ACADEMIC HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

USC SCHOLAR DISTINCTIONS
USC Scholar distinctions are academic honors awarded upon graduation that recognize signature academic achievements at the undergraduate level. Eligible seniors may seek recognition in each of these distinction categories and also compete for a $10,000 prize towards graduate study.

STEVEN & KATHRYN SAMPLE RENAISSANCE SCHOLARS
In honor of former University President Steven Sample and his wife Kathryn, the Renaissance Scholar distinction recognizes undergraduate students who have excelled in their studies while completing a major and a minor (or two majors) in widely separated fields of study.

GLOBAL SCHOLARS
The Global Scholar distinction honors students who have excelled in their studies both at home and abroad. Students must spend at least 10 weeks abroad during their undergraduate studies and complete a capstone project related to their international experiences.

DISCOVERY SCHOLARS
The Discovery Scholar distinction honors undergraduate students who have excelled academically while making a meaningful contribution to their field of study through exceptional new scholarship or artistic work. Students must present original research or creative projects representing the culmination of their academic studies.
ACADEMIC HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

USC Academic Honors & Fellowships educates the USC community about university awards and nationally competitive fellowships, and mentors motivated students and recent alumni in their pursuit of these opportunities. We support Trustee, Presidential, Mork Family and Stamps Scholars in the promotion of a vibrant Scholar community.

WHAT ARE AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS?

Awards and fellowships are funding sources for graduate school, internships, study abroad, and other learning opportunities around the world. There are opportunities for all types of students, so it is important to start early and explore the right fit for you. Use the icons below to assist with your search.

1st & 2nd YEAR

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

ASTRONAUT FELLOWSHIP
$100,000 scholarship recognizing exceptional undergraduate STEM research.

BOREN SCHOLARSHIP
Up to one year of study abroad, with focus on language study and future career paths in national security or the federal government.

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP
8-10 week summer overseas intensive language and cultural immersion program to learn one of 14 critical-need languages.

FULBRIGHT US-UK SUMMER INSTITUTE
3-4 week summer academic and cultural immersion programs at universities in the United Kingdom.

GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
Year-round study abroad funding for Federal Pell Grant recipients.

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP
$7,500 scholarship for undergraduate STEM majors with highly competitive GPA’s intending to pursue a research career.

UDALL SCHOLARSHIP
$7,000 merit-based scholarship for students pursuing careers in tribal health, tribal public policy, or the environment.

USC AWARDS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Tuition benefits for USC students pursuing multiple undergraduate degree objectives with a minimum cumulative USC GPA of 3.75.

AFRICA STUDENT FUND
Funding to support USC undergraduate student traveling to African countries for study, research, internships, or service-based learning.

SCHAEFFER FELLOWS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE
10-week, full-time government service summer internships with elected officials and agencies at the federal, state or local level.

3rd & 4th YEAR

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

BEINECKE SCHOLARSHIP
Need-based graduate school funding for Ph.D. in arts, humanities and social sciences.

CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP
One year graduate degree funding in STEM fields at University of Cambridge.

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM
One year Study/Research grant in over 140 countries OR one year English Teaching Assistantship grant in over 75 countries.

GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP
Full-time postgraduate degree funding for any subject at the University of Cambridge.

KNIGHT-HENNESSY SCHOLAR PROGRAM
Full-time postgraduate degree funding in any subject and leadership program at Stanford University.

LUCE SCHOLARSHIP
One year internship placement and stipend for students with limited exposure to Asia.

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP
Graduate degree funding in the United Kingdom to promote US and UK exchange.

GEORGE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP
One year Masters degree funding for one of 5 institutions in the Republic of Ireland.

PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (CSPC)
Leadership conferences in Washington, D.C. for research on U.S. Presidency or Congress.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP
1-3 years of graduate degree funding at the University of Oxford.

ROTY GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS
One year graduate level funding to complete needs-based community service projects outside of the United States aligned with Rotary’s six areas of focus.

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Up to $30,000 for graduate school for students with extensive record of public service intending to pursue careers in government or other public sectors.

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM
One year Masters degree and leadership program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, with concentrations in public policy, international studies, or economics and business.

USC AWARDS

QUEENS’ COLLEGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Exchange program for one USC undergraduate student per year to spend their final Fall semester studying abroad in Cambridge at Queens’ College.

USC SCHOLAR DISTINCTIONS
Commencement honors (Renaissance, Global, and Discovery) recognizing signature academic achievements at the undergraduate level. See back for more details.

HOW TO PREPARE

1st & 2nd YEAR

Attend annual USC Research & Fellowships Week.
Select rigorous academic programs of study and maintain a high GPA.
Participate in research on or off campus.
Attend office hours and identify faculty mentors.
Take active leadership roles in student organizations.
Attend Research Workshops and mock interviews.
Secure summer research funding: SURF, SURE, Provost, or Rose Hills. Find out more at undergrad.usc.edu/research

Go on short-term abroad programs: Maymesters and Problems Without Passports.

3rd & 4th YEAR

Study abroad for a full semester or academic year.
Pursue a senior thesis.
Clarity post-graduate plans for the next five years.
Secure faculty letters of recommendation.
Attend AHR workshops and advising sessions to prepare for fellowships applications.
Wait patiently for award notifications and celebrate all your accomplishments!