Register for Study Groups - Reminder

The beginning of a new fiscal year often brings a degree of confusion. In addition to renewing memberships before July 1 or shortly afterwards in order to register for fall courses, members who want to participate in summer study groups also need to register for them. All summer study groups meet for six weeks, and the tuition fee for each group is $20. **If you are attending a summer study group session and have not yet registered, please do so right away.** Not sure whether you have registered? Please view your account online or call the office (217-244-9141). We’d be happy to check your registration status for you. Thank you.

OLLI Volunteer Opportunity

Dear OLLI Members,

The National and International Scholarships (NIS) Program is seeking individuals willing to work with and interview top University of Illinois students for a number of nationally competitive scholarships. NIS helps students apply for awards such as the Fulbright, Rhodes, and Marshall. The office assists students in writing their personal statements and program proposals, creates committees to interview them, and then makes decisions on which applicants to go forward to
represent the University of Illinois in these competitions. The office desires committee members with backgrounds and skill sets that match the various scholarships. Your responsibility would include reviewing application materials, providing feedback, and in many cases assisting the office in interviewing candidates (over Zoom) for the award. In the next few months, NIS will be conducting about 20 different interview panels.

Here are some of their needs:

1. People with teaching experience, and even more specifically, second language instruction, to assist students interested in applying for English Teaching Assistantship programs under the Fulbright. These students are competing to be English language assistants in any one of 80 countries around the globe. **If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your teaching experience, any international experience, and any foreign language abilities.**

2. People with international experience to assist students interested in applying for research grants under the Fulbright. These students seek to enter graduate programs, perform research or hone their fine arts capabilities overseas. **If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your countries of expertise, foreign languages, and professional background.**

3. Faculty with research careers in the STEM fields to serve on a Goldwater committee evaluating sophomore and junior applicants interested in pursuing PhDs in those fields. **If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your field of expertise and professional background.**

4. Public servants (elected officials, judges, city planners, community organizers, NGO leaders, etc.) to serve on our Truman Scholarship Committee to work with juniors interested in being change-agents in the public sphere for their career. **If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your professional experience in the public service realm.**

5. People with experience related to the United Kingdom for the Rhodes, Marshall, and Gates Cambridge scholarships, to send students for graduate study (in any field) in the United Kingdom. **If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your professional background and experience at any UK universities.**

6. Those with experience related to Ireland for the Mitchell Scholarship, to send students for a year of graduate study in Ireland. **If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your job history and experience in Ireland or at any of its universities.**
7. Professionals with experience related to China for the Schwarzman Scholarship, to send students for a year of graduate study in public policy, economics and business, or international studies at Tsinghua University, China. If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your professional history and experience in China.

8. Professionals with experience related to East or Southeast Asia to assist students applying for a fully paid work experience in Asia (in any field) through the Luce Scholars Program. If interested, please let us know in two or three sentences your job history and experience in Asia.

Please provide the requested response for each scholarship committee you would be interested in serving on, along with your full name, title, and email address. We would appreciate a response by Friday, August 16. NIS will create a database of interested panelists and contact you based on applicant numbers and backgrounds for each individual award. Thank you for your interest in helping some of the highest caliber students at Illinois!

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OLLl Members Recommend...
40 Artists in Crystal Lake Park!

40 North and the Urbana Park District are thrilled to present the 6th Annual Crystal Lake Park Art Fair in Urbana, IL!

On **Saturday & Sunday, August 3rd & 4th, 2024 from 10am-4pm**, Crystal Lake Park will be transformed with 40 local and regional artists that will set up along the park road next to the large pavilion and the Lake House in Crystal Lake Park (206 W. Park) and feature paintings, textiles, drawings, ceramics, woodworking, illustration, photography, jewelry, glass, mixed media and much more!

Urbana Park District's UrVANa Mobile Recreation Unit and food trucks will also be on site!

Janice Jayes is presenting a talk at the Champaign Public Library on **Thursday, August 15**, related to a class she taught a few years ago on the Guatemalan Community in Champaign-Urbana. She says that it is still a work in progress but includes more on the history of local social justice groups and their relationship to Guatemala in the 1980s and 1990s. Janice is hoping that the talk will encourage some of those who were active in those groups to share any memories or materials with her in the future.
Fall Course Registration Continues

OLLI will offer 27 courses this fall semester, with a solid balance of topics and a great mix of new and returning instructors. For fuller descriptions of each Fall course and instructor biographies, please visit OLLI’s Current Courses website. For the Fall Course Schedule, visit the Fall Course Downloads. Registration is now open. To register, log in to your OLLI account with your username and password, choose “Courses – Fall 2024” under Select Semester, then press “Select” and the Registration button under the course(s) you wish to attend. Complete “Checkout,” agree to “Terms of Use,” click “continue” and then “submit.” You will receive an email confirmation as soon as you have completed the entire registration process. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please check your spam folder. If it’s not there, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the “submit” button.

For qualified instructors who are interested in proposing a course for OLLI’s Spring 2025 semester (February 24 – April 20, 2025), the proposal form is now available for submissions. Deadline for Spring 2025 Course proposals: Friday, October 18, 2024. Late submissions may be reviewed if received no later than Monday, November 4, 2024. Please spread the word!

Weekly Calendar

Summer Study Groups
Fall Course registration continues
Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. CampusCE-OLLI ad hoc committee (Orange & Zoom)

Donor Spotlight

Please join us in thanking all those who have donated to OLLI this year. The full list of OLLI donors can be found HERE on our website.

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It is our pleasure to thank the sponsors for the OLLI Coffee Bar for August 2024:

Jongin Craggs
&
The Writing and Performing Poetry Study Group

Many thanks to all our generous donors – those who have donated for coffee and tea throughout the year and the many more who are supporting all our programs. Your gifts have been especially helpful this year in supporting our course instructors, improving technology in our Osher classroom, and in the coming upgrade of our website and registration system. A special thanks to those who have become monthly recurring donors. Thank you!

Stay Curious!

Kathryn and Patricia,
August 2, 2024