

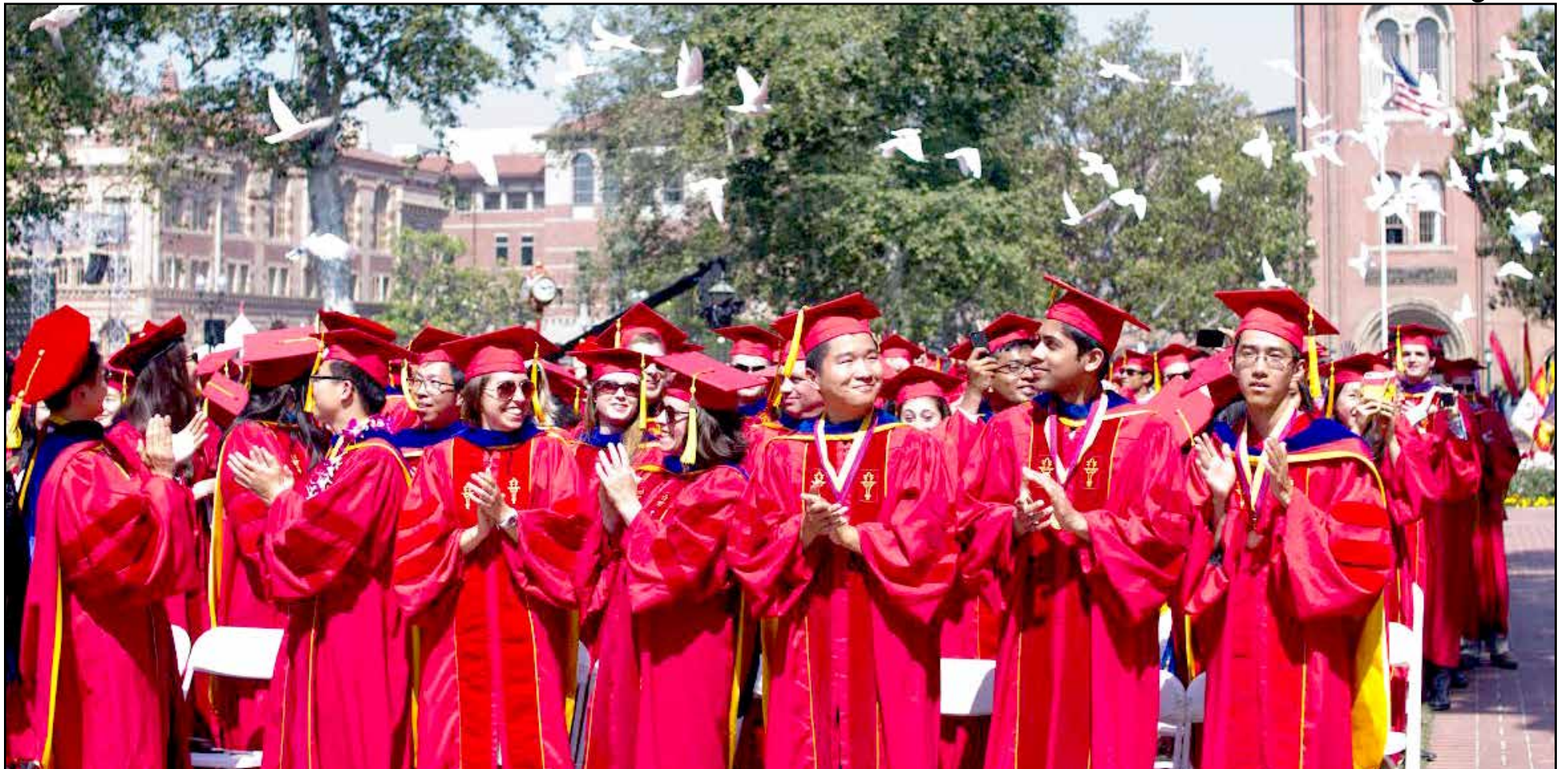
GRAD SCHOOL + LAW SCHOOL GUIDE

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Daily Trojan File Photo

Long Journey - After years of collegiate study and research, doctoral candidates enjoy the pomp and ceremony of USC's annual commencement.

GRADUATE SCHOOL ADVISING: Frequently Asked Questions

> How do I find the right grad program?

Graduate school programs vary widely. Graduate and professional schools focus on providing specialized education or advanced training instrumental for the creation of new knowledge, advancement of research, and development of practices utilized by practitioners across industries and professions.

Our website provides multiple resources to help you explore graduate programs. Once you have generated a reasonable list of programs and schools that you are curious about, we encourage you to look deeper at each program's curriculum, explore where alumni from the programs tend to work post-graduation, and look at admission requirements.

> What can I do to stand out to grad school admissions committees?

Graduate schools are looking for similar traits to the ones that USC looks for in their undergraduate candidates: focused, passionate, well-rounded, career-minded, intellectually curious, and resilient.

Do your best to take advantage of all that USC has to offer, maintain a high GPA, engage in relevant experience, prepare well for the graduate admissions exams the schools are requiring, and make sure your application materials are tailored, thoughtful, authentic, and well-developed.

> How do I fund graduate school?

Financial assistance may be available in the form of grants, loans, fellowships, scholarships, teaching stipends, on-campus employment, and employer subsidies, etc. We suggest using the resources on our website to start your search by looking for scholarships, grants, and fellowships, followed by on-campus employment.

> How do I find undergrad research opportunities to give me more experience?

USC has amazing undergraduate research opportunities! Start your search using the following website created by the USC Undergraduate Education department: <https://undergrad.usc.edu/experience/research>

> What should I do if I want to take some time off before graduate school?

Taking time off before graduate school is very common. We recommend applying for fellowships or a full time job to stay engaged in your personal career development while demonstrating your passion for certain career paths. We also recommend asking for letters of recommendation before graduating.

During your time off, take note of application, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines ahead of time. It's easy to lose track of the months when you are not in school! This way, you will have plenty of time to get your application materials prepared, and apply whenever you are ready!

PRE-LAW ADVISING: Frequently Asked Questions

> How do I register as a Pre-Law student?

Many students choose to indicate their interest in graduate school as part of their application to USC. If you didn't, don't worry! All USC students and alumni have access to our advising services and events. You can also sign up for our Pre-Law newsletter, where we share tips, upcoming events, and jobs and internship opportunities.

> What are the course requirements for Pre-Law?

Believe it or not, there are no course requirements to be Pre-Law or apply to law school! Instead, we encourage students to choose majors that interest them and which they can do well in. However, if you are interested in a specific field of law, you may want to research if there are majors that can help you succeed in that particular field. For example, most students going into patent law choose a STEM major.

> Can I be a Pre-Law student if I'm not sure about going to law school?

Of course! Being Pre-Law does not bind you to going to law school. Instead, we are here to help and support you on your academic and career journey. If you decide not to go to law school, we can work with you to explore other options!

> What should I do to build a strong law school application?

For better or worse, your LSAT and GPA are heavily weighted components of your application. Thus, do your best to keep your grades up and make sure you're prepared before taking the LSAT. Additionally, law schools like to see real-world work experience, leadership, and commitment. Stay involved in the community and try to find internships or jobs during the school year or summer to strengthen your resume and application.

> What extracurriculars should I do?




There isn't a "right" extracurricular to do as a Pre-Law student - instead, seek our groups that align with your interests. However, be careful not to overcommit yourself! Instead of signing up for a ton of student orgs, select a few you can really get involved in and stick with them throughout your time in undergrad.

> What should I do during the summers?

Law schools like to see real-world experience, so try to find opportunities to get professional work experience. However, while legal work can be great for getting a glimpse of what being a lawyer is like, these work experiences don't need to be related to law. Instead, look for opportunities that interest you!

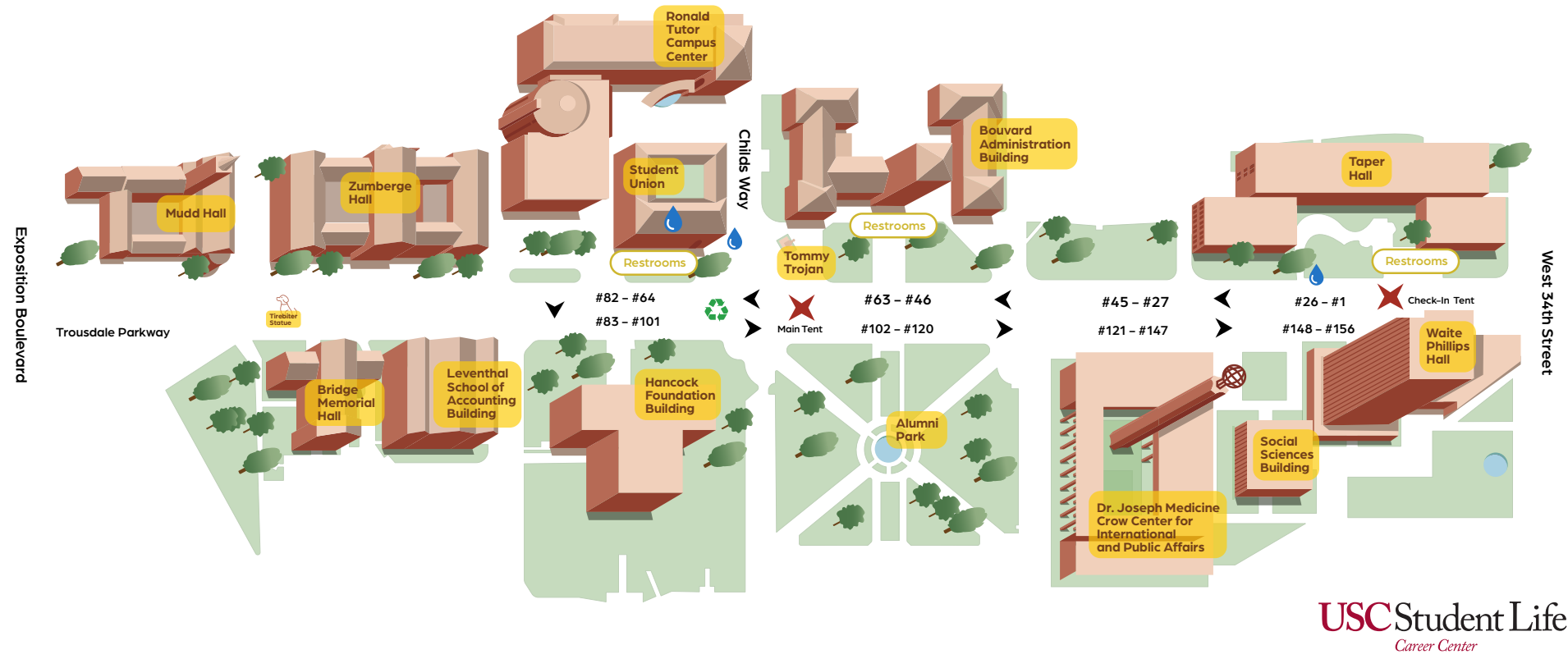
Graduate Schools Fair

October 25, 2023 | 10 AM - 2 PM PT
 Trousdale Parkway

-  Main Tent
-  Zero Waste Sort Station
-  Water Station

Map is approximate. Please check in at the **Main Tent** (in front of Tommy Trojan) or at the **Check-In Tent** in front Taper Hall prior to entering the fair.

Tables are in numerical order with #1 starting at West 34th Street (near Taper Hall), looping at Downey Way (near Hancock Foundation Building) with #82 and back toward West 34th Street ending with #156.



USC Student Life
 Career Center

Graduate Schools Fair

October 25, 2023

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM PT

Trousdale Parkway

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as of 10/19/23

1. Alliant International University - California School of Professional Psychology
2. American University - School of International Service
3. Antioch University
4. Arizona State University
5. Arizona State University - Thunderbird School of Global Management
6. Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication
7. ArtCenter College of Design
8. Bard Graduate Center
9. Boston College Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
10. Boston College, Woods College of Advancing Studies
11. Boston University - School of Public Health
12. Boston University - School of Social Work
13. Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development
14. Bouvé College of Health Sciences - Northeastern University
15. Brown University - Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Master of Public Affairs
16. Brown University School of Public Health
17. California Baptist University - Graduate Admissions
18. California Lutheran University - Graduate Admission
19. Carnegie Mellon University - Engineering & Technology Innovation Management / Engineering & Public Policy
20. Carnegie Mellon University - MSCF Program
21. Carnegie Mellon University/Tepper School of Business - MS Business Analytics, MS Management
22. Cedars-Sinai Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
23. Chapman University - Graduate Admission
24. Chapman University Argyros School of Business and Economics
25. Claremont Graduate University
26. Colorado School of Mines - Graduate Admissions
27. Columbia GSAPP
28. Columbia Journalism School
29. Columbia University School of International Public Affairs (SIPA)
30. Cornell University - Cornell Tech
31. Creighton University School of Medicine
32. Drexel University - Graduate Admissions
33. Durham University
34. Emerson College - Graduate Admission
35. Emory University School of Law
36. Florida Tech
37. Fuller Theological Seminary
38. Georgetown University - School of Foreign Service
39. Georgetown University/McCourt School of Public Policy
40. Harvard Business School - MBA Program
41. Hult International Business School
42. Katz School of Science and Health at Yeshiva University (NYC)
43. Keck Graduate Institute
44. LIM College - The Business of Fashion and Lifestyle
45. LMU School of Education
46. Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy
47. Loma Linda University School of Public Health
48. Loyola Marymount University - Graduate Admission
49. Loyola Marymount University - School of Film & Television
50. Middlebury Institute of International Studies
51. MIT - Aeronautics and Astronautics
52. Morgridge College of Education
53. New York School of Interior Design
54. New York University - Silver School of Social Work
55. New York University School of Professional Studies
56. North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University - The Graduate College
57. Northeastern University - Graduate Programs
58. Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management
59. Northwestern University Master of Science in Law Program
60. Northwestern University Medill School: Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications
61. NYU Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service
62. NYU Steinhardt
63. NYU Tandon School of Engineering
64. Otis College of Art and Design
65. Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
66. Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology
67. Pepperdine Graziadio Business School
68. Point Loma Nazarene University
69. Saint Martin's University
70. Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis - Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design, College of Art
71. Samuel Merritt University and SMU College of Podiatric Medicine
72. School of Visual Arts
73. Soka University of America - Educational Leadership and Societal Change
74. Sotheby's Institute of Art
75. The Chicago School
76. The George Washington University - School of Engineering & Applied Science
77. The Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies
78. The New School
79. The Princeton Review
80. The University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
81. The University of Queensland-Ochsner Health Medical School
82. The University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management
83. The UNM Anderson School of Management
84. Tufts University - School of Medicine Graduate Programs
85. Tufts University - The Fletcher School of Global Affairs
86. UAG School of Medicine
87. UC Berkeley - School of Optometry & Vision Science
88. UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism
89. UC Berkeley Master of Engineering Program
90. UC Berkeley/UCSF - Bioengineering/ Master of Translational Medicine
91. UC Davis - Graduate School of Management
92. UC Davis Health - California Postbaccalaureate Consortium
93. UC Irvine Graduate Division
94. UC Irvine Samueli School of Engineering
95. UC Irvine School of Medicine
96. UC San Diego - Data Science
97. UC San Diego - Graduate Education
98. UC San Diego - Rady School of Management
99. UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy
100. UCLA - Master of Quantitative Economics
101. UCLA Anderson - Master of Science in Business Analytics Program
102. UCLA Anderson School of Management - Master of Financial Engineering (MFE) Program
103. UCLA Architecture & Urban Design
104. UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine
105. UCLA DGSOM - PRIME-LA
106. UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
107. UCLA Luskin Social Welfare
108. UCSF - School of Pharmacy
109. University of Chicago - Division of the Humanities
110. University of Chicago Booth School of Business - Deferred MBA Program
111. University of Denver - Josef Korbel School of International Studies
112. University of Florida - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
113. University of Manchester
114. University of Maryland School of Public Policy
115. University of Melbourne - Australia
116. University of Miami School of Law
117. University of Michigan - Flint Office of Graduate Programs
118. University of Michigan School of Social Work
119. University of Nicosia Medical School
120. University of Notre Dame Graduate School
121. University of Pennsylvania - School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2)
122. University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education
123. University of Redlands
124. University of Rochester
125. University of San Diego - Kroc School of Peace Studies
126. University of San Francisco - College of Arts & Sciences
127. University of San Francisco - School of Nursing and Health Professions
128. University of San Francisco/College of Arts & Sciences - MS in Sport Management
129. University of St. Augustine-Health Sciences
130. USC (KSOM) - Primary Care Physician Assistant Program
131. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism
132. USC Bovard College
133. USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
134. USC Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy/Master of Science in Biokinesiology with an emphasis in Sports Science
135. USC Dornsife - Department of Economics
136. USC Gould School of Law - Graduate & International Programs
137. USC Institute for Addiction Science - Master of Addiction Science
138. USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
139. USC Leventhal School of Accounting Master's Programs
140. USC M.S. in Applied Psychology
141. USC Mann Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences - PharmD program
142. USC Mann School of Pharmacy - Department of Regulatory and Quality Sciences
143. USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences - Department of Pharmaceutical and Health Economics
144. USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences - Division of Healthcare and Biopharmaceutical Business
145. USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences - Research and Graduate Programs
146. USC MS in Integrated Design, Business and Technology
147. USC Narrative Medicine
148. USC Population and Public Health Science Programs
149. USC Price School of Public Policy
150. USC Rossier School of Education
151. USC School of Architecture
152. USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
153. UT Austin - McCombs MS Programs
154. West Coast University School of Pharmacy
155. Yale School of the Environment
156. Yo San University of Traditional Chinese Medicine

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- Public Relations and Advertising (MA)
- Specialized Journalism (MA)
- Specialized Journalism (Arts and Culture) (MA)



Explore our graduate degree programs at:

annenberg.usc.edu/academics24

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Graduate School Application Resources

Unlike the undergraduate college application process, there is no common application for graduate study (except for professional programs like Law, Medical, Dental, and various Allied Health programs). Candidates apply to each graduate program of interest via an online program/school application.

No two graduate programs and graduate schools are exactly the same! As such, each program will have unique application requirements. Please ensure you fully understand what each program is requiring and follow their directions exactly as requested. If you have questions about their requirements, please



contact each program or school's admissions team for clarification.

Please use the following resources as general guidelines while tailoring

toward the specific requirements each school/program is looking for.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/PERSONAL

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:
dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-letters-of-rec/

TRANSCRIPTS:
dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-transcripts/

RESUME/
CURRICULUM VITAE (CV):

dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-resume/

ADDENDA:
dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-addenda/

ENTRANCE EXAM TESTING:

dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/entrance-exams/

ENTRANCE EXAMS

The majority of (but not all) graduate programs require applicants to take an exam; just like many used to require the SAT or ACT for undergraduate admission, in order to apply.

- Among the programs that do require the GRE, there is variability in how much importance each program places on it

- Business schools traditionally require the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). However, in recent years, business schools have been increasingly allowing applicants to choose between the GRE and GMAT and will accept either

- International students may be required to take the TOEFL Exam to prove English language competency. However, usually having a Bachelor's degree from the U.S. (USC) will waive this requirement

Typical exams:

- GRE, typically required for many Graduate school programs.
- GMAT, typically required for Business school
- LSAT, typically required for Law school
- CBEST & CSET, typically required for Education programs
- MCAT, typically required for Medical school
- DAT, typically required for Dental school

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Securing Law-related Experiences Before Law School

Strong candidates for law school do not need internships related to law. On the contrary, law schools look for candidates with diverse backgrounds that will contribute their unique backgrounds to the classroom. We encourage students to pick internships in fields that they are passionate about and seek out internships in those fields as a way to see how a career in law might intersect. Law school will teach you law-students should use internships as a way to explore what industries are a good match.

The first step in finding an internship is the same as any other student looking for an internship: Take a step back and think about what you are passionate about and what you value. Start to explore the fields and organizations that seek out candidates with similar interests. These organizations should become your target organizations. Start building an understanding of the potential job and internship titles. If you want to look into the legal departments of the companies you are interested in, this is a great start but not necessary.

Start looking at internship postings through your school-based career center careers.usc.edu/resources/school-based-career-services/ and the USC Career Center usc-csm.symplicity.com/students/.

Gaining hands-on experience is an important part of any well-designed career development strategy whether you wind up applying to law school or not. Now is the time to explore options to determine if a career in law is right for you. Engaging in internships and other experiential opportunities is a great way to help you make an informed decision regarding your future career path. Your internships do not need to be directly related to law!

We highly encourage you to focus on internships that will help you explore your areas of interest and broaden your experiences as a whole. Remember-law schools are looking for well-rounded candidates-every candidate should bring their unique qualifications when applying. Use internships and other experiential opportunities as tools to explore your interests while demonstrating your focus and determination.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR INTERNSHIP AND/OR JOB SEARCH:

ConnectSC usc-csm.symplicity.com/students/careers.usc.edu/resources/school-based-career-services/ are great places to start your search

Here are some ideas to help you get started:

1. Law Firms: Many law firms offer internships for pre-law students to assist with legal research, administrative tasks, and gain exposure to different practice areas. Websites for specific law firms can be found through online local searches or directories including the American Bar Association.

americanbar.org/groups/crsj/about-us/internships/
2. Government Agencies: Interning with government agencies such as the U.S.

Department of Justice, district attorney's offices, public defender's offices, and other local, state, or federal agencies can provide valuable experience. USAJOBS is the official job site for federal government internships.

3. Nonprofit Legal Organizations: Legal nonprofits and public interest organizations offer internships for pre-law students to work on advocacy, social justice, and public policy issues. We suggest starting your exploration with [Idealists.org](https://idealists.org/)—they have a great search engine!

4. Corporate Legal Departments: Large corporations with in-house legal teams sometimes

offer internships for pre-law students to gain insight into corporate law and compliance. Networking and searching on corporate websites are helpful in finding such opportunities.

5. Courts and Judicial Chambers: Interning with a court or a judge's chambers can provide hands-on experience in the legal system. Local court websites may have internship listings.

6. Legal Aid Societies: Local legal aid organizations provide legal services to individuals who cannot afford representation. For example, websites such as the Legal Services Corporation list internship opportunities. lsc.gov/

7. Law Libraries: Law libraries at law schools, universities, and legal institutions may offer part-time jobs for aspiring lawyers interested in legal research and information services.

8. International Legal Organizations: Some pre-law students might seek internships with international organizations like the United Nations or international law firms with global practices.

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General Track



Questions?
Contact Jillian Boelke at boelke@usc.edu



USC Institute for Addiction Science

USC Mann
Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck
School of Social Work

Keck School of Medicine of USC

Earn a graduate degree from the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

Gerontology career prospects have exploded in recent years. People around the globe are living longer than ever, creating unprecedented demographic shifts toward an aging population. With more growth on the horizon, a USC Leonard Davis education positions you for success in a wide array of fields.

USC Leonard Davis offers a wide range of master's degree programs to achieve your goals. We'll help you find the right fit, whether you're starting your career or you're an accomplished professional. In addition to on-campus programs, we offer online options for our gerontology master's programs.

Here, at the nation's first and foremost school of gerontology, you have access to unparalleled opportunities to transform the future of aging. A degree from the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology provides ever-increasing possibilities for you to pursue careers that are both meaningful and in high demand.

Master's and Certificate Programs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Certificate in Gerontology • Master of Science in Gerontology • Master of Arts in Gerontology • Master of Science in Nutritional Science • Master of Arts in Medical Gerontology • Master of Science in Nutrition, Healthspan and Longevity • Master of Science in Lifespan, Nutrition and Dietetics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Aging Services Management • Master of Arts in Long Term Care Administration • Master of Science in Applied Technology and Aging • Master of Arts in Senior Living Hospitality • Master of Arts in Foodservice Management and Dietetics
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For more information visit us @ gero.usc.edu

PhD Programs and Doctorate Program

- Doctor of Philosophy in Gerontology
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biology of Aging
- Doctorate of Longevity Arts and Sciences

For inquiries email Steven Stumph - stumph@usc.edu or call (213) 740-4760

Sources of Funding for Graduate School and Law School

Financial assistance for graduate or law school may be available in the form of grants, loans, fellowships, scholarships, teaching stipends, and employer subsidies, etc.

Take the time to explore all options—you may be able to use multiple sources of funding simultaneously!

FELLOWSHIPS
Here are a few resources to help you get started on your search for fellowships! We also recommend searching for fellowships offered by the specific school(s) you are applying to.

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ProFellow
2,300+ fellowships and fully funded graduate programs
www.profellow.com/

USC Academic Honors and Fellowships Office: USC awards
ahf.usc.edu/usc-awards/

USC Academic Honors and Fellowships Office: External Fellowship Databases
An amazing and comprehensive list of external fellowships and awards compiled by the USC Academic Honors and Fellowships office. Bookmark this page now!

ahf.usc.edu/advising/applicant-resources/external-databases/

Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs (doctoral programs)
sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm

- GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Scholarships for Graduate Students bold.org/scholarships/by-year/graduate-students-scholarships/
 - CareerOneStop from the US Dept. of Labor careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx
 - Peterson's Guide petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx
 - Broke Scholar broke-scholar.com/
 - Fastweb fastweb.com/content/graduate-students
 - Scholarships.com scholarships.com/
 - Merit-Based Scholarships bold.org/scholarships/by-type/merit-based/
 - UNCF.org—Scholarships for Underrepresented Students uncf.org/scholarships
 - Scholarships for Black Students bold.org/scholarships/by-demographics/minorities/black-students-scholarships/
 - Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) Scholarships hsf.net/scholarship
 - Asian/Pacific Islander Scholarships scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/asian-pacific-islander-scholarships/
 - LGBTQ+ Scholarships bold.org/scholarships/by-demographics/lgbtq-scholarships/
 - USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association (APAA) Scholarship alumni.usc.edu/apaa/scholarships/



- USC Black Alumni Association (BAA) Scholarship alumni.usc.edu/baa/scholarships/
- USC Latino Alumni Association (LAA) Scholarship alumni.usc.edu/laa/scholarships/

FINANCIAL AID
Many schools offer their own form of financial aid through their individual school financial aid programs.
Note: For graduate and school, parents' financial information and potential contributions are not included in the

FAFSA application process.

Explore the online financial aid-related resources below:

Federal Financial Aid for Graduate Students

Federal Student Aid is the largest provider of financial aid for college in the U.S.

studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/graduate-professional-funding-info.pdf

State-based Financial Aid
Eligibility is USUALLY restricted to state residents attending a college in-state.
www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html

State and Regional College Tuition Discounts
Some states have programs that allow state residents to attend a university in another state but still pay in-state tuition! Take a look to see if your state has a program of interest on this site.
nasfaa.org/State_Regional_Tuition_Exchanges

GI Bill Funding for US Veterans Through VA (Veterans Affairs)
va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/undergraduate-graduate-programs/

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
Working in public service, such as government service (federal, U.S. Military, state, local, or tribal) or certain non-profit organizations MAY qualify you for PSLF.
consumerfinance.gov/ask-cfpb/what-is-public-service-loan-forgiveness-en-641/

CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT
Graduate Assistantships are on-campus jobs that are limited to graduate students.

Some might be in the department or lab of your program. Assistantships provide either hourly pay, tuition remission, and/or a stipend. The amount awarded varies by position. We recommend exploring your potential graduate school's academic department or employment website for potential employment opportunities.

- Common positions include:
- Graduate Assistant (GA): Support an array of staffing needs
 - Teaching Assistant (TA): Usually co-teach introductory undergraduate courses
 - Research Assistant (RA): Assist in faculty research

• Jobs in Residential Life/Housing: At some institutions, the department of Residential Life offers jobs that provide tuition benefits, a stipend, free housing, and meal plans, such as a Resident Advisor, RA Supervisor, or front desk attendant.

Additional options: Paid campus jobs, paid internships, summer teaching opportunities, and paid research assistantships might be other ways to supplement your funding.

Note: Some employers provide subsidies to support their employees with attaining a graduate degree either part- or full time.

- For more info:
- Graduate school funding dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-advising/grad-school-funding/
 - Law School Funding dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/pre-law/funding-law-school/

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Stop by our booth to learn more about the graduate programs in the Woods College of Advancing Studies

- M.S. in Applied Analytics
- M.S. in Applied Economics
- Master of Healthcare Administration



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Preparing for Grad School

Freshman & Sophomore years

- Choose a major that aligns with your academic and personal interests
- Learn how to balance coursework and extracurriculars successfully
- Join student organizations that relate to your interests
- Engage in experiential learning opportunities including internships, study abroad, research, community service, etc.

Junior year and summer

- Research graduate programs you might be interested in
- Outline your statement of purpose for grad school applications
- Start studying for admissions exams
- Decide whom to ask for letters of recommendation
- Check your unofficial transcript to make sure everything is in order
- Begin exploring financial aid options

Fall of Senior Year

- Verify application deadlines
- Start applying to programs with early deadlines (allow plenty of time!)
- Attend Graduate Schools Fair in Oct.
- Visit campuses when possible
- Meet with faculty to request letters of recommendation
- Prepare final versions of statements of purpose & resume; seek feedback
- Take admissions exams

Spring of Senior Year

- Apply to remaining grad programs
- Complete financial aid applications, including the FAFSA
- Identify & talk with advocates including faculty, current students, & alumni to help you make your final decision
- Order final transcripts
- Stay patient while waiting for schools to give you their decisions!

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Preparing for Law School

Freshman & Sophomore Years

- Choose a major that aligns with your academic interests
- Attend Pre-Law related events and workshops
- Join student organizations that relate to your interests
- Start thinking about which professors you can ask for Letters of Recommendation
- **But most of all, focus on and do well in your classes!**

Fall Junior Year

- Research law schools and programs
- Start going to law school fairs and information sessions
- Schedule an advising session with a pre-law advisor
- Take an LSAT diagnostic test & come up with an LSAT study plan
- Start brainstorming ideas for your admissions essays

Spring Junior Year

- Start studying for the LSAT
- Create an LSAC account and register for the LSAT
- Start drafting your admissions essays (personal statement, diversity statement, etc.)
- Speak to professors about Letters of Recommendation

Summer After Junior Year

- Take the LSAT
- Work on finalizing your application materials (resume, and essays)

Fall Senior Year

- Retake the LSAT if needed
- Send requests for Letters of Recommendation to your professors through CAS
- Send transcript to CAS
- Proofread and finalize all application materials (admissions essays, resume, etc.)
- **Submit applications by November latest!**

Spring Senior Year

- Consider your options & attend admitted student events
- If waitlisted, send Letter of Continued Interest
- Submit financial aid applications & negotiate scholarships if applicable
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Taking Time Off Before Continuing on to Grad or Law School

Understandably not all students feel ready to go to graduate or law school right after graduation. Taking time off is a subjective decision based on personal and professional needs.

TYPICAL REASONS FOR TAKING TIME OFF

The decision to take time off before law school is highly personal. Typical reasons include the following:

- Wanting a mental break before starting graduate or law school
- Seeking practical related experience in your career field of choice
- Wanting more time to reflect on your interests and values
- Getting finances in order
- Needing more time to prepare for the GRE or LSAT
- Taking time to travel, take care of family, etc.

USE YOUR TIME OFF WISELY

While taking time off is common, we suggest you strategize using the time in a way that will provide value to your future law school application. Taking time off for the sole purpose of studying for the GRE or LSAT is not impressive to school admissions representatives. Schools are looking for authentic and diverse candidates that will add to the classroom and make effective and resilient professionals one day. Take advantage of the time to explore different industries you might be interested in while rounding out your life experiences.

TIME TO REFLECT

Think about what you might want your resume to look like for the admissions teams and think about ways that you can explore the field(s) you enjoy while getting experience that will strengthen your resume. The schools are expecting that candidates have a strong sense of personal interests, values, and passions. Taking the time to explore what you are passionate about in will prove invaluable to the graduate or law school application process.

During your time off, don't forget to take note of application, financial aid and scholarship deadlines ahead of time. It's easy to lose track of the months when you're not in school! This way, you will have plenty of time to get your application materials prepared and apply whenever you are ready!

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TIME TO RESEARCH: Explore on and off Campus Research Opportunities

Research can be an amazing way to gain relevant experience that will help you explore your potential career of interest while building experience.

Gaining hands-on experience such as research is an important part of any well-designed career development strategy whether you wind up applying to graduate or law school or not. Now is the time to explore options to determine if certain career paths are right for you. We highly suggest engaging in research and other experiential opportunities to help you make an informed decision regarding your future career path.

Focus on opportunities that will help you explore your areas of interest and broaden your experiences as a whole. Remember-graduate and law schools are looking for well-rounded candidates- every candidate should bring their unique qualifications when applying. Use research, internships, and other experiential opportunities as tools to explore your interests while demonstrating your focus and determination.

Timing-wise, the month before each new semester starts is a great time to approach researchers for potential research opportunities.

Steps:
1- Use the links below as a starting point to start looking for opportunities that will help you explore your interests while gaining hands-on experience.

2- Once you find an opportunity of interest, tailor a resume and cover letter that explain your interests and skills related to the opportunity. Mentioning coursework and academic projects that have helped you gain experience in your application materials is a great way to demonstrate your abilities to support the research efforts.

3- Apply to the research position posting. If a specific position is not posted, feel free to email the contact person or researcher directly expressing interest in a research position. Share your resume, cover letter, class schedule, as well as the number of hours weekly you may be able to commit to research. While many research opportunities are unpaid, we suggest mentioning if you have been granted federal work study funds. In your email,

we also suggest asking what the appropriate next steps might be in the process of securing a research role with them.

4- Follow up on the opportunity five business days after applying or reaching out if you haven't heard back prior. Please be patient in this process- many researchers will be in the field or lab and/or unable to answer emails on a regular basis.

USC undergraduate research opportunities (start here first)

undergrad.usc.edu/experience/research/

Research Opportunities through Dornsife
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dornsife.usc.edu/cj/dept-centers-institutes/cfm

Office of Experiential and Applied Learning
dornsife.usc.edu/exl/

USC Research Gateway Scholars
gatewayscholars.usc.edu/

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ahf.usc.edu/

Trojan Research Association (student run organization)
trojanresearch.org/

USC Clinical Trials
clinicaltrials.keckmedicine.org/

USC Pressroom/Expert Directory (find and research out to faculty and staff who share your interests).
pressroom.usc.edu/

USA and internationally-based research positions
jobrxiv.org/

Research-related positions at universities (includes undergraduate positions)
higherredjobs.com

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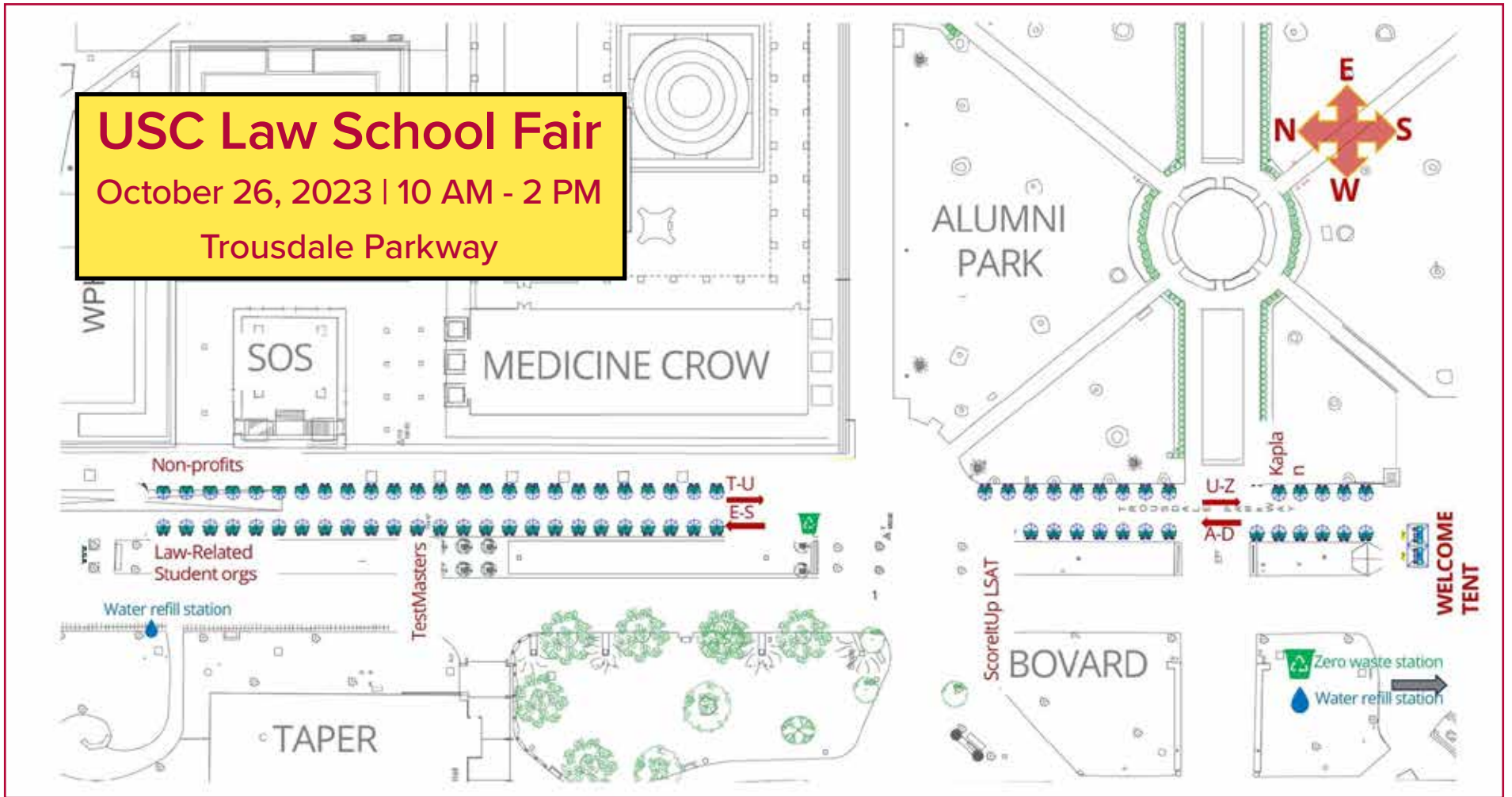
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