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# WEBSITE PROJECT UPDATE

**Website Project Hub:** dornsife.usc.edu/website-project

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## Project Updates

Important news and updates for the USC Dornsife website redesign project. If you have any questions or suggestions, we invite you to send them to **webproject@dornsife.usc.edu**.

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### Countdown to Launch

As you know, we have **extended our website launch date**. **Our new website will be going live the week of April 24, which is less than two months away!**

Our team is available to provide consultations on your website whether it's still a work-in-progress or nearly complete. We can answer your questions and make recommendations so that your site will be launch-ready.

**Email webproject@dornsife.usc.edu to set up a brief meeting.**

You can also get assistance with your site during our **drop-in support hours on Zoom** and on our **Slack channel**.

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## Looking Ahead

### April 3-14: User Testing

**Web administrators are encouraged to complete content entry for your new site by the start of User Acceptance Testing (UAT) on April 3.**

UAT is a two-week period when the new website is not live to the public, but available internally to check for bugs and errors. Any bugs reported during this time will be addressed at no charge by our design firm prior to launch. More details to come.

### SSO for WordPress Is Coming

**In the coming weeks, USC Dornsife website editors will transition to using their USC ID and password via Shibboleth to log into WordPress.**

Editors who do not have a USC email will need to sponsored for an **iVIP guest account**. More details to come.

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## New Features

### ▶ Add a Video Banner to Your Website

You can now add an ambient video as your homepage banner. An ambient video is a background video that sets the ambience or atmosphere for your homepage without distracting from the page content.

**Learn more >>**

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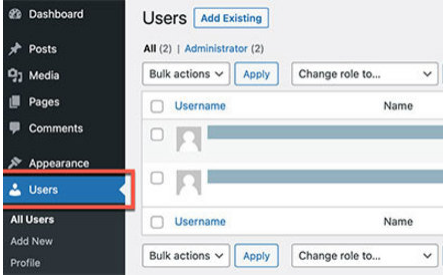
## Tips For Web Editors

### ☑ Manage Editor Access

You can now manage your website's editors in your WordPress dashboard. Learn how to add, remove or change a user's role.

**Learn more >>**




### ☑ Linking to Documents? Make Sure They Are Hosted in the Right Place

Need to link to PDFs or other documents on your WordPress site? Upload your documents to your WordPress Media Library.

Do not link to documents hosted on the current USC Dornsife website document library as we will be phasing out our website in the coming year.

Questions? Email **webproject@dornsife.usc.edu**.

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## Quick Links

**Project timeline >>**

**Download high-res images for your site >>**

**WordPress tutorials and support >>**

**Join our project Slack channel >>**

**Zoom drop-in website support schedule >>**

**WordPress design component library >>**

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