EASTERLIN FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Department of Economics is pleased to announce the Easterlin Fellows program, named for our distinguished professor emeritus, Richard Easterlin.

The purpose of the Easterlin Fellows program is to identify, mentor, and train students who have the interest, motivation, and preparation required to pursue research-related careers in economics. We also hope that the existence of this program may encourage students to consider such careers earlier in their time at USC. “Research-related” is meant to apply broadly to careers in traditional economics research in academia or the public/nonprofit sectors as well as to careers that require research skills (e.g., econometrics) in the private sector.

The Easterlin Fellows program will normally be a two-year program. Students will apply for this program in the beginning of their junior years. But in this first year (beginning in fall 2018), up to ten seniors and ten juniors will be accepted into the program. Beginning in fall 2019, only juniors will be accepted into the program.

Benefits and obligations of the program, and eligibility requirements, for the first class of Easterlin Fellows are described below.

Over the next two years, the requirements will change gradually. The complete set of requirements for this year and future years will be posted on the website of the Department of Economics very soon. We encourage students in the freshman and sophomore classes to study these requirements and prepare accordingly, if they wish to apply for this program.

The program is open to majors in economics (ECON, ECMA, PECN, SSEM) who meet the requirements.

All the best,
Mark Moore
Professor (Teaching) of Economics
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Easterlin Fellows I: Begins Fall 2018, Intake from Classes of 2019 and 2020

Scale
Up to 10 seniors (class of 2019)
Up to 10 juniors (class of 2020)

Eligibility and Selection

Seniors
Senior standing (at least 96 credits) and expected graduation in May 2019.
In residence at USC during senior year, not studying abroad.
Major or double major in ECON, ECMA, PECN, or SSEM.
Min GPA of 3.5 overall and in economics major.
Have completed ECON 303, ECON 305, and ECON 317 (or equivalent).
Preference to students who have completed ECON 318 or will do so in Fall 2018.
Selection based on submission of transcript and 1-2 page statement describing
Interest in a research-related career.

Juniors
Junior standing (at least 64 credits) and expected graduation in May 2020.
Major or double major in ECON or ECMA
Min GPA of 3.5 overall and in economics major
Have completed ECON 303, ECON 305, and ECON 317 (or equivalent).
Preference to students who have completed ECON 318 or will do so in Fall 2018
Selection based on submission of transcript and 1-2 page statement describing
Interest in a research-related career.

Benefits

Seniors
A faculty mentor.
Special events for Easterlin Fellows with USC faculty, USC alumni, and invited guests.
A research conference near graduation to present work by graduating Easterlin Fellows.
Paid membership in ODE (the economics honors society).
Funding for up to five applications for Ph.D. programs.

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Requirements

**Seniors**
Maintain a 3.5 GPA overall and in economics major.
Participate in events for Easterlin Fellows
Complete a research paper to present at the Easterlin Fellows conference near graduation.
Participate in a leadership role in the USC chapter of ODE.
Meet regularly with faculty mentor.
For PECN and SSEM majors, complete ECON 317 (or equivalent) and ECON 318

**Juniors**
Be in residence at USC during senior year (AY 2019-2020)
Maintain a 3.5 GPA overall and in economics major.
Complete ECON 433 (Empirical Economics Research): note that ECON 318 is a prerequisite.
Participate in events for Easterlin Fellows.
Complete a research paper to present at the Easterlin Fellows conference near graduation.
Participate in a leadership role in the USC chapter of ODE.
Meet regularly with faculty mentor.