Fisher Fellows Program
Application for Fall 2018

Application Materials Due by 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2018

Please Submit the Following Documents to GFS 315:

- Application

- Personal Statement (1-2 pages) – address why you are interested in participating in this program, how this opportunity may benefit your academic experience and future goals and how you are a good fit for this program.

- Resume – please include both USC and community activities and volunteer work as well as traditional work experience.

- Two faculty letters of recommendation (can be emailed or attached to application)

- STARS Report (accessible on OASIS through MyUSC)

Please contact Experiential and Applied Learning with questions at exl@dornsife.usc.edu
Program Description:

The Fisher Fellowship is the first program at USC Dornsife that enables first generation students with financial need to fully participate in the enrichment opportunities that are at the heart of the college. Students selected for this program will receive funding which may be used over a three-year period to participate in academic programs that involve international travel, field research and service to various communities.

In particular, the Fisher Undergraduate Fellows will be encouraged to participate in the Problems Without Passports (PWP) and Maymester programs, as well as student-faculty research programs such as the Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) and Summer Undergraduate Research Fund/Summer Humanities Undergraduate Research Experience (SURF/SHURE) or the appropriate program of their choosing. Additionally, Fisher Fellows will be required to host various service projects each year that give back to USC and local communities, which may include partnerships with Joint Educational Project (JEP), Homelessness Action Committee (HAC), and other First-Gen student groups. Fellows may also be invited to participate in retreats, leadership seminars, guest speakers, and mentoring by esteemed faculty and alumni. Mandatory monthly meetings and participation in the annual First-Gen Summit are required.

Fisher Fellows will be recognized at graduation as scholars and campus leaders who are dedicated to improving the well-being of the communities they participate in and belong to, both at home and at USC.

Examples of Programmatic Opportunities:

- Career consulting and leadership seminars with esteemed guest speakers from the U.S. government, nonprofits, the business and entrepreneurial community, and the entertainment industry
- Graduate school test preparation courses and materials
- Academic conference participation and additional side trips on PWP programs

Eligibility:

- No minimum GPA to apply (but will be expected to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better once accepted into the program)
- First-generation student (First-generation college students are best defined as students where neither parent attended or completed college.)
- Demonstrated financial need
- Freshman (class of 2022), Sophomore (class of 2021), or Transfer at the time of application
- Declared major in the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (must maintain a declared Dornsife major and 3.0 cumulative GPA for the entire tenure as a Fisher Fellow)

Funding Guidelines:

- The funds must be used within a three-year period or less
- The primary purpose of the funding is to cover expenses related to participation in undergraduate co-curricular academic programs, such as research opportunities (e.g., PWPs and study abroad), conferences, or internships
- The disbursement of the funds could potentially have a negative impact on the students' financial aid packages. We will work with Financial Aid on an individual basis to reduce any impact when possible.

Application Process:

- All required materials must be submitted to GFS 315 by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018
- Eligible students will be contacted for an interview, which will take place January 14 - 25, 2019.
- Accepted students will be notified by February 7, 2019 and attend an initiation ceremony in Spring 2019.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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Return all forms and supporting documentation by 4:00 p.m. on Friday November 30, 2018 to GFS 315
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Name: ________________________________________________________________

Last                                      First                                      Middle

Student ID #: _________________________________  Email: _________________________________

Major(s): __________________________________________  Minor(s): ________________________________

Year in School: ________________________________  Cum. USC GPA: ______  Major GPA: ______

Expected Graduation Date: ______________________  Profession Considering: ______________________

LOCAL ADDRESS:                           PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street                                      Street

Apt                                      Apt

City                                      City

State                                      State

ZIP                                      ZIP

Local Phone: ________________________________  Permanent Phone: ________________________________

Alternate Email: ____________________________

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I am a first-generation college student with demonstrated financial need.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ___________________________  DATE: ______________