

**USC Global Scholars
Iovine and Young Academy**
Submission Criteria



Eligibility

Global Scholars will:

- Have a minimum 3.5 overall GPA upon graduation
- Complete an undergraduate degree within five years
- Spend at least ten weeks outside the U.S. as part of their undergraduate experience. These ten weeks can be a combination of one or more programs that are founded on academic study, research, work experience, or service learning. Programs must be administered by USC or an outside institution. In the case of purely student-run international programs, the quality of the program would need to be verified by the student's school.
- Complete and submit an online application, reflective essay, and senior project by the annual deadline (Note: the applicant's Garage Experience project may be considered as the capstone project).

Online Application

Submit an online application via the Global Scholars website:

<https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/uscglobal>

Reflective Essay

Submit a brief reflective essay (no more than 3 pages, double-spaced, 12pt font) in which you reflect upon your international experience and the transformative impact it has had upon your development and learning at USC. This essay should contextualize your experience abroad and include thoughts on how your global experiences have had a major impact on your academic life at USC as well as your future as a scholar and citizen.

When writing your reflective essay, we invite you to consider how your experience(s) might reflect USC's Global Learning outcomes discussed on the Global Scholars website. As explained in these objectives, USC encourages students to:

- Engage in international activities
- Raise their global literacy
- Increase their intercultural competence
- Expand their awareness of global interdependence
- Critique knowledge from a global perspective
- Develop their own global perspective

Senior Project Documentation

In addition to the reflective essay, the project documentation may be presented in a variety of formats including a standard academic paper, presentation, or video. Students are encouraged to include links to multimedia elements, visual samples, photography of products, business models, and other supporting items.

The international experiences of IYA students should have inspired and influenced substantive elements of their contributions to a senior project. The experiences in their 10-week international immersion should have clear impacts on their academic work, domain knowledge and substantive efforts on their project. Students can combine multiple international experiences to fulfill the 10-week requirement.

Academy students will submit a project that exemplifies evidence of creative research and investigation that has been inspired by and evolved directly from their international experience. This project should demonstrate a wide-range of engagement in the country and address the global influences and concerns that influenced the work as a whole. The project will be evaluated on presentation, innovation and originality of ideas.

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