

USC Dornsife

*Center for Advanced
Genocide Research*

Call for Applications

2025 Charles E. Scheidt Undergraduate Research Assistant Fellowship

Deadline: March 9, 2025

The USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research invites research proposals from USC undergraduate students for the 2025 Charles E. Scheidt Undergraduate Research Assistant Fellowship.

The fellowship provides \$5,400 support and will be awarded to an outstanding USC undergraduate student from any academic discipline to serve as the assigned Charles E. Scheidt Undergraduate Research Assistant Fellow for the projects of international fellows and visiting scholars at the USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research. The fellow will shadow emerging and/or senior scholars across disciplines and benefit from participating in and contributing to cutting-edge interdisciplinary scholarly research. This unique fellowship will offer the opportunity to learn research methods from the most innovative scholars in the fields of Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The Undergraduate Research Assistant Fellow will have the opportunity to explore USC's unique resources and collections in the fields of Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The fellow will not only learn a great deal about these fields, but will build valuable analytical, research, and communication skills.

The Scheidt Undergraduate Research Assistant Fellow will be expected to be in residence at the USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research for two semesters: Spring 2025 (10-15 hours a week for eight weeks) and Fall 2025 (10-15 hours per week for 12 weeks). The residency is expected to start no later than the week of March 24, 2025.

The fellow will be expected to play a role in the activities of the Center and to write two blogs based on their work at the conclusion of each semester.

Founded in 2014, the USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research distinguishes itself from other Holocaust and genocide research institutes by offering access to unique research resources and by focusing its research efforts on the interdisciplinary study of currently under-researched areas.

USC Resources

Internationally unique and growing research resources at USC include the extensive Holocaust and Genocide Studies collection at USC Libraries, which contains 30,000 primary and secondary sources including the original transcripts of the Nuremberg trials and the materials of the New

York Life Insurance settlement regarding the Armenian genocide. Unique primary sources in the Special Collections at USC include the Feuchtwanger Memorial Library, which also houses the private papers of dozens of emigrants from the Third Reich, as well as private collections from Jewish Holocaust survivors and liberators.

The Visual History Archive is a collection of over 58,000 audiovisual testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides, including the Rwandan, Armenian, Guatemalan, Cambodian genocides, the Nanjing Massacre in China, anti-Rohingya mass violence, and war and genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The majority of testimonies are life history interviews in which interviewees discuss their lives before, during, and after genocide and mass violence. With interviews conducted in 70 countries and in 44 languages, testimonies capture both the individual experience of mass violence and the social and cultural history of the 20th century on a global scale. Learn more about the Visual History Archive [here](#).

Application Instructions

To submit an application:

Email the materials below to cagr@usc.edu or submit them electronically on the Fellowships page of the Center's website. (Visit <https://dornsife.usc.edu/cagr/fellowships/scheidt-undergraduate-research-assistant-fellowship/> and click Apply.)

- cover letter
- current resume/CV
- document (1-2 pages), in which you should answer the following questions:
 - Why are you interested in this fellowship at the USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research?
 - What is your past research experience?
 - How do your skills, coursework, and experience make you a good fit for the Scheidt Undergraduate Research Assistant Fellow?
- recommendation letter from a faculty member or teaching assistant (Your letter-writer must submit the recommendation letter directly to cagr@usc.edu.)

For questions, please contact cagr@usc.edu.

For more information about the Center, please visit our website [here](#).