USC Discovery Scholars
School of Architecture
Submission Criteria

Eligibility
Discovery Scholars will:
- Have a minimum 3.5 overall GPA upon graduation
- Complete an undergraduate degree within five years
- Complete and submit an online application, letter of recommendation, and senior project as explained below by the annual deadline.

Online Application
Submit an online application via the Discovery Scholars website: http://ahf.usc.edu/scholars/discovery/apply/

Letter of Recommendation
All Discovery Scholar submissions must include a letter of recommendation from a USC faculty member. Whenever possible, the letter should come from the faculty member who has supervised or mentored the student on the project being presented for consideration. The letter of recommendation should provide context for the student’s work relative to: the student’s overall achievement and performance in the program; the scope and quality of the student’s contribution to the submitted project; the merit of the project relative to both the quality of work typically presented at the undergraduate level and the highest standards of the discipline; and the value and implications of the project in the field of study and beyond.

Project Criteria
Architecture students will submit a thematic presentation of a project or series of projects towards a collective vein of inquiry.

Students in the B.Arch program should have design and written work from the 4 th and 5 th year design studios and other courses that demonstrates the Discovery criteria, including in-progress work developed for ARCH-501/502.

Students in the B.S. in Architectural Studies should present a portfolio of creative and research work that includes in-progress work for the ARCH-470 capstone project.

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