The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics invites you to apply to the 2014 Joseph R. Cerrell Sacramento Seminar in Political Leadership to be held Thursday, February 27th through Saturday, March 1st. In Sacramento, students will have the opportunity to meet the executive and legislative leaders who shape California’s laws and policies. Scheduled events include discussions with legislators, lobbyists, campaign strategists, journalists, Capitol staff and representatives of Governor Jerry Brown’s Administration. In addition to formally structured events, students will have the opportunity to meet and network with political, policy and government experts throughout their time in Sacramento.

For those chosen to attend the Cerrell Seminar, transportation to and from Sacramento, hotel accommodations, and most meals will be provided. Students will be responsible for personal and incidental expenses.

Eligibility:

The program is open to undergraduate students of all majors currently pursuing degrees at USC with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. As this is a competitive program, in addition to exemplary academic work, candidates should have a demonstrated interest in politics, government or public service, as shown through means such as:

- Attending and/or organizing political events (especially on-campus)
- Prior political volunteerism
- Political internships
- Politically-focused student activities or campus group memberships
- Attendance at and/or participation in Unruh Institute events
- Having taken or are planning to take POSC 395

Application instructions:

Please complete the attached application and include an unofficial transcript, a letter of recommendation from a professor or supervisor/employer (he/she does not have to be from USC), and your answers to the two questions listed within the application. Space for this highly competitive seminar is limited and priority will be given to students who submit their application by the early application deadline.

The early application deadline is Friday, January 24, 2014 at 5PM.
The final application deadline is Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 5PM.

You may submit all application materials via email to Luca Servodio at servodio@usc.edu or submit hard copies to:

The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics
RE: Cerrell Seminar
University of Southern California, VKC 263
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0045
Phone: (213) 740-8964
dornsife.usc.edu/unruh

Please direct any questions regarding the Cerrell Seminar to Luca Servodio at servodio@usc.edu or (213) 740-8964.
Please type or print clearly.

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________

Full Name (As it appears on your Government-Issued ID): ___________________________

Student ID Number: __________________ Date of Birth: __________________________

Major: ___________________________ Minor: ___________________________

Local Address: ___________________________ (Street Address) ___________________________ (City) ___________________________ (State) ___________________________ (Zip)

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Year:  □ Freshman  □ Sophomore  □ Junior  □ Senior  □ Other: ___________________________

Emergency Contact Name: ___________________________ Emergency Contact Relationship: ___________________________

Emergency Contact Number: ___________________________ Food Allergies: ___________________________

Please list professional (and his/her institution) who is providing your reference:

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Please list all classes taken in Political Science or related subjects:

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Please respond to the following two questions (limit 1-page for each question):

1. What are the two most important issues facing the state of California in 2014?
2. What question would you ask each of the following people if you met him/her at the Cerrell Seminar?
   a. Governor Brown?
   b. A member of the State Legislature?
   c. A representative of the California Teachers Association?
   d. A representative of the California Chamber of Commerce?

Please list your Thursday class/internship/work schedule:

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Please list your Friday class/internship/work schedule:

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Please verify that you have attached all required materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

☐ Unofficial Transcript  ☐ Completed Application  ☐ Essay Answers  ☐ (1) Letter of Recommendation

I hereby certify that I am enrolled at USC during the spring semester of 2014. I understand that if selected to attend the Joseph R. Cerrell Sacramento Seminar, I must confirm my attendance with Unruh Institute staff within 24 hours. I understand that if I confirm my attendance on the Joseph R. Cerrell Sacramento Seminar in Political Leadership, but notify the Unruh Institute after Friday, February 7th at 5:00pm that I will not attend, I will be expected to reimburse the Institute the full cost of the non-refundable airfare to Sacramento.

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ___________________