We are pleased to announce that the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences is extending eligibility to apply for Progressive Degree Master’s Programs (PDPs) to all USC seniors who will be graduating in the spring or summer of 2020. Requirements and eligibility for these special PDP applications are as follows:

- Submit an Application for Admission to a Progressive Master’s Program by July 1, 2020. Your application should include:
  - Your STARS report
  - A proposed course plan, developed with an Academic Advisor from the master’s program to which you are applying
    - Both degree programs must be completed within 12 semesters (6 years)
  - One letter of recommendation from a USC faculty member (waived for students with >3.49 GPA)
- No GRE scores required
- Minimum 3.0 GPA at the time of application
- All undergraduate coursework completed no later than summer 2020

Graduating seniors who are admitted to PDPs are likely to enter with graduate student standing, and should therefore expect to be eligible for graduate-level financial aid funding only, if applicable. To better understand how transitioning to a graduate program may affect your financial aid eligibility, we encourage you to contact the USC Office of Financial Aid.

International students who plan to apply to PDPs as seniors graduating by summer 2020 must submit a program extension request to the Office of International Services (ois@usc.edu) by April 30, 2020. The extension request includes the following requirements:

- A Program Extension Form – signed by your Undergraduate Academic Advisor
  - Scanned and electronic signatures are acceptable.
  - Please write “Progressive Degree” as the reason for the extension.
  - For double majors, signatures from both academic advisors are required.
- A funding letter or bank statement, which must cover tuition and living expenses for the duration of the program extension.
- Confirm your U.S. mailing address, including building/apartment number, if applicable, so that your extended I-20 may be mailed to you.

Any graduating seniors who intend to apply for a Progressive Master’s Degree Program should take the following steps:

1. Read the PDP website and application for 2020 graduating seniors.
2. Contact your Undergraduate Academic Advisor for guidance.
   a. Reach out to the Office of Financial Aid and/or the Office of International Services, as warranted.
3. Develop a Course Plan with an Academic Advisor from the graduate department to which you are applying.
4. Submit your PDP application and all accompanying documentation to the graduate program to which you are applying.
5. The master’s program to which you are applying will review your application and respond with an admissions decision.

Please reach out to your Undergraduate Academic Advisor with any additional questions you may have about the PDP application, eligibility, or benefits.

Congratulations, in advance, on nearing the completion of your undergraduate studies. We wish you all the best, no matter in what direction your future plans may lie.