The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics invites you to apply to the 2015 Joseph R. Cerrell Sacramento Seminar in Political Leadership to be held Thursday, March 5 through Saturday, March 7, 2015. In Sacramento, students will have the opportunity to meet the executive and legislative leaders who shape California's laws and policies. Scheduled events include discussions with legislators, lobbyists, campaign strategists, journalists, Capitol staff and representatives of Governor Jerry Brown's Administration. USC Students will meet and network with political, policy and government experts throughout their time in Sacramento.

For those chosen to attend the Cerrell Seminar, transportation to and from Sacramento, hotel accommodations, and most meals will be provided. Students will be responsible for personal and incidental expenses.

Eligibility:

The program is open to undergraduate USC students of all majors currently pursuing degrees at USC with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. As this is a competitive program, in addition to exemplary academic work, candidates should have a demonstrated interest in politics, government or public service, as shown through means such as:

- Attending and/or organizing political events (especially on-campus)
- Prior political volunteerism
- Political internships
- Politically-focused student activities or campus group memberships
- Attendance at and/or participation in Unruh Institute events
- Having completed or planning to enroll in POSC 395

Application instructions:

Please complete the attached application and include an unofficial transcript, a letter of recommendation from a professor or supervisor/employer (he/she does not have to be from USC), and your answers to the two questions listed within the application. Space for this highly competitive seminar is limited and priority will be given to students who submit their application by the early application deadline.

The early application deadline is Monday, February 2, 2015 at 5:00PM.
The final application deadline is Monday, February 9, 2015 at 5:00PM.

You may submit all application materials via email to Alyssa Rangel at alyssara@usc.edu or submit hard copies to:

The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics  
RE: Cerrell Seminar  
University of Southern California, VKC 263  
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0045  
Phone: (213) 740-8964  
dornsife.usc.edu/unruh

Please direct any questions regarding the Cerrell Seminar to Alyssa Rangel at alyssara@usc.edu or (213) 740-8964.
Please type or print clearly.

Last Name: ____________________________________________ First Name: ____________________________________________

Full Name (As it appears on your Government-Issued ID):

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Student ID Number: ______________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________________________

Major: __________________________________________________ Minor: ____________________________________________

Local Address: ____________________________________________

(Street Address) ____________________________________________ (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: __________________________________________________ Email: ____________________________________________

Year: □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □ Other: ______________________________________________

Emergency Contact Name: __________________________________ Emergency Contact Relationship: _________________

Emergency Contact Number: ________________________________ Food Allergies: _________________________________

Please list the name and professional credentials of the person submitting your letter of recommendation. Faculty and other professional references accepted, he or she does not have to be from USC:

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Please list all courses completed in Political Science or related subjects:

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Please list all previous political activity and/or involvement:

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Please list all Unruh events attended:

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Please respond to the following two questions (limit 1-page for each question):

1. Name two public figures in CA politics that you find particularly inspiring. What are the qualities or attributes that you find most influential in these individuals?

2. If you were elected to office in CA, what two policy/political issues would be at the top of your agenda to address?

Please list your Thursday class/internship/work schedule, the information you provide here will not affect your selection in the 2015 Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership:

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Please list your Friday class/internship/work schedule the information you provide here will not affect your selection in the 2015 Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership:

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Please verify that you have attached all required materials. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

☐ Unofficial Transcript  ☐ Completed Application  ☐ Essay Answers  ☐ (1) Letter of Recommendation

I hereby certify that I am enrolled at USC as an undergraduate student during the spring semester of 2015. I understand that if selected to attend the Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership, I must confirm my attendance with Unruh Institute staff within 48 hours. I understand that if I confirm my attendance on the Joseph R. Cerrell Seminar in Political Leadership, but notify the Unruh Institute after Thursday, February 12, at 5:30PM that I will not attend, I will be expected to reimburse the institute the full cost of the nonrefundable airfare to Sacramento, CA.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________