

The Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in the English Department 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 English), the Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in the English Department provides assistance for students who demonstrate the ability or desire to further the interests of women in the field of English or English studies.

Three **Research and Travel Grants** will be given to undergraduate students majoring or minoring in an English Department course of study who offer the best proposals to use funds for scholarly research, travel, or other departmentally-approved programs, **in particular** those whose research focuses on women, gender, or the family.

Funds will be applied to items such as travel expenses, conference fees, or research materials and must be used in the summer months only. The amount requested can be up to \$2,500. Grant notifications will be sent by the end of April.

To be eligible to apply for a Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in the English Department, you must:

1. Be a USC undergraduate student with a major or minor in an English Department 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 2026
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.5 in your English courses
4. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

To apply for a Salz Pollak Fellowship for Undergraduates in the English Department, send the following information to the email listed below by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026**.

Send application materials to:

scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu

Subject line: Salz Pollak (English) Research and Travel Grant application

1. **A COMPLETED 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 Unofficial Transcript is available at no cost via ExperienceUSC under My Academics / Academic Records OR through 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 detailed and precise budget with accurate estimates of expenses. **Recipients of this award will be required to submit a report on their research/travel by Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026.**

For questions regarding budget guidelines or appropriate use of travel grant funds, contact Prof. Dana Johnson at danajohn@usc.edu or Prof. Bea Sanford Russell at sanfordb@usc.edu. For other questions, contact USC Dornsife Admission and Student Success at scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu.