

GRAD SCHOOL GUIDE

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Considerations for Post-Grad Study



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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!

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Develop experience graduate schools love by engaging in on- or off-campus research

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 integral 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 this link:
<https://dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-advising/research-experience/>

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 are great ways 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, and 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.

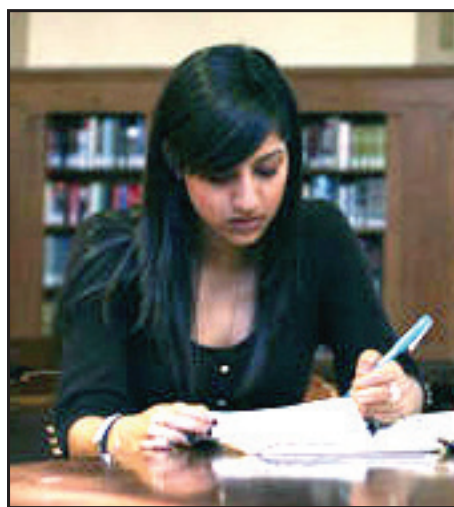
Graduate School Application Process

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 website as general guidelines while tailoring toward the specific requirements each school/program is looking for, including Statements of Purpose, resume, addenda, etc.: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/career-pathways/grad-school-advising/applying-to-grad-school>.

A little strategy for your applications can go a long way. We suggest taking time to create a comprehensive spreadsheet to help keep track of all the schools'



application deadlines as well as timelines for submitting letters of recommendation, taking placement tests, finalizing writing application materials, applying for financial aid, etc.

Please refer to our graduate school application timeline webpage for more information: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/career-pathways/grad-school-advising/graduate-school-timelines>

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GUIDELINES FOR PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

Overall goal:

Express and/or reinforce your interest and unique insights, strengths, and qualities to the school's admission team that might not be apparent in the rest of your application materials

What are schools looking for?:

- Well-developed responses to their prompt. Every school has a slightly different request- know exactly what each school is looking for and make sure to address everything requested
- Strong sense of your authentic self and how your values match the school's values
- Focus on personal strengths
- Passion
- Clear vision on potential post-graduation goals
- Confidence, growth mindset, and solutions-based orientation
- Resilience and maturity
- Indications of ability to make valuable contributions in and out of your future classrooms, graduating class, and future career field
- Formatting as per each school's specifications, generally two-pages double-spaced

What to avoid!:

- Not addressing the school's prompt directly or following their directions
- Writing your entire life story instead of focusing on what's most important for the admissions team to know about you
- Sharing weaknesses that haven't been actively addressed
- Omitting insights regarding the relevant life lessons you have experienced that are motivating you to further your education
- Writing passively and/or ornately in a way that is inauthentic to your writing style
- Using cliché, over-used quotes (instead of sharing your own perspectives)
- Insincerity
- Typos!

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Graduate Schools Fair

October 16, 2024

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM PT

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1. Army Medical Recruiting Culver City Station
2. ArtCenter College of Design
3. Azusa Pacific University
4. Boston College Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
5. Boston College Woods College of Advancing Studies
6. Boston University School of Public Health
7. Boston University School of Social Work
8. California State University, Dominguez Hills
9. Carnegie Mellon University - Tepper School of Business - Masters Programs
10. Carnegie Mellon University; M.S. in Security, Technology, and International Relations; Master of Information Technology Strategy
11. Chapman University Argyros College of Business and Economics
12. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
13. Claremont Graduate University
14. College of Engineering, Design and Computing CU Denver
15. Colorado School of Mines
16. Columbia Climate School
17. Columbia Journalism School
18. Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs
19. Creighton University- School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
20. CSU San Bernardino The Office of Graduate Studies
21. Drexel University - Graduate Admissions
22. Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy
23. Durham University (UK)
24. George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and Milken Institute School of Public Health
25. Georgetown University School of Foreign Service
26. Georgetown University, M.S. in Environment and Sustainability Management Program
27. Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy
28. Halicioğlu Data Science Institute, University of California San Diego
29. Harvard Kennedy School
30. Illinois Tech Office of Graduate Admission
31. Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
32. Josef Korbel School of International Studies University of Denver
33. Kaplan
34. Keck Graduate Institute
35. LMU Graduate Programs in Science and Engineering
36. Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy
37. Loma Linda University School of Public Health
38. Los Angeles College of Music
39. Loyola Marymount University, Graduate Business Education
40. Loyola University New Orleans College of Business Global MBA International Triple Degree Program
41. M.S. in Global Medicine at Keck School of Medicine at USC
42. Medill School Northwestern University
43. Middlebury Institute of International Studies
44. MIT Leaders for Global Operations
45. Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver
46. New York University School of Professional Studies
47. Northeastern University
48. Northeastern University - Bouve College of Health Sciences
49. Northwestern University Master of Science in Law
50. NYU Silver School of Social Work
51. NYU Tandon School of Engineering
52. NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
53. NYU, Graduate Admissions
54. Pacific University Graduate Admissions
55. Pepperdine Graziadio Business School
56. Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology
57. Point Loma Nazarene University
58. Ponce Health Science University - St. Louis
59. Princeton School of Public and International Affairs
60. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Office of Graduate Admissions
61. Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science
62. Roseman University of Health Sciences - College of Nursing
63. Samuel Merritt University & College of Podiatric Medicine
64. School of Education and Psychology
65. Smith College School for Social Work
66. Soka University of America / MA in Educational Leadership and Societal Change
67. Sotheby's Institute of Art
68. Sports Product Management Master's of Science, University of Oregon
69. St. George's University, School of Medicine
70. Teachers College, Columbia University
71. The Chicago School
72. The Fletcher School at Tufts University (graduate school of global affairs)
73. The New School Graduate Programs
74. The Princeton Review
75. The University of Notre Dame Graduate School
76. The University of Queensland-Ochsner MD Program
77. Thunderbird School of Global Management
78. Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine - Montana
79. Touro University Nevada - Healthcare
80. Tufts University School of Medicine
81. Tulane School of Social Work
82. UC Berkeley Master of Engineering Program
83. UC Berkeley School of Public Health/ UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism
84. UC Berkeley/ UCSF Master of Translational Medicine Program
85. UC Davis College of Engineering
86. UC Irvine - Samuelli School of Engineering
87. UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy
88. UCI School of Medicine Admissions
89. UCLA Anderson - MSBA Program
90. UCLA Anderson Master of Financial Engineering
91. UCLA Architecture & Urban Design
92. UCLA Division of Graduate Education
93. UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
94. UCLA Luskin - Urban Planning and Real Estate Development
95. UCLA Luskin Department of Social Welfare
96. UCLA PRIME LA
97. UCSF School of Pharmacy
98. Union Theological Seminary
99. University of California Berkeley: Accelerated Access Program
100. University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry & Vision Science
101. University of California, Irvine
102. University of California, San Diego
103. University of Chicago
104. University of Chicago Booth School of Business (Master in Management, Master in Finance, & Deferred MBA)
105. University of Exeter, UK
106. University of Glasgow
107. University of Melbourne (Australia)
108. University of Miami Interdisciplinary and Professional Studies Office
109. University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
110. University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy
111. University of Minnesota School of Public Health
112. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
113. University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management
114. University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education
115. University of Puget Sound
116. University of Redlands Graduate Programs
117. University of Rochester
118. University of San Francisco - College of Arts and Sciences
119. University of San Francisco School of Nursing and Health Professions
120. University of St Andrews, Scotland
121. University of St. Augustine for Health Science (DPT, OTD, MOT, SLP)
122. University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
123. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism
124. USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
125. USC Gould School of Law
126. USC Institute for Addiction Science - Master of Addiction Science Program
127. USC Iovine and Young Academy: M.S. in Integrated Design, Business and Technology
128. USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
129. USC Leventhal School of Accounting
130. USC M.S. in Applied Psychology Program
131. USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences - Research and Graduate Programs
132. USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, PharmD Program
133. USC Master of Science in Applied Economics and Econometrics (MS AEE)
134. USC Population and Public Health Sciences
135. USC Price School of Public Policy
136. USC Primary Care Physician Assistant Program
137. USC Rossier School of Education
138. USC School of Architecture
139. USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
140. USC Viterbi School of Engineering & Computer Science
141. UT Austin McCombs Masters of Science Programs
142. WashU Sam Fox School
143. Western University of Health Sciences
144. Willamette University, Atkinson Graduate School of Management
145. Woodbury University

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Preparing for Grad School



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

Spring & summer of Senior year

- Apply to remaining grad programs
- Complete financial aid applications
- Identify & talk with advocates including faculty, current students, & alumni to help you make your final decision
- Order transcripts
- Start exploring housing options and employment opportunities
- Take some time to RELAX!

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.

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

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- ✓ Take an intro course like OT 101 or OT 220 (2 units) or 250 (4 units)
- ✓ Meet an academic advisor to learn about the BS-OTD and E-OTD program options
- ✓ Check out the USC Pre-OT Club

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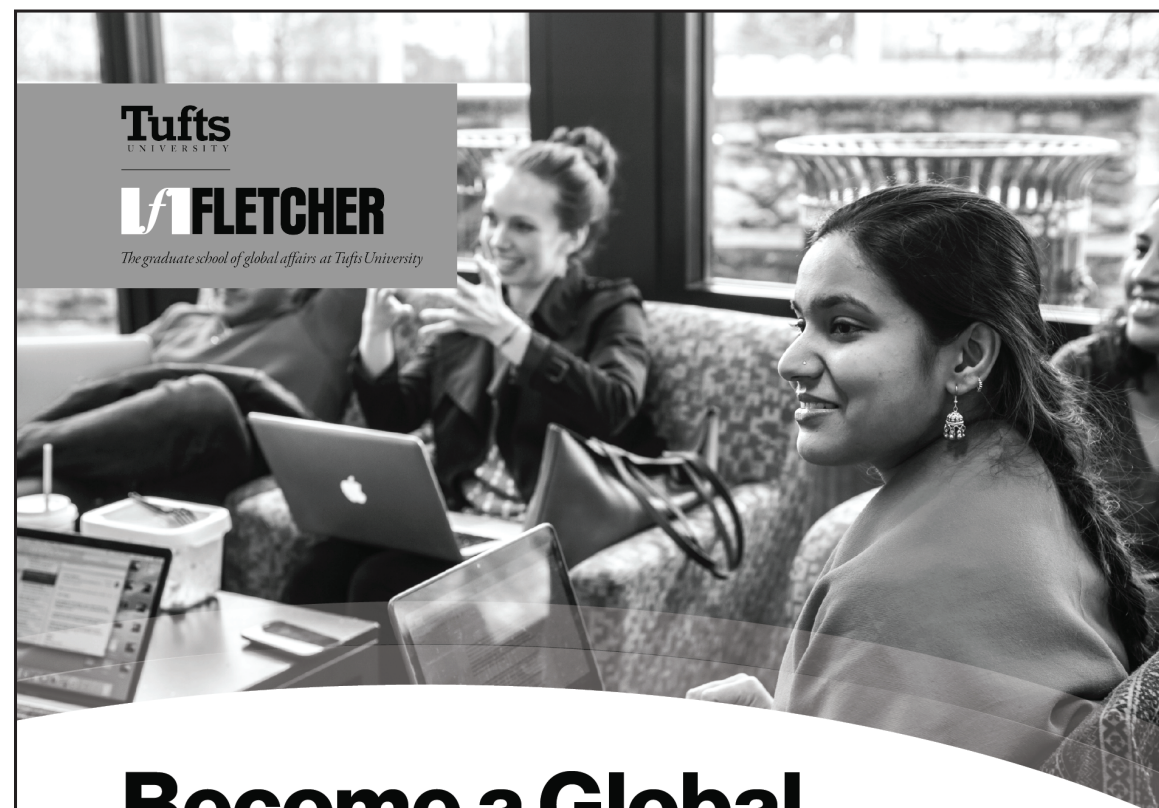
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Taking Time Off Before Graduate or Law School

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 who 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 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 expect candidates to have a strong sense of personal interests, values, and passions. Taking the time to explore what you are passionate about will prove invaluable to the graduate or law school application process.

During your time off, don't forget to take note of your 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 prepare your application materials and apply whenever you are ready.

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Funding for graduate school

Financial Aid Options

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 can use multiple sources of funding simultaneously.

your search:

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-advising/grad-school-funding/>

Financial Aid

Many schools offer their own form of financial aid through their individual school financial aid programs.

Note: For graduate and law school, parents' financial information and potential contributions are not included in the FAFSA application process.

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.

Grants and scholarships

Grants and scholarships are money that you do not need to pay back! We suggest exploring the various grants and scholarships on this page to start

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:

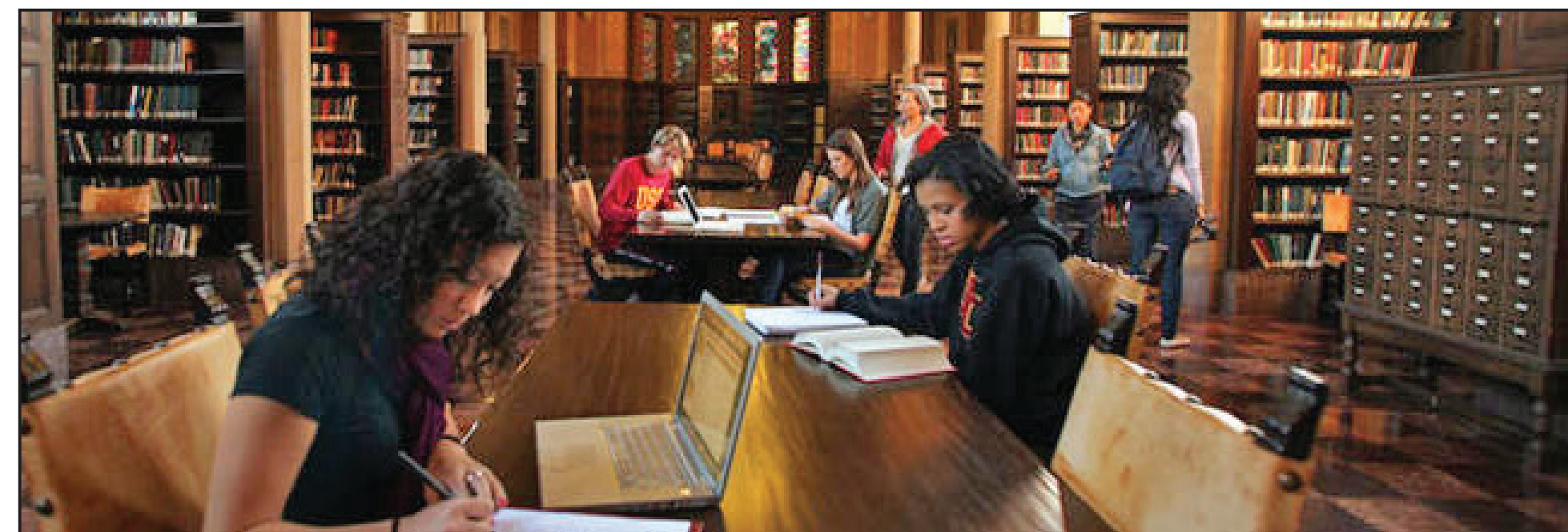
- Graduate Assistant (GA): Support an array of staffing needs
- Teaching Assistant (TA): Usually co-teach introductory undergraduate courses
- Research Assistant (RA): Assist in faculty research
- Jobs in Residential Life/Housing: At some institutions, departments of residential life offer jobs that 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 in attaining a graduate degree, either part-time or full-time.

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- Specialized Journalism (MA)
- Specialized Journalism (Arts and Culture) (MA)

Application deadline: March 1, 2025, 5 p.m.

Application details at annenberg.usc.edu/progressive25

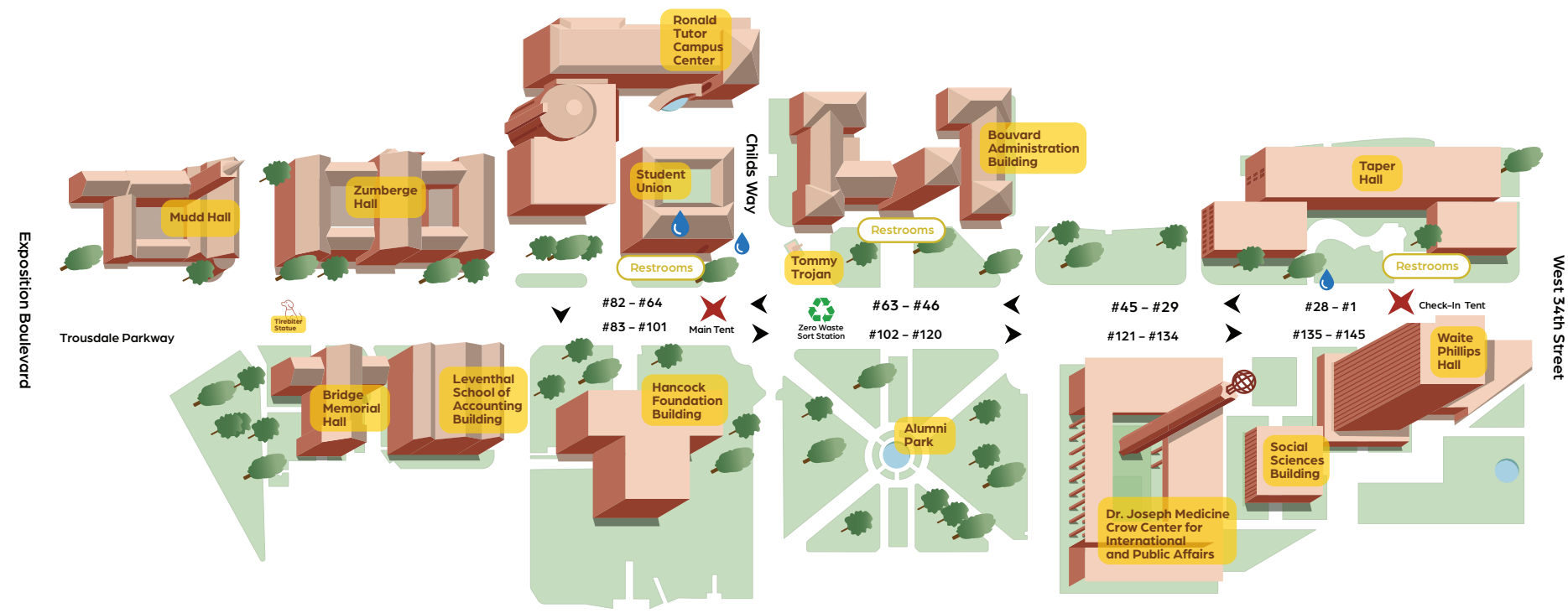
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 Trousdale Parkway

-  Main Tent
-  Zero Waste Sort Station
-  Water Station

Map is approximate. Please check in at the **Main Tent** (in front of Student Union) 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 #145.



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- Master of Arts in Foodservice Management and Dietetics
- Master of Science in Nutrition, Healthspan and Longevity
- Master of Science in Lifespan, Nutrition and Dietetics
- Master of Science in Nutritional Science
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