

USC Discovery Scholars
Marshall School of Business
Leventhal School of Accounting
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 capstone 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.

Research Project Criteria

Discovery Scholar candidates from the Marshall School of Business/Leventhal School of Accounting can be students in BUAD/ACCT 490x (Directed Research) or BUAD 494/ACCT 494 (Marshall Honors Research and Thesis). Candidates must have the support of the faculty member for whom they are working and will submit original scholarly research on a topic pertinent to an undergraduate business education. Students working with a faculty member on original research who are not registered for BUAD 490x or 494 may apply with the approval of the school. Students enrolled in academic programs in multiple USC Schools (e.g. Dornsife and Marshall) may select which School's criteria they prefer to follow.

Selection Process

All candidates for the Discovery Scholar designation will be asked to submit completed papers/projects for evaluation by a Marshall/Leventhal review committee. These will be judged on the research concept and design, the analysis of gathered data, and the quality of the writing.

Additional Information

Marshall/Leventhal students are encouraged to attend a school-sponsored information session. Several are offered in the late fall and early spring semesters. Information sessions review the application and submission process, selection criteria, selection process and examples of

submissions that were recognized with a Global Discovery designation in previous years.
Information on these information sessions is emailed to all seniors.

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