Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics
2016 Joseph R. Cerrell Sacramento Seminar in Political Leadership Application

Early Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 5:00PM

Final Application Deadline: Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 5:00PM

The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics invites you to apply to the 2016 Joseph R. Cerrell Sacramento Seminar in Political Leadership to be held Thursday, March 3 through Saturday, March 5, 2016. 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. USC Students will 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 USC 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:

Application instructions:
- 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 completed or planning to enroll in POSC 395

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.

Please note: Students who attend our programs and events can be given special consideration for our Scholarships and Awards offered March of spring semester. For more information please visit http://dornsife.usc.edu/unruh/scholarships-and-awards/

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You may submit all application materials via email to Alyssa Rangel at alyssara@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 type or print clearly.

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________

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

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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 the name and professional credentials of the person submitting your letter of recommendation. Faculty and other professional references accepted, (he or she does not have to be from USC):

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Please list all courses completed in Political Science or related subjects:

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Please list all previous political activity and/or involvement:

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Please list all Unruh events attended:

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

1) What two issues facing California in 2016 are the most important to you?

2) What would you ask each of the following people in you met him/her at the Cerrell Seminar?
   1. Governor Brown
   2. A member of the California State Legislature
   3. A political reporter covering the presidential campaign
   4. The campaign manager for a presidential candidate (Democrat or Republican)

Please list your Thursday class/internship/work schedule, (the information you provide here will not affect your selection in the 2016 Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership):

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Please list your Friday class/internship/work schedule (the information you provide here will not affect your selection in the 2016 Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership):

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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 as an undergraduate student during the spring semester of 2016. I understand that if selected to attend the Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership, I must confirm my attendance with Unruh Institute staff within 48 hours. I understand that if I confirm my attendance on the Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership, but notify the Unruh Institute after Thursday, February 11, at 5:30PM that I will not attend, I will be expected to reimburse the institute the full cost of the nonrefundable airfare to Sacramento, CA.

Signature: ___________________________   Date: ___________________________