Fisher Fellows Program
Class of 2018
Application Materials Due By 12 PM Friday, February 13th, 2015

Please Submit the Following Documents to ADM 304:

- 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) - be sure to 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/volunteer work as well as traditional work experience.
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 between $6,000 and $10,000, which may be used over a three-year period to participate in 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 (SURF) or the appropriate program of their choosing. Additionally, Fisher Fellows will choose a service project each year that gives back to a selected community, which may include partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, Oxfam, the Sierra Club or Heal the Bay. Fellows will also participate in a two-day retreat on Catalina Island, and will benefit year-round from 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 like Ashoka or the One Foundation, the business and entrepreneurial community, and the entertainment industry
- An enhanced Spring Service trip to the Navajo nation in Arizona or Central America instead of local Los Angeles or Bay Area
- Graduate school test preparation courses and materials
- Additional side trips on PWP programs, including the Mayan ruins in Belize or the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg

Eligibility:

- 3.0 cumulative USC GPA or better
- First-generation student: applicant is the first person in their family to attend college
- Demonstrated financial need
- Freshman at the time of application
- Declared major in the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Funding Guidelines:

- The amount of the disbursement is between $6,000 and $10,000.
- The funds must be used during a three-year period.
- The primary purpose of the stipend is to cover expenses related to participation in undergraduate co-curricular programs, such as travel and research opportunities (e.g. PWP and study abroad) or participation in community service activities 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 ADM 304 by 12 PM on February 13, 2015.
- Eligible students will be contacted for an interview, which will take place between March 2nd and 13th.
- Accepted students will be notified on March 27th, and will attend an initiation ceremony on April 25th.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
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Return all forms and supporting documentation to:
USC Dornsife Dean’s Office, ADM 304
Please contact Danika Newlee with questions at newlee@usc.edu, (213) 740-2531.

Name: ____________________________

Last  First  Middle

Student ID#: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Major(s): ____________________________ Minor(s): ____________________________

Year in School: ____________________________ Cumulative USC GPA: ____________ Major GPA: ____________

USC COURSES TAKEN (include Spring 2015): List Course Number, Grade, and Professor

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Expected Graduation Date: ____________________________ Profession Considering: ____________________________

LOCAL ADDRESS:

Street  Apt  Street  Apt.

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