

## Bhutani Family Summer Research and Travel Fund Summer 2026 Application for Continuing Undergraduates

Established by the family of USC alumnus Chris Bhutani (BA Classics, 2016), the Bhutani Family Summer Research and Travel Fund provides scholarships to USC Classics majors for summer research and travel activities related to the study of classical antiquity.

The award may be used to cover costs associated with research for a project of the student's own design, to be devised in consultation with a USC faculty advisor and carried out in the summer of 2026. Research for the project may be conducted either in the United States or internationally.

The scholarship presents the ideal opportunity to gain hands-on research experience while working closely with a USC faculty mentor. All Classics majors seeking opportunities to devote time to sustained reflection on a topic of their own interest are encouraged to apply. Excellent uses of the award include preparation of research for an upcoming capstone project for the Classics major or expansion and development of work completed in past courses. All Classics majors at any point in their studies will be given full consideration.

To be eligible to apply for the Bhutani Family Summer Research and Travel Fund, students must:

1. Be a USC undergraduate currently majoring in Classics
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 2026
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5

To apply complete the application by **Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**.

**The application includes the following:**

1. A COMPLETED BHUTANI FAMILY SUMMER RESEARCH AND TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION
2. REFERENCES: The name and contact information for a USC faculty member who will serve as your academic reference.
3. A RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE: A typed, professional-style resume or C.V. that lists education, work experience, extracurricular activities relevant to the student's academic interests, as well as honors and awards. Include 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 via ExperienceUSC under My Academics / Academic Records 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 or travel for scholarly purposes with a projected budget of expenses. Recipients of this award will be expected to present the results of their research at the Classics Department's Annual Fall Gathering, to be held September 2026.

For questions regarding budget guidelines or appropriate use of travel grant funds, contact Prof. Lucas Herchenroeder, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Classics, at [herchenr@usc.edu](mailto:herchenr@usc.edu). For other questions, contact USC Dornsife Admission and Student Success at [scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu](mailto:scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu).