

Vice Rector for Foreign Affairs

The University of South Alabama (USA) is again pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the Hooker Kubik Endowment for Scholars from Slovakia for the August 2012- July 2013 academic cycle.

The deadline for applications for 2012-2013 is August 1, 2011.

Selection and award notification is expected to be made by February 28, 2012. For a flyer on the program please go to:

<http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/hookerkubik/docs/usahookerkubikflyerinternational.pdf>

As you may be aware each year based on availability of funding the USA Hooker-Kubik Endowment <http://www.usouthal.edu/oie/hookerkubik/> makes available funding to be awarded by a USA Council on International Education & Scholarship committee in keeping with the donors who have established this endowment: Mr. Robert Lea Hooker And Mrs. Jean Kubik Hooker. The donors to this endowment have established this fund in recognition of their family ties and heritage with Slovakia and their sincere wish to foster exchange efforts with scholars from Slovakia.

Mission/Goals: The funding generated by this endowment will be used to foster the present day interests in developing understanding and awareness between the people of Slovakia and students, faculty and community members associated with the University of South Alabama. Participants from both Slovakia and USA are encouraged to focus on areas of technology and research development as well as educational and cultural exchanges that may be of timely and mutual interest.

The awards are based on available funds from the invested return on the endowment and may range up to US\$5,000 (2010-2011 was made for approx. \$4,500; 2011-2012: approx. \$4,750). The Award recipient from Nitra, Slovakia for 2010-2011 will be doing research with the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute and our recipient from Presov, Slovakia for 2011-2012 will be doing research with the USA College of Arts and Sciences English Department.

Activities that may be considered for this award include international students or research scholars (graduate students, professors) study at the University of South Alabama in virtually any discipline, study of

English as a Second Language at the USA ESL Center, research collaboration between scholars from Slovakia and USA faculty on projects of mutual or individual interest and USA students who are interested in study in Slovakia, Eastern or Western Europe. Although each year only one or two awards may be made it is the vision of the donors that the endowment grow to be able to sponsor increasing numbers of students and scholars from both Slovakia and the University of South Alabama.

For information on the colleges and academic disciplines at the University of South Alabama please refer to:

<http://www.southalabama.edu/departms.html>

For USA Research Activities please refer to:

<http://www.usouthal.edu/research/>

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For the Academic Year 2012-2013 the awards will be able to begin no earlier than August 1, 2012 and must be utilized by July 31, 2013.

For International Students (eligibility and application) applied towards tuition/program expenses for one or two semesters (Fall, Spring and or Summer in any combination up to the limit of two semesters) for the following (in order of priority): Participants from Eastern Slovakia; OR participants from Slovakia as nominated through written agreements by University sister universities in Slovakia - Award recipient priority will be given to students from Slovakia in the following order: Graduate degree seeking student including Masters, PhD, and Professional Degrees, Undergraduate degree seeking student, Non-degree seeking short term (one or two semesters) For applications and eligibility criteria please refer to:

<http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/hookerkubik/>

Collaborative research scholar (eligibility and application) activities including: Research and cultural exchange scholars from Slovakia coming to USA for additional study, research activities, conferences/presentations, and teaching activities (includes artists, musicians, etc. who will perform master classes and related activities with USA faculty, academic units and community cultural activities). USA

research and teaching activities in Slovakia by USA undergraduate and graduate students and/or USA faculty. For applications and eligibility criteria please refer to: <http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/hookerkubik/>

All participants under any of the above category will be expected to participate in cultural exchange activities such as presentations to local civic groups, schools (elementary and high school), city council, and events as appropriate during the time period of their visit.

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If you have any interested faculty or students please encourage them to contact my office ([intledu@usouthal.edu](mailto:intledu@usouthal.edu)) and the appropriate academic units in the areas of interest.

Thank you for your help and interest,

Jim

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