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RESOURCE GUIDE

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Easterlin Fellows Program
This program mentors and trains students who have the interest, motivation, and preparation required to pursue research-related careers in economics. Benefits include, a faculty mentor, invitation to special events for Easterlin Fellows with USC faculty, USC alumni, and invited guests, participation in a research conference near graduation to present work by graduating Easterlin Fellows, paid membership in ODE (the economics honors society), and funding for up to five applications for Ph.D. programs.

Progressive Degree Program
Progressive degrees provide a superior USC undergraduate student the opportunity to pursue a master’s degree as they finish their undergraduate degree. It’s a terrific way for a student to deepen their education and prepare for a successful future. Most progressive degree students earn a bachelor’s degree plus a master’s degree in a total of 5.5 years.

Undergraduate Economics Association (EA)
The purpose of the Undergraduate Economics Association is to foster a strong community of economics students, faculty, and alumni, and to allow USC students to engage with economics beyond the classroom setting. The Economics Association provides diverse programming ranging from policy discussions to film screenings to networking events.

USC Economics Review
The USC Economics Review emerged at the heels of one of the most contentious and emotionally charged years of economic discourse in many students’ lifetimes. The review is run by an undergraduate editorial board and aims to offer student analysis on high-level topics including economic policy and everyday phenomena in a manner that is engaging and educational for the both the university and greater communities.

Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE)
The international honor society for Economics, is one of the world’s largest honor societies. ODE organizes lectures and panel discussions about economic issues and career events where students can meet alumni and learn about Economics related career paths. Members of ODE often serve as discussants, panelists, or moderators at ODE-sponsored events. The organization sponsors competitions to recognize and reward research and service by ODE students.

Women in Economics
Women in Economics was established to increase women’s representation in the field of economics by providing opportunities, resources, and support.

Monthly Coffee Chats
Monthly one hour coffee chats with a faculty member to discuss research, careers, graduate school, and other related topics.

Economics Networking Night
A variety of distinguished Economics alumni who have had very successful careers and are industry leaders. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore different career options and learn about what it is like to work in a range of industries. This event will be hosted on March 4th, 2020.

Faculty Luncheon Series
Opportunity to have monthly lunches with a faculty member to discuss research, careers, and graduate school, and other related topics.

ECON 490/495
ECON 490 - Directed Research: is supervised individual research by a faculty advisor. ECON 495 - Honors Thesis: is individual research supervised by a faculty advisor. Successful completion is required for departmental honors.

Alumni in Residence
USC Economics alumni come to campus to meet with student one-on-one to: review your resume and cover letter; conduct mock interviews; and provide career advice. Some alums will also be recruiting for open positions at their companies.

Trojan Talks
Hosted by the Career Center, Trojan Talks are a great way to explore an organization or an industry. Employers are there to introduce themselves to you and get you excited about their organization. Providing insight on such topics as open positions and organization culture, they can also help you prepare for an upcoming interview.

Investigate Industries and Internships (i3)
Hosted by the Career Center, learn how employers broke into their respective industries, hear about what it is actually like to work in the field, and network with them to let them know what makes you a great intern. All participating employers offer paid internships!
ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Economics Peer Tutoring - Free peer tutoring offered for ECON 203, 205, 303, 305, 317 & 318: https://dornsife.usc.edu/econ/tutoring-center/

Math Center - Opportunity to be tutored by your TA in Math 118, 125, 126, 225, 226, 308, 407, & 408 courses: https://dornsife.usc.edu/mathcenter

Supplemental Instruction (SI) - Academic support offered for ECON 317, MATH 126, MATH 226, and other courses via small, collaborative groups with classmates. Further review of lecture material, homework, and review exam strategies with SI leaders: https://dornsife.usc.edu/supplemental-instruction/

Writing Center - Through individual consultation, the Writing Center assists with the skills and processes of critical thinking, drafting, and revising that lead to clearly expressed positions, coherent arguments, and persuasive reasoning. Handouts and video tutorials are also available on their website: https://dornsife.usc.edu/writingcenter

Kortschak Center for Learning & Creativity - Students receive assistance with organization, study skills, time management, and learning strategies. Students also have the opportunity to work one-on-one with an academic coach: https://kortschakcenter.usc.edu

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Overseas Studies - Pursue academic work that complements one’s studies, gain a deeper understanding of a particular culture, and improve foreign language skills: https://dornsife.usc.edu/overseas-studies/

Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) - Funding opportunity for Dornsife undergraduates serving as a research assistant in a faculty member’s project during the fall and spring semesters: https://dornsife.usc.edu/soar/

Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF) - Funding opportunity for Dornsife students to pursue research in conjunction with Dornsife faculty, either on or off campus, during the summer semester: https://dornsife.usc.edu/surf-shure/

*Counseling & Support*

Campus Support & Intervention (CSI) - CSI works with all student populations to provide support, guidance, and resources to troubleshoot and resolve complex issues: https://campussupport.usc.edu/students/

Ask ARI - A virtual wellness assistant that engages in dialog about well-being issues and then facilitates the use of online educational and self-care strategies to assist students in increasing their levels of personal functioning: https://wellbeing.usc.edu/programs/virtual-wellness-assistant/

Crisis Support - Students are encouraged to walk-in for urgent matters at both Engemann and Eric Cohen Student Health Centers. If after closing hours, please call the 24/7 line: 213-740-9355 (WELL)

Trojans Care for Trojans (TC4T) - An initiative that empowers USC students, faculty, and staff to take action when they are concerned about a fellow Trojan challenged with personal difficulties: https://campussupport.usc.edu/trojans-care-4-trojans/

Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) - ODE responds to complaints of discrimination and harassment, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual misconduct: https://equity.usc.edu/

Sexual Assault & Survivor Support - Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services provides immediate therapy services for situations related to gender- and power-based harm (e.g., sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking). All services are confidential. Their office is located in USC Student Health’s Engemann Student Health Center Suite 356

The Haven at College - The Haven at College helps students struggling with mental health and substance use challenges to have a successful and safe college experience: https://www.thehavenatcollege.com/

Emergency Food and Toiletry Pantry - An emergency resource for students experiencing food insecurity. The pantry is located in STU 422. Check their website for current hours and updates: https://seip.usc.edu/tfp/

Disability Services & Programs (DSP) - Disability Services and Programs is the unit responsible for ensuring equal access for students with disabilities in compliance with state and federal law: https://dsp.usc.edu/

Department of Public Safety (DPS) - DPS provides a safe and secure environment on campus and in the local USC community for students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors: https://dps.usc.edu/
**INTERNSHIP & CAREER SUPPORT**

**ConnectSC** - Find information on jobs, employers, career center services, workshops, Trojan Talks, and other topics of interest. Create your account by visiting: https://careers.usc.edu/connectsc/

**Vault Career Guides** - Access dozens of guides with in-depth information on various careers, graduate programs, employers, and industries. Complimentary access to Vault is provided through connectSC.

**Career Center** - Career center provides a full range of services and signature events to help students seeking job or Internship opportunities: https://careers.usc.edu/

**Dornsife Career Pathways** - Career Pathways works with Dornsife students to align academic interests and career pathways through student-centered career advisement and programming: https://dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/

**Lynda.com** - A leading online learning platform that helps students learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. For free USC student access: https://itservices.usc.edu/lynda/

**STUDENT EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS)** - The center provides programs, services, and resources for students who identify as Asian Pacific American and educational opportunities for the entire campus: https://apass.usc.edu/

**Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA)** - The center works towards creating an optimal learning environment for students who identify as Black and the Trojan family at large: https://cbcsa.usc.edu/

**La CASA** - La CASA works with student who identify as Latinx to provide academic, personal, and cultural support, as well as helping students develop leadership skills: https://lacasa.usc.edu/

**First-Generation at USC** - Being first in the family to attend college may offer unique challenges. This center leverages student assets and provides students with tools and resources, such as mentors, to successfully navigate college: https://dornsife.usc.edu/first-generation-college-students-at-usc/

**Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center (LGBTRC)** - The center welcomes students from across the gender and sexuality identity spectra to provide support, education, advocacy, and connection to community: https://lgbtrc.usc.edu/

**Office of Religious & Spiritual Life** - The center encourages the pursuit of meaning through spiritual reflection and free inquiry, provides fair opportunities to participate in religious life, advances mutual understanding and respect among differing traditions. They also co-sponsors events with other university units and partnerships of student religious groups: https://orsl.usc.edu/

**PRE-GRADUATE SCHOOL ADVISING**

**Pre-Law Advising** - Pre-law advisors host workshops and meet with students to aid in all aspects of the law school application process. For more information: https://dornsife.usc.edu/pre-law/

**Pre-Health Advising** - Pre-health advisors aid students in all aspects of pre-health course planning and application components. For more information: https://dornsife.usc.edu/pre-health/

**Pre-Graduate School Advising** - Pre-grad advisors host information sessions and aid in all graduate school application components. For more information: https://dornsife.usc.edu/pre-graduate-school/

**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

**Dornsife Continuing Student Scholarship** - Undergraduate Dornsife major students who plan to be enrolled as full-time for the following academic year are eligible to apply: https://dornsife.usc.edu/css

**Academic Achievement Award (AAA)** - Allows students with excellent academic records to complete multiple undergraduate degree objectives without adding to their time-to-degree by providing funding for up to 21 units: https://ahf.usc.edu/awards/aaa/


*For a list of scholar distinctions and awards that can apply towards graduate studies: https://ahf.usc.edu/commencement-honors/distinctions/

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