

The Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in Comparative Literature 2025–2026 Application for Research and Travel Grants for Continuing Undergraduates

Established by USC Alumna June Pollak (B.A. '49, M.A. '51, Ph.D. '61), the Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in Comparative Literature supports undergraduate students who are majoring or minoring in Comparative Literature.

Research and Travel Grants are awarded to undergraduate students majoring or minoring in a Comparative Literature course of study who seek funds for scholarly research, travel, or other departmentally-approved programs, including courses of language study related to the Comparative Literature degree and Maymester or other summer programs with a comparatist emphasis. Students may apply for funding to assist in travel to archives or libraries, as part of the preparation of an honors thesis or other substantial research project, to acquire language skills for scholarly work, to complete a summer program essential to their Comparative Literature course of study, or to facilitate conference presentations. In every case, the student should indicate in their application how the funding will contribute to their work in Comparative Literature. Applications should be for projects or activities for which the student is not currently receiving funding. The amount requested can be up to \$3,000, and awards will be issued in the form of a summer stipend. Grant notifications will be sent by late-April.

To be eligible to apply for a Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in Comparative Literature, you must:

1. Be a USC undergraduate student with a major or minor in a Comparative Literature course of study
2. Have either completed at least one semester at USC (12 units or more) or be enrolled full-time (12 units or more) in Spring 2025
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

To apply for a Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in Comparative Literature, send the following information to the email listed below by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 7th, 2025.**

Send application materials to:

scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu

Subject line: Salz Pollak (COLT) Fellowship application

1. **A COMPLETED SALZ POLLAK FELLOWSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE APPLICATION FORM:** The application form is a fillable PDF form. You may print the application and complete it by hand if you prefer.
2. **REFERENCES:** List two academic references on your application. These academic references must be USC instructors. One of the two academic references may be a teaching assistant (TA).
3. **A RESUME:** A typed, professional-style resume that lists education, work experience, extracurricular activities relevant to academic interests, and honors and awards. Include any positions held, responsibilities, and periods of service. We would like you to focus primarily on your experiences at USC, but you may include information from previous institution(s) if relevant.
4. **USC UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT:** Your USC Unofficial Transcript is available at no cost on OASIS through the myUSC portal OR Advise USC. Do NOT submit an official USC transcript, which requires a fee.
5. **PROJECT PROPOSAL AND BUDGET:** Please write a project proposal of not more than 750 words describing the intended use of funds. Include relevant information about your proposed research, travel, or language study for scholarly purposes in addition to a detailed and precise budget with accurate estimates of expenses. Also include a paragraph explaining how this award is related to your intellectual interests in Comparative Literature and your pursuit of a Comparative Literature degree. **Recipients of this award will be required to submit a report on their research/travel by Tuesday, December 2, 2025.**

For questions regarding budget guidelines or appropriate use of travel grant funds, contact Prof. Natania Meeker, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Comparative Literature, at nmeeker@usc.edu. For other questions, contact USC Dornsife Admission and Student Success at scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu.