

NEWSLETTER INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE AND GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS

FEBRUARY 8 – 2021 – FEBRUARY 22 – 2021

1. **UURAF – DEADLINE APPROACHING – FEB. 11TH** - <https://urca.msu.edu/uuraf/reg>
2. **FLAS FELLOWSHIP - \$15,000 or \$7,500 IN SUMMER – AFRICAN LANGUAGE STUDY – DUE FEB. 12TH**
3. **MARATHON OF MAJORS – FEB. 18TH – NSSC.MSU.EDU**
4. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH – MULTICULTURAL HEROES CASE COMPETITION - \$300 IN PRIZES – FEB. 17TH**
5. **OCAT VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS – OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC TRANSITIONS – OCAT.MSU.EDU**

The **deadline** to register for **University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)** is fast approaching!

Share your research or creative scholarship with the university community April 15 – 19, 2021 at the **University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)**! [Registration](#) for UURAF is now open and will close on **February 11, 2021**. Current MSU students and December 2020 graduates from all academic disciplines are eligible to present at UURAF 2021. Students may select poster, oral, or performance presentation types.

All stages of research and creative scholarship are welcomed—from preliminary to capstone projects and everywhere in between! Research and creative activity conducted during courses, internship/REU, Education Abroad, or community-based participatory research are also accepted. Research is a process. Share where you are in that process when you present at UURAF.

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Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for MSU graduate and undergraduate students are available through the African Studies Center, provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

FLAS Fellowships award academic year undergraduate students with \$10,000 toward tuition and fees and a stipend of \$5,000. Academic year graduate students receive \$18,000 toward tuition and fees and \$15,000 in stipends. Summer FLAS recipients receive \$5,000 in tuition and a \$2,500 stipend.

We invite applications for:

- 1) Intensive African Language Study, Summer 2021

(If restrictions for study abroad are not lifted, some online summer language courses will be offered at MSU).

2) Academic Year African Language Study, 2021-2022

(Languages: Swahili, Yoruba, Arabic, Hausa, Zulu, Igbo, etc.)

To be eligible,

- students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Undergraduate students must be studying the target language at the intermediate or advanced level.
- The academic year fellowship requires that students take one language and one area studies course for a letter grade each term during the award period. Summer fellowships are for intensive language study only.

Application Deadline: Deadline: February 12, 2021

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MARATHON OF MAJORS

We wanted to let you know that on **Thursday, February 18th from 4pm-6pm** is when we are having the Spring Marathon of Majors event!

This is an event that will give current and prospective students the opportunity to speak to advisors and resources around campus in order to learn about new majors, minors, and other opportunities at MSU. This is a free and open event to anybody that is interested.

The event will be held electronically on Easy Virtual Fair again this semester and we are hoping that you all can help to promote the event to any current or prospective students that you have! For those of you that are participating in the event, more information will be coming soon, so please stay tuned and let me know if you have any questions.

MORE INFORMATION – NSSC.MSU.EDU

EAST LANSING, MI –Multicultural Business Programs invites the community to witness MSU students sharing the stories of multicultural heroes in the final round of the Black History Month Multicultural Heroes Hall of Fame Case Competition on Wednesday, February 17, 6 PM, on the Zoom platform. **Thirteen teams, involving 39 undergraduate students from 16 academic majors, 6 degree-granting colleges and the MSU Honors College, are competing for a spot in the final round of the competition.**

Audience members will be eligible for over \$300 in prizes during the competition. The event is open to the public and guests can register for the Zoom webinar at <https://tinyurl.com/mbpcasecomp>

The student teams represent a diverse cross-section of MSU students from the College of Natural Science, The Eli Broad College of Business, College of Social Science, the James Madison College, and the Honors College.

In recognition of the virtual environment, the Multicultural Business Programs reinvented The Black History Month Multicultural Heroes Case Competition as a video competition for the 2021 Competition. Each team will have 10 minutes to present their multicultural hero's story and contribution to social justice in video format. Teams consist of three MSU undergraduates. A panel of MSU faculty select the winning team that will receive a \$3000 cash grand prize. This year's judges will be Dean Sanjay Gupta, Eli & Edythe L. Broad Dean for the Eli Broad College of Business, Dr. Lee June, Vice President Student Affairs and Services Emeritus and Professor, MSU Honors College and Dr. Jabbar R. Bennett, MSU Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer.

The competition is sponsored by Altria Group Distribution Company and Multicultural Business Programs, Eli Broad College of Business.

Since 2002, 660 MSU undergraduates have participated in the Multicultural Heroes Case Competition.

Last year, a team of three undergraduate students from Lyman Briggs and the Honors College presented a powerful case for William G. Anderson, D.O, an American Civil Rights Activist and professor of surgical services at the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Eliot Haddad, Madeline Niblock, Maria Rollinger and earned the 2020 grand prize.

Just a friendly reminder that OCAT is hosting Virtual Office Hours. If you know any student interested in connecting with us, urge them to connect with us Monday-Friday (1:00-3:00PM). This is open to faculty/staff who want to connect as well!!

ZOOM: OCATMSU

PASSCODE: OCAT

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