

USC DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

2025 Kallins Hellenic Studies Summer Fellowship

For summer study and travel in Greece

The Classics Department is pleased to announce **two undergraduate fellowships of up to \$5000 each** to be awarded on a competitive basis for activities of summer study and travel in Greece.

Made possible by a generous gift from the Kallins family, the fellowships are intended to foster unique opportunities for travel and discovery in Greece (both the modern country and its rich cultural heritage) for novice and experienced students alike. ***Students not majoring or minoring in Classics especially are encouraged to apply.*** Possible uses of the fellowship might include: taking courses at an accredited university-level program in Greece; volunteering on an archaeological excavation; or independent research of a student's own devising carried out under the direction of a USC faculty member; in addition to other relevant uses of academic merit.

Students are highly encouraged to meet with a faculty member in the Classics Department to discuss their ideas. We are happy to help with identifying rewarding uses of the fellowship and in developing high-quality proposals at any stage in the process. Further information on programs and resources for use of the award may be found [here](#). Students may also contact Lucas Herchenroeder, Director of Undergraduate Studies in Classics (herchenr@usc.edu).

Criteria for selection will be based on the merit of the proposed use of the fellowship and overall academic excellence of the applicant. **Eligibility:** *all students who have taken or are taking at least one (1) course taught by the Classics Department in the current academic year; these include courses coded CLAS, GR, and LAT, as well as those taught by Classics faculty in GESM and CORE. Graduating seniors also are eligible to apply.*

SUBMISSION:

An application consisting of the following materials must be received by end of day **24 March 2024**.

- Statement of interest (max. 500 words) describing proposed use of the fellowship; the statement should reflect upon the projected benefits of the award for the student's academic and intellectual development: What attracts you to the idea of study of Greece? How might the fellowship help in expanding upon and enriching prior academic experience? How might the fellowship aid you in future plans and endeavors, at USC and/or beyond?
- A preliminary budget indicating projected use of fellowship funds
- The student's curriculum vitae or resume
- College transcript (unofficial transcripts accepted) or USC Completed Course Summary
- One letter of reference from a USC faculty member
- Proposals for independent research must identify a faculty member in the USC Department of Classics who has agreed to act as supervisor for the project; a letter of support for the project must be received from this supervisor as well; this letter can also serve as the student's principal letter of reference (see above).

Please submit to Prof. Lucas Herchenroeder, Department of Classics, PED 130, or via email (herchenr@usc.edu). *All materials must be received by the due date for full consideration.* Recipients will be notified by 1 April and will be eligible to use the award for a project in the summer of 2024. Preference will be given to those who have not previously been recipients of the Kallins award.

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Finding activities for use of the fellowship

The Kallins Hellenic Studies Summer Fellowship provides **awards of up to \$5000 each** (two undergraduate, one graduate) for activities of summer study and travel in Greece. The fellowship is intended to enable students to enrich and extend their studies through hands-on experience in Greece in exploring subjects in both the country's modern history and rich cultural heritage. ***Students not currently majoring or minoring in Classics especially are encouraged to apply.*** All students who have taken or are taking at least one course taught in the Classics Department in the current academic year are eligible. (Courses prefixed CLAS, LAT, and GR all are eligible, as are those in GESM and CORE taught by classics faculty.)

Students may propose any academically compelling use of the fellowship involving travel and study in Greece. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Formal study or coursework in a summer program at a Greek university or sponsored by an American or other institution
- Volunteering on an excavation
- Travelling in Greece to work on an individual research project sponsored and advised by a faculty member

Please note: this document is updated over the course of the spring semester as new information about relevant programs becomes available; the most up-to-date version can be found [here](#).

Study with a Summer Program

Those wishing to take courses or to pursue other forms of summer study have an array of options from which to choose. While not all programs are of equal quality, many offer excellent opportunities, and students are encouraged to speak with a faculty member of the Classics Department concerning questions about specific program. We are happy to assist in identifying rewarding uses of the fellowship; please see below for contact information. Also, those wishing to take courses for university credit transferable to their degree at USC also are encouraged to speak with the Articulation Office before going forward.

Major well-known programs for summer study in Greece are listed below. Please note that programs of this kind often have application deadlines in early spring.

- [American School of Classical Studies at Athens Summer Programs](#). Be sure to see information for both the [Summer Session](#) and [Summer Seminars](#) (application deadline: 6 January 2025), as well as [Summer Excavation Programs](#), offered by ASCSA (application deadlines: from 9 December 2024).
- [College Year in Athens Summer Program](#); various courses in archaeology, history, literature, religion, and culture
- [Hellenic Education and Research Center](#); various programs in Greek history, culture, and epigraphy

Universities in the U.S. and abroad also offer summer programs combining study and travel in Greece, with courses taught by scholars in Classics and related fields (examples below). Please note that many of these programs have application deadlines in early spring.

- Amherst College, useful [links](#) for summer programs in Classics
- [Argos summer school](#) in ancient Greek on the isle of Naxos
- Boston University, [Summer Study in Greece](#)
- British School at Athens, [Course in Linear B and Mycenaean Greek](#), with visits to Mycenae, Tiryns, Orchomenos, and Gla (next course in 2026)
- [Greek Studies on Site](#), courses in classical literature and culture with visits to major archaeological sites and museums, affiliated in part with the Norwegian Institute at Athens
- [Greek in Greece program](#), Patras, Ohio State University, immersive language study program for students with at least one semester in classical Greek
- Harvard University, [Harvard Summer Program in Greece](#), “Political and Natural Environments of the Eastern Mediterranean from Antiquity to the Present - Comparative Cultural Approaches” (deadline: 30 January 2025)
- Rutgers University, [Summer courses in modern Greek politics and culture](#) from a global perspective, administered by the Rutgers Center for Global Education and taught at American College of Thessaloniki
- University of California, Los Angeles, [courses in ancient Greek history and culture](#), with visits to over 20 archaeological sites
- [Mycenaean Foundation](#), various programs related to exploration of Greece rich cultural heritage, both modern and ancient
- British American Drama Academy, [“Greek Theatre: From the Ancient World to the Modern, Through Theory and Performance,”](#) a month-long program devoted to exploring the performance and reception of ancient drama (deadline: 1 February 2025)
- [Seafarers in Ancient Greece: Pirates, Sailors, Colonizers](#), summer school devoted to seafaring in ancient Greece, held on Corfu, with visits to other islands and sites of ancient sea battles
- British School of Athens, [Byzantine Archaeology and History](#), an intensive two-week course with classroom activities and on-site visits to museums and archaeological sites (next course in 2026)

Volunteering on an Excavation

Many programs running excavations in Greece accept student volunteers. The terms vary, but often housing is provided along with at least a partial food allowance. Participating in an excavation is a wonderful way to get close to the ancient Greeks and see at first hand the spaces in which they lived and the objects composing their material world. The American Institute of Archaeology maintains a useful [Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin](#) to aid identifying programs. Information about programs seeking student volunteers administered by the American School of Classical Studies (for excavations in the Athenian Agora) can be found [here](#) (deadline: 9 December 2024). Similar courses offered by ASCSA through the Malcolm Weiner Laboratory for Archaeological Science include courses [Ancient DNA](#), [Bioarchaeology](#), [Micromorphology](#), and [Site Formation, Stratigraphy, and Geoarchaeology](#) (deadlines: 15 January 2025). Please get in touch with a faculty member in Classics, if you would like assistance in identifying or deciding upon a program fitted to your own interests. We are happy to help in any way we can.

Independent Research

Students may also use the Kallins award to cover the costs of travel and research for a project of their own design. Those wishing to do so are encouraged to plan the topic and work out a schedule for carrying out the research in consultation with a faculty member in Classics at USC. (For the purposes of application, students need only to describe the topic of the project and provide an idea of what places in Greece they mean to visit.) Students conducting independent research funded by the Kallins award will be asked to report on the results of their research at the Classics Department's annual fall reception.

How to Apply

Students are highly encouraged to meet with a faculty member in Classics to discuss their ideas for application for the Kallins award. We are happy to help in developing high-quality proposals at any stage in the process. Students may contact Lucas Herchenroeder, Director of Undergraduate Studies (herchenr@usc.edu).

For further information on how to apply, please see the materials available on Classics Department Fellowship Opportunities [webpage](#).

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