

**USC Discovery Scholars**  
**Roski School of Art and Design**  
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**

***Artist's Statement***

Submit a brief artist's statement (no more than 3 pages; single or double-spaced) in which you reflect upon your experience(s) that inspired your topic of research and led up to the evolution and development of a portfolio. Please refrain from simply describing the work in the portfolio. The influences and inspiration for the portfolio should help contextualize the project and indicate how these might have impacted your plans for post-graduate study, research or employment.

***Portfolio***

Roski students will submit a cohesive body of work in a portfolio that exemplifies evidence of creative research and investigation into a particular topic of their choice. The portfolio will be evaluated on presentation, innovation, and originality of ideas.

An indexed PDF or printed portfolio is the most suitable format for review. Students should not submit multiple individual image files. Additional media such as video and sound files or actual art pieces may also be submitted.

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