Please Submit the Following Documents to VKC 361:

- **Application form** – please be sure to include the names of two professors that we can contact on your behalf to obtain a recommendation for you.

- **STARS Report** (accessible on OASIS through MyUSC)

- **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.

Please contact Heidi Ippolito with questions at hippolit@usc.edu or (213) 821-6248.
Program Description:

The Fisher Fellowship is the first program at USC Dornsife that enables students with financial needs 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 host various service projects each year that give back to USC and local communities, which may include partnerships with Joint Education Program (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.

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 work toward maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better once accepted into the program)*
- **First-generation student** *(applicant is the first person in their family to attend college)*
- **Demonstrated financial need**
- **Freshman (class of 2021), Sophomore (class of 2020), 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 stipend 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 will not have a negative impact on the students’ financial aid packages.

Application Process:

- All required materials must be submitted in hard copy to VKC 361 by 12 PM on **Thursday, Oct 12, 2017**.
- Eligible students will be contacted for an interview, which will take place **November 6-17, 2017**.
- Accepted students will be notified by **November 30** and attend an initiation ceremony in **Spring 2018**.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Fisher Fellows Program: Fall 2017

Return all forms and supporting documentation by 12:00pm on Thursday October 12, 2017 to VKC 361
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Name: ___________________________ Last ___________________________ First ___________________________ Middle ___________________________

Student ID #: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Major(s): ___________________________ Minor(s): ___________________________

Year in School: ___________________________ Cum. USC GPA: _____ Major GPA: _______

USC COURSES TAKEN (including Fall 2017) – List Course Number, Grade, and Professor

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Expected Graduation Date: ___________________________ Profession Considering: ___________________________

LOCAL ADDRESS: PERMANENT ADDRESS:

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City ___________________________ State ___________________________ ZIP ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ___________________________ ZIP ___________________________

Local Phone: ___________________________ Permanent Phone: ___________________________

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

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________

NAME & CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RECOMMENDERS

1. ____________________________________________________________
   Name and title ____________________________________________
   Email and phone ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________
   Name and title ____________________________________________
   Email and phone ____________________________________________