

# USC DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

## 2025 Douglas Nelson Award For summer travel and research

Undergraduates in Classics and related fields are invited to apply for a limited number of awards to assist with travel and research expenses for a project of study related to the classical world. **Eligibility:** *all Classics majors and minors; any student who has completed at least three (3) semesters of university-level Latin or Greek.*

Preference will be given to students whose proposed projects involve travel in the Mediterranean, either independently or as part of an organized program of study. Awardees will be chosen on the basis of the academic merit of the proposed project and the overall academic excellence of the applicant. Proposals may be submitted for eligible travel and/or research expenses between \$500 to \$5000; awards often are made in amounts ranging \$1500-\$2500 in order to be able to fund multiple projects. Partial awards are sometimes made (i.e. awards less than fully requested amount).

Students are encouraged to meet with a faculty member in Classics to discuss their ideas for applying for the fellowship. We are happy to assist in developing your proposal at any stage in the process. Interested students also may contact Prof. Lucas Herchenroeder, Director of Undergraduate Studies in Classics ([herchenr@usc.edu](mailto:herchenr@usc.edu)).

### **SUBMISSION:**

To apply, students must submit the following materials by **24 March 2024** via email to Prof. Lucas Herchenroeder, [herchenr@usc.edu](mailto:herchenr@usc.edu). All materials must be received by this date. Materials to be submitted:

- Applicant's email, home address, and phone number
- A 300-word description of the project
- Proposed project budget, itemized and indicating both total for project and amount requested from the Nelson award (these may be the same). Please note that partial awards sometimes are made (i.e. less than fully requested amount).
- A current USC transcript (unofficial transcript acceptable)
- A letter of recommendation from a USC Classics Department 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 recommendation (see above).

Recipients will be notified by 1 April and will be eligible to use the award for study either during Summer 2025 or the 2025-26 academic year. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received the award.

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