THE PAUL D. COVERDELL FELLOWS PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

About the Coverdell Fellows Program

Founded in 1985 at Teachers College, Columbia University (and formerly known as Fellows/USA), the Coverdell Fellows Program is now a network of partnerships between the Peace Corps and more than 90 universities across the country. Competitively selected Coverdell Fellows undertake service internships in high-need American communities and receive financial aid while working toward their graduate degrees. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers may apply to enroll in a Coverdell Fellowship at participating universities at any time after successfully completing Peace Corps service.

Coverdell Fellows at USC Sol Price School of Public Policy

In recognition of the significant contributions of Peace Corps volunteers, USC Price signed a formal agreement to participate in the Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program (formerly known as Fellows/USA) to financially assist Returning Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) who wish to attain an USC Price graduate education.

USC Price has established a special $10,000 fellowship ($5,000 per year, renewable for a second year assuming satisfactory academic progress) for RPCV’s to pursue USC Price’s Public Administration (MPA), Planning (MPL), Public Policy (MPP), Health Administration (MHA) or Dollinger Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) degrees. RPCV’s will also complete an internship that benefits an underserved community. RPCVs may be eligible for additional funding through Dean’s Merit Scholarships. Applicants who apply by the December 15 scholarship deadline for fall enrollment are eligible for this award.

Why Become a Coverdell Fellow at USC Sol Price School of Public Policy?

The Price School degree programs are highly ranked nationally and draw upon the school’s exceptional faculty and the university’s extensive resources. Degree programs combine depth of study with a breadth of opportunity to specialize in areas within each field. Programs integrate classroom work with real-world experience through a variety of internships, mentorships, and other opportunities with the greater Los Angeles community. The USC Sol Price School of Public policy offers an education that:

- Combines the liberal arts, professional expertise, and the resources of a great research university to offer students breadth, depth, and variety as they follow their interests and design their programs
• Centers on and values the relationships that develop between individual students and individual teachers
• Offers both academic and relevant real-world experiences and draws widely on the expertise of networks of engaged councilors, advisors, alumni, and prominent professionals
• Encourages innovation, entrepreneurship, experimentation, and collaboration
• Fosters a multidisciplinary and problem-solving ethic
• Focuses broadly and inclusively on the issues, constituencies, structures, and institutions engaged in public life in both governance and the built environment

Requirements

To be accepted to the University of Southern California Coverdell Fellows program, interested students must submit:

• a USC Graduate Application: https://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/applyonline/
• $85 application fee
• Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended: To expedite the processing of your application, please send all transcripts directly to our office. If possible, print and complete the Transcript Cover Page for each college/university you have attended. Complete the entire form, sign it, and ask the registrar of each institution to attach it to your official transcript: http://priceschool.usc.edu/files/2010/06/Transcript-Cover-Page.pdf

USC has begun to accept some forms of e-transcripts. Please check with the institution you attended to see if they provide e-transcripts. Please note that USC only accepts e-transcripts that are submitted via the following methods:

• eSCRIP SAFE (Grad)
• eTranscriptCA (CCC)
• Texas Server (Grad)
• University to University

If your school does not provide e-transcripts through one of these methods, you must submit a hard copy of your transcripts.

• official copy of test scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). (Note: When registering for the GRE or GMAT, applicants should use the following institution codes: GRE 4852 or GMAT 4937)
• a completed Price Supplemental Form (complete through the Graduate Online Application)
• a current resume
• a maximum of three letters of recommendation, including at least one academic reference
• a statement of purpose of approximately 750-1,500 words
a completed Price School Scholarship Application Form: If you wish to be considered for Price sponsored scholarships, complete the Scholarship Application Form through the Price School Supplemental Form, found in the USC Graduate Application.

Financial Support

Coverdell Fellows at University of Southern California receive the following benefits: Eligibility to receive a $10,000 scholarship to be disbursed over two years. Fellows may also be eligible for additional merit-based funding.

Program Contacts

To learn more about University of Southern California's Coverdell Fellowships, please contact:

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