so it is an awesome way of meeting people from different years with different interests. Among learning lots, meeting new people, and having fun, travel is another great benefit of being on the Quizbowl team." She encourages anyone interested in joining to email Matt Church: matthew.church@louisville.edu

3 Kevin Grout and Amanda Allen named Mister and Miss Cardinal

B: Kevin: "It is a true honor to receive this award. I'm so thankful to UofL for giving me numerous opportunities and organizations to further my intellectual growth, to build life-long friendships and to explore the world during these past four years."

A: Amanda: "The Miss Cardinals before me have left big shoes to fill and I am humbled that the selection committee thought that I could fill those shoes! However, I definitely wouldn't be where I am today, if it weren't for the support from the University of Louisville community." Read more about Amanda on page 5!

NCHC PROPOSAL DEADLINE EXTENDED!

The internal deadline to submit a proposal for the upcoming National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) is **March 23, 2016**. This year's conference will take place in Seattle, WA from October 12-16, 2016. To submit a proposal, you must be presenting at or have presented at either the Kentucky Honors Roundtable (KHR) or the Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC) during this current academic year. The national conference is an outstanding opportunity to present your research, ideas, or work as part of a student group in front of a national audience of honors faculty & staff members, as well as your peers at other honors programs and colleges.

If you'd like to submit a conference proposal for one of the categories listed to the right, please follow the guidelines available on the NCHC website and send your proposal to Kirsten Armstrong (kirsten.armstrong@louisville.edu). Kirsten will review and provide any feedback. To review proposal guidelines, please visit <http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/proposal-guidelines/>. For more general information on the conference, please check the conference website or consult your academic advisor.

NCHC is seeking student proposals in the following areas:

- Idea Exchange
- Roundtable Discussions
- Student Poster Sessions
- Student Interdisciplinary Research Panels
- Forum on Diversity Issues
- Master Classes

To find out more about any of these areas, you are strongly encouraged to visit the NCHC website and click on the "conference" tab: <http://nchchonors.org/>

Proposal Deadline:

March 23 sent to kirsten.armstrong@louisville.edu

Conference Dates:

October 12-16

Location:

Seattle, WA



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO LIVE ON CAMPUS NEXT YEAR!

The Honors Program is offering several Living Learning Communities (LLCs) in Kurz Hall, a suite-style residence hall, for the 2016-2017 academic year. Honors students may choose from two options for next year:

The 2nd-Year Science LLC

This LLC is for students pursuing careers in healthcare, or with majors in Biology, Chemistry, or Bio-Engineering. The course cluster for this LLC includes Honors Organic Chemistry I & II.

The General Honors LLC

This LLC is open to all current Honors students who wish to live in Kurz Hall next year. The Honors LLC does not specify a cluster of Honors courses, but students must enroll in Honors courses to live in Kurz Hall.

For more information on the Honors LLCs and how to apply, please visit: <http://louisville.edu/housing/options/llc/honors>.

To qualify, you must complete the Honors LLC application and be selected for the Honors LLC by the Honors Program. To apply visit: <http://louisville.edu/housing/forms/llc-themed-housing/honors-llc-application>. Once the application is submitted, an Honors advisor will contact you directly with more information. If you have any questions regarding Campus Housing for Fall 2016 – Spring 2017, contact Campus Housing via email at oncampus@louisville.edu or by calling (502)-854-9011 or (502)-852-6636.

STAY CONNECTED WITH HONORS!

You don't have to wait for the next issue of The Current to keep up with Honors. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for regular updates. Announcements, event information, photos, and more! Don't miss anything by following our social media!



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Student Spotlight



Amanda in the Philippines on the December 2015 ISLP trip

AMANDA ALLEN

Senior • Political Science and Communication Majors

Honors Scholar • Truman Scholar

Why did you join Honors?

I joined the honors program because I wanted to be challenged academically and this program was perfect for that. The small classes, being able to register for classes early, and the unique seminars are just some of the exciting things in honors.

In what ways have you been involved with the University Honors Program?

I am a participant in the honors scholar program. I am currently working on an honor thesis and I found out that later this semester I will be presenting at the Kentucky Honors Round Table and the Southern Regional Honors Conferences.

What are some of your favorite experiences as an Honors student so far?

My favorite experiences have been in the classroom! How many students can say they get to watch musicals for homework? Or talk about music in an academic way? Or learn what it takes to be a CEO?

Do you have a favorite Honors course?

I have several! Do I have to pick one? I have enjoyed them all! I loved my *American Century in Movie Musicals* class. I love musicals and part of my homework for that class was to watch movie musicals. I couldn't imagine anything better! I also enjoyed my *What it Takes to be a CEO* Honors seminar as well. The classes cumulated in a group service project that we developed on our own. Also, the discussions and readings on leadership were engaging.

In the past you have worked closely with the Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities, and were a Truman Scholar in 2015. Can you tell us more about being a Truman Scholar?

As a Truman Scholar, I am awarded \$30,000 for graduate school. I will be using that to help pay for law school once I graduate in May. Also, this summer I will be participating in the Truman Summer Institute (SI). Perhaps the greatest opportunity as a Truman Scholar, is the network and community of scholars. I know I can call the Truman Foundation, if I am looking for advice or connections to certain organizations in D.C. for example. In my case, another Truman from Kentucky connected me with three Truman Scholars who are working in careers that I am interested.

What called you to public service?

My experience at UofL helped me discover that I was meant to be doing public service work. The internships I have received (Congressman Yarmuth, Alison Grime's campaign, former metro Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh, Jack Conway's campaign) made me realize that I want to work in government because policy has the power to significantly affect the lives of others. My extracurricular activities at UofL, such as working for Student Government, the Engage Lead Serve Board, working at Upward Bound, and mentoring at Shawnee High School taught me that using your talents to work in service of others is what impacts communities in a meaningful way.

What advice do you have for students interested in applying for the Truman Scholarship?

I would advise you to be true to who you are and what you are called to do. Don't do things to build your resume or for this or that scholarship because then those experiences are not meaningful to you. Do things that challenge you and are meaningful to you and that will shine through on your application. Also, start early (summer before junior year)!



Amanda representing UofL and ELSB in LA for the IMPACT service conference in February 2015

You have been the director of ESLB for 2 years. How would you describe the importance of programs like ELSB?

Programs like the Engage Lead Serve Board (ELSB) challenge students to go beyond themselves as basic volunteers, but to really think about how and why we are serving, and is it truly serving the needs of a community or are we serving our own interest? Service programs like ELSB add depth to the learning experience aspect of service for students.

You are currently working on a Senior Honors Thesis. What is the topic and how did you come to it?

The topic of my senior honors thesis is gender differences in the legislative priorities and perceptions of accomplishments among Kentucky State legislators. I wasn't sure where to begin at first, so I went and talked to Dr. Farrier in the Political Science Department for advice during the spring semester of my junior year. I knew that I was interested in gender and politics and Dr. Farrier helped figure out how to narrow down my interest into something that was doable in a year.

Based on your experience so far, what advice do you have for a student interested in completing a thesis?

Start early! If you are only slightly interested in completing a thesis, it is better to pick out a topic sooner rather than later, so that you can figure out the timeline for completing your research. For me, since I wanted to do interviews I had get approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and it seemed to take all summer to get approved. If I had waited to August to start, I am not sure I would have made the deadline for my honors thesis proposal.

What motivates you to complete an undergraduate thesis?

I thought it was a unique experience. It is cool to be able to say that I am doing original and unique research in an area that I am interested in. Dr. Farrier and Dr. Moyer in the Political Science Department have been especially helpful in guiding me through my research experience. It is unlike any paper that I have written for a class, because it is my own ideas and thoughts. I am excited to present on it at the Kentucky Honors Round Table and the Southern Regional Honors Conference.

What is your favorite thing to do off-campus?

Louisville is such a vibrant city and there's something always happening! I love checking out new places and restaurants. Also, I love going to the movies!

What is your favorite restaurant in Louisville?

El Mundo's on Frankfort Ave. Delicious!

What do you do to blow-off steam?

Hot yoga and Barre workout classes.

What are some of the things that Honors offers that you think other students should take advantage of while here?

Participate in an honors conference! I wish I did it sooner! Get involved in the programming put on by my Honors Student Council because that's where you will meet and develop relationships with other honors students. If your schedule allows, take as many honors seminars as your heart desires because they are awesome!

What does Honors mean to you?

Honors is an intellectual community of students, faculty, and staff that supports one another. I know that without a doubt my experience at UofL has been enriched with the honors program.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

College is the time to try new experiences and accept new challenges. It really is true what they say about life beginning at the end of your comfort zone and what better way to test your comfort zone than in college. So, take a new class or try something challenging!



Amanda with Justice Alito in October 2015 when he visited Lexington, Kentucky

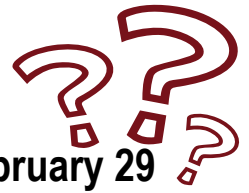


Student Organizations

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a fun night of trivia in the Game Room on the 3rd floor of the SAC! There will be Fazoli's, fun questions moderated by Dr. Hale, and plenty of GREAT prizes! All of the proceeds directly benefit Camp Quality Kentuckiana, a camp that helps kids with cancer feel like a kid again. Entry is \$5 for students and \$10 for all others! For more information contact Troy Sterling: tester01@louisville.edu



Monday, February 29

6:00 - 7:30 PM

SAC 3rd Floor Game Room

\$5 Students • \$10 General Public*

**All proceeds benefit Camp Quality*

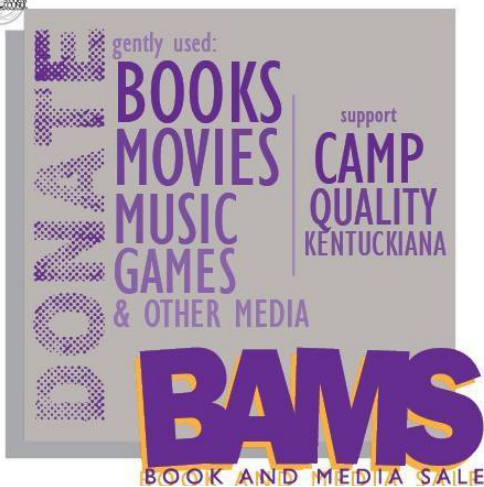
EVENT REVIEW: CANDY GRAMS IN THRELKELD!



On Friday, February 12 HSC enjoyed delivering candy grams that Threlkeld Residents just in time for Valentine's Day! Residents sent each other the thoughtful treats throughout the week, and each purchase helped fundraise for Camp Quality Kentuckiana. In an effort to help Threlkeld residents meet new students Honors Student Council also created a "perfect match survey" which matched students based on preferences like cats vs dogs or waffles vs pancakes. The results to the survey were posted in Threlkeld on Friday, and all participating students were entered into a drawing for a Comfy Cow Gift Card. Congratulations to Jamie Smith for winning! Enjoy the sweet treat on us!



CALL FOR BAMS DONATIONS



This academic year, Honors Student Council is proud to announce the bi-annual Book and Media Sale (BAMS). All profits from this massive sale will go directly to Camp Quality Kentuckiana to help give children living with cancer a chance to just be kids. Honors Student Council wants to make this year's event even bigger and better than the last, and we can't do that without donations from you. If you wish to donate, drop off any acceptable items at one of our BAMS boxes (locations listed on right.) Thank you for your generosity in advance!

If you have any questions, feel free to email HonorsBAMS@gmail.com or visit our website, www.uoflhsc.com.

WHAT WE NEED

- Books
- DVDs
- CDs
- Records
- Video Games

WHERE TO DONATE

BAMS boxes are located in:

- The Etscorn Honors Center
- Bingham Humanities Building
- Shumaker Research Building
- Student Activities Center
- Life Sciences Building
- The Interfaith Center
- College of Business
- Chemistry Building
- School of Music
- Duthie Center
- Davidson Hall
- Strickler Hall
- Lutz Hall

DONATION DEADLINE

Friday, March 25th, 2016

SALE DATES

The week of April 2nd, 2016

HONORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

FLINT BOTTLED WATER COLLECTION DRIVE

Honors Student Council is excited to announce our partnership with the Inclusion and Equity internship for the Flint Bottled Water Collection drive. We will be accepting donations of water on campus and at several community locations for the citizens of Flint Michigan beginning on February 21st. We will then be driving to Flint, Michigan to deliver the donated water and have a facilitated dialogue on class privilege with those affected by this water crisis. We are opening up the caravan to all of campus, so come join in the discussion and delivery of the water to Flint! Contact Danielle Deal, Vice President of Service, for more information: dndeal01@louisville.edu

Drive begins February 21



EVENT REVIEW: HVP BAKE SALE

Yesterday, February 17, Honors Volunteer Program threw a bake sale to fund raise for Camp Quality Kentuckiana. They asked those interested in purchasing sweets to pay whatever they wanted to donate, and raised \$200! Thank you to those who volunteered at the booth, and of course to those who took a minute to grab something sweet during their lunch break.

Left: Homemade cupcakes.
Middle: Hand model, Jazmen Conner, grabbing a cupcake.
Right: (from left to right) Jazmen Conner, Danielle Deal, and Maddie Clabough volunteering.



THE WHITE SQUIRREL

EVENT REVIEW: BAD LOVE POETRY

On Tuesday, February 9, *The White Squirrel* hosted one of their signature Open Mic events: Bad Love Poetry. This seasonal favorite had readers who kept audience members entertained, making it a great event for all in attendance. Thank you to everyone who celebrated Valentine's with *The White Squirrel*!



Left: A representative of *The White Squirrel* helps people check in. Middle & Right: Students read bad love poems. Photo Credit: Whitney Cox



Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
14 <i>FEB</i>	15	16	17 Bake Sale 12:00 PM	18	19	20
21 Flint Bottle Water Drive Begins (pg. 8)	22	23	24	25	26 KHR (pg. 2)	27

-  Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities Deadlines and Important Dates
-  Honors Program Deadlines and Important Dates
-  The White Squirrel Events and Deadlines
-  Honors Student Council Events
-  Honors Volunteer Program Events
-  Academic Calendar Dates



From Our Friends

EVENTS

Cocoa Cart

February 22 & 23 • 9:00-11:00 AM

Your spring semester is well underway! Nothing helps you prep for exams like FREE hot cocoa, so be on the lookout for the Cocoa Cart! First Year Initiatives staff will be roaming around campus handing out FREE hot cocoa- you can even top yours off with chocolate syrup, marshmallows, and whipped cream! We'll also have FREE pencils and study tips to help you finish your semester with success, so be sure to stop by

RecycleMania 2016!

February 7 - April 2

UofL is battling other universities to reduce waste & increase recycling! Help the Cards to victory by avoiding disposables (bring a reusable mug, bottle, plate, bag, etc.) and always recycling: all types of plastic, paper, cardboard, metal & glass in the same bin everywhere at UofL! RecycleMania is part of Ecolympics 2016 - Two fun sustainability competitions to get you engaged in saving our one green planet!

<http://louisville.edu/sustainability/operations/recycling.html>



Ecolympics 2016

From Feb. 15th to March 6th, UofL residents will be battling to see who can cut trash & energy waste the most! Post photos of your green actions with #ULe-lympics2016 to win! Turn it off; unplug; take stairs; shut windows; dry clothes on a rack! A Kick-Off Party with DJ, raffle & quiz prizes will be held 2/15 (snow date: 2/22) 11-2, SAC MPR. Details: [facebook.com/UofLSustainable](https://www.facebook.com/UofLSustainable)



EcoReps Lunch & Learn

February 19 • 12:00 PM • Ekstrom W210

UofL's monthly EcoReps workshops feature a free lunch & locals making a difference in sustainability! The EcoReps program provides training, resources, service opportunities & certification. Workshops: 2/19, 3/25, 4/15 in Ekstrom W210. tinyurl.com/UofLEcoReps



MBA Information Session

March 2 • 5:45 - 7:00 PM

University Club

Join us to learn more about the MBA programs at UofL. Our Full-Time program takes only 13 months and provides you with an MBA and real-world business experience! Plus there will be delicious chicken fingers! Contact Sophia Fischer for more information: sophia.fischer@louisville.edu



REACH Graduate Prep Seminars

Dates and Times Vary

SK 111

For more information visit reach.louisville.edu/seminars

February 24 Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior
5:00 - 7:00 PM

February 25 GRE Introduction, Verbal, and Analytical Writing Sections
5:00 - 7:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UofL Free Store: Spring 2016 Hours

Wednesdays & Thursdays

12:00 - 2:00 PM • Unitas Tower

The UofL Free Store in Unitas Tower (basement entrance off Cardinal Blvd.) will be open Wednesdays & Thursdays 12-2pm throughout Spring 2016 (2/10 to 4/20). Volunteer help and clean donated items are always welcome! At the Free Store, students, faculty & staff are welcome to "shop" for free clothing, shoes, electronics, small appliances, household items, bath & beauty supplies, books, school & art supplies, non-perishable food, and more. The Free Store is intended to keep useful items out of the landfill and to aid the needy. It is an inclusive environment for all, regardless of gender identity and/or gender expression. The Free Store is a Transgender-Friendly space. <https://www.facebook.com/UofLFreeStore>



ANNOUNCEMENTS – CONT.

UofL CarShare Expands Promo Rates Until 4/30!

UofL CarShare has expanded, adding a new fuel-efficient car in a reserved spot on the NE side of campus, near Miller Hall, CEHD & the Cultural Center. Special \$1-to-join & \$5/hour-to-drive rates last through 4/30 (promo code 1TOJOIN). tinyurl.com/UofLCarShare

The Health Promotion Office is Now Hiring!

Deadline: February 29

The Health Promotion Office is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Gain valuable experience in program planning, implementation, & evaluation while contributing to the wellbeing of our campus community! Build relationships. Think Critically. Be a Health Advocate Leader. 10hours/week. PAID. On Campus.

For more info and to apply:
louisville.edu/healthpromotion



Check Your Inbox for the upcoming UofL Wellbeing Survey

Deadline: Monday, March 14

If you are one of the lucky students to receive the 2016 UofL Wellbeing Survey, complete and submit between February 22nd and March 14th to be eligible to win a prize.

- 10 minutes or less to complete
- Guaranteed Confidential
- WIN AMAZING PRIZE

Prizes include a \$400 bicycle voucher, a Fitbit, Free 1-Hour Chair Massage, Grocery Vouchers, and more! Questions? Email Karen Newton:

karen.newton@louisville.edu

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

STARS Program in Need of Volunteers

Deadline: February 22

STARS: Student Admissions Representatives. STARS write postcards to prospective students, are the faces of the university at events, and work with fall athletic recruitment! You must be a full-time UofL student, and any volunteers will receive service hours for their work. If interested contact: stephanie.bolin@louisville.edu and mega.adams@louisville.edu



Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

Deadline: March 1, 2016

The SROP provides UofL undergraduate students who would like to know more about graduate-level education at the university, with a 10-week (May 31-August 5, 2016) research-intensive experience in a department that offers graduate degrees. Mentors will provide students with individualized research projects. All UofL departments with graduate programs will be supported. Students should be, preferably, in their sophomore or junior year of study. The deadline is March 1, 2016. See <http://louisville.edu/research/students/undergrad-grad/summer> for more information or contact Pamela W. Feldhoff, Ph.D.: pwfeld01@louisville.edu

National Student Exchange

Deadline: February 22

It's that time of year: applications for National Student Exchange (NSE) are due Monday, February 22. If you'd like to spend all or part of the 2016-17 academic year in an exotic and educational location like



Florida or Wisconsin, please contact Andrew Grubb at abgrub02@louisville.edu for more information and an application. Placements for 2016-17 will be made at the annual NSE conference on March 10, 2016.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Red Barn Scholarships

Deadline: April 20 by 5:00 PM

Could you use one of at least two \$1,700 and three \$500 scholarships to be awarded for the 2016 Fall Semester through the Red Barn? You can apply for these scholarships online at <http://bit.ly/1OgWVRr> or hard copy applications can be picked up at the Red Barn, SAC W310 or the lobby of the Financial Aid office. Deadline for applications is Monday, April 20 at 5pm at the Red Barn Programs office (in the Red Barn) or email to George Howe at the Red Barn gihowe01@louisville.edu Questions? Phone (502) 852-7467