USC Dornsife Fisher Fellows Undergraduate Program
Fall 2019 Application for AY 2020-2021

Application Materials are due by 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2019

Please Submit the Following Documents to GFS 315:

- **Application** (please type or print legibly)

- **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 USC Dornsife Fisher Fellows Program 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 may apply for funding to participate in academic programs that involve international travel, field research, internships, academic conferences and service to various communities.

Fisher 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 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.
- Academic conference participation and additional side trips on PWP programs.

Eligibility:

- **Declared major in the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences** *(must maintain a declared Dornsife major for the entire tenure as a Fisher Fellow.)*
- **3.0 cumulative USC GPA or better to apply** *(student will be expected to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to stay in the program.)*
- **First-generation student** *(First-generation college students are best defined as students without a parent that attended or completed college.)*
- **Demonstrated financial need.**
- **Freshman (class of 2023), sophomore (class of 2022), or transfer at the time of application.**

Funding Guidelines:

- Funding 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., Maymester, PWP and study abroad), conferences, or internships.
- The disbursement of the funds could potentially have a negative impact on student financial aid packages. We will work with Financial Aid on an individual basis to reduce any impact when possible.

Application Process:

- All required materials are due to GFS 315 by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, November 29, 2019.**
- Eligible students will be contacted for an interview **January 13 - 24, 2020.**
- Accepted students will be notified by **February 6, 2020.** Initiation ceremony in **spring 2020.**
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Fisher Fellows Program: Fall 2019

Return all forms and supporting documentation by 4:00 p.m. on Friday November 29, 2019 to GFS 315
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Name: ___________________ ________________________________________________________________
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Student ID #: _________________________________ Email: _________________________________

Major(s): ___________________________________ Minor(s): ________________________________

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

Expected Graduation Date: ________________ Profession Considering: ______________________

Parent Level of Education: __________________

LOCAL ADDRESS: PERMANENT ADDRESS:

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

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE: ____________________________