What is it?
- Relatively new fellowship designed to support the work of “New Americans”
- 30 awards are available for the upcoming academic year (2014-2015)
  - Funds up to two years of graduate study (any field, any graduate degree)
  - Includes a $25,000 grant as well as coverage for up to $20,000 in tuition and fees

Who is eligible?
- Applicants must first qualify as a “New American,” must be born on or after 11/8/1982, and be in good academic standing in their program
  - What defines a “New American”?
    - Eligibility starts with the applicant’s birth country:
      - If born outside US, must be naturalized citizen or in possession of a green card
      - If born inside US, the details are more specific:
        - Both of the applicant’s parents must have been born outside of US and territories
        - Neither parent can have been eligible for US citizenship at time of applicant’s birth
        - At least one parent must have become a naturalized citizen by the application deadline (11/8/13)
  - What defines “good academic standing”?
    - In addition to the home department’s definition, the fellowship committee seeks applicants that are either entering (or applying to programs) for the upcoming year or are in their first or second year of study towards that degree
    - Full-time enrollment is required for the upcoming year

Who are they looking for?
- The committee is more interested in you as a person rather than your research specifically
  - They want people who can demonstrate creativity, originality, and initiative
  - Favor narratives about how being a New American has changed your life for the better
  - “It’s about the story and what the student has done”

What are the application materials?
- Three letters of rec
- 2 essays
- CV/Resume

More information (including the online application) can be accessed at www.pdsoros.org

Dr. Reitan hopes to have workshop sessions for all qualified and interested applicants to assist with application materials and crafting responses to the essays. Those students unable to attend today’s session are encouraged to contact her (mereditd@usc.edu) for more information.