

A Leading Private Research University

The University of Southern California (USC) is a leading private research university located in Los Angeles — a global center for arts, technology, and international business. USC is comprised of 22 academic schools and Keck Medicine of USC. The university offers exceptional students a world-class education with highly ranked programs in virtually every field — from cinema to the sciences — as well as unparalleled research, internship, and professional opportunities in a wide array of organizations including nonprofits, Fortune 500 companies and global businesses. USC is the largest private sector employer in the city of Los Angeles, responsible for \$8 billion annual in economic activity.



\$1 billion

Investment in the future of computing to support U.S. competitiveness

49,500

total students (21,000 undergraduates and 28,500 graduate and professional)

24%

of all undergraduates are Pell Grant eligible — representing 4,400 students

32%

from historically underrepresented groups

23%

of freshmen are first-generation college students

\$773 million

In financial aid awarded — among the largest pools in the nation

Zero tuition

for undergraduates coming from U.S. families with an annual income of up to \$80,000

4,700

Innovative faculty members

40,000

Employees

450,000

Alumni around the world

1,300

USC is unique among its peers, widely recruiting and admitting over 1,300 transfers mainly from community colleges every year

\$1 billion

In sponsored research that spans science, medicine, arts & humanities, and technology

One of the largest public hospitals

USC co-operates one of the largest public hospitals and medical training centers in the nation at LAC+USC

2025

USC sets pace to be carbon neutral by 2025 and zero waste by 2028

Space Force Program

Only West Coast school chosen to join United States Space Force's University Partnership Program



ACADEMICS

USC offers undergraduate education and graduate degree programs across **22 top ranked schools covering countless disciplines**. The university is home to 10 professional schools covering a variety of programs including medicine, law, business, and education; six schools in the arts including dance, music, and dramatic and cinematic arts; as well as schools of humanities, architecture, public policy, engineering and more. In addition, USC offers students:

- **150+ majors and minors**
- 50+ cities with study abroad programs across five continents
- Research opportunities as early as students' first year



RESEARCH

USC is at the forefront of innovative research that meaningfully impacts the health and well-being of people around the world.

- With **more than \$1 billion in research expenditures** in 2022, the university conducts groundbreaking research into science, medicine, arts and humanities and technology.
- In March 2023, USC announced a new **\$10 million Center for Generative AI and Society** to explore the transformative impact of artificial intelligence on culture, education, media, and society.
- In April, USC announced a new **\$40 million partnership in biomedical research and innovation initiatives** with Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA) to improve health care. The partnership is based on a gift to USC from the Alfred E. Mann Charities and Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering.
- Over the past 10 years, the university's federal **funding for Alzheimer's and related dementias has eclipsed \$1 billion**.



HEALTH SYSTEM

Keck Medicine of USC is one of only two university-based medical systems in the Los Angeles area. Keck combines best-in-class physicians, cutting-edge research, and state-of-the-art facilities to provide highly specialized care for its patients, including at more than 80 outpatient locations in Los Angeles, Orange, Kern, Tulare, and Ventura counties. In addition, USC is leading innovative research on Alzheimer's, other dementias, and stem cell research.

- With LA County, USC co-operates one of the **largest public hospitals in the nation**, LAC+USC.
- USC was a key partner to LA County during the pandemic – supporting vaccine research and delivery, public health outreach, and food distribution.
- USC houses the **largest collection of Alzheimer's data in the world** and runs the largest and longest-running biomarker discovery effort in Alzheimer's research.
- USC, in partnership with Children's Hospital Los Angeles, won a **\$24.5 million NIH grant to launch a center aimed at fighting obesity** and related chronic diseases in Latino children and families across Southern California.



ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

USC is committed to reducing barriers for students of all backgrounds to make attending a top-tier university attainable. With one of the most abundant financial aid pools in the country, USC provides more than \$700 million in scholarships and aid annually.

- In 2021-22, **24 percent of first-year students** were Pell Grant eligible.
- In the fall of 2022, **23 percent of the incoming class were first-generation college students.**
- In 2020, **USC eliminated tuition** for students from households earning \$80,000 or less in annual income.
- USC committed an additional **\$30 million to the affordability initiative** this year and is expected to increase assistance to 4,000+ students each year (when fully implemented in year 4).
- Two thirds of all USC undergraduate students received financial aid — **over \$773 million awarded** for the 2021-22 academic year.



ATHLETICS

USC has a long tradition of athletic excellence, garnering 135 national championships for its men's and women's sports teams and producing more Olympians than any school in the nation. With more than **550 student athletes** competing in **21 sports** across **nine men's** and **12 women's** disciplines, the university is committed to the growth of well-rounded citizens, nurturing scholar-athletes to succeed both academically and athletically. In 2024, USC will join the Big 10 Conference, a move that will position USC and its student-athletes for long-term success in both athletics and academics.

- **92 percent student-athlete graduation rate** is higher than the NCAA's rate across all D-1 programs.
- **USC fully funds athletic scholarships** for all sports up to the applicable limit set by the NCAA.
- USC empowers student-athletes to **earn NIL compensation** in a manner that is consistent with NCAA, state law, and its own student-athlete centered culture.
- USC offers **robust student-athlete services**, including medical, mental health, academic support, and career preparedness.



SUSTAINABILITY

USC is committed to addressing the impacts of climate change and creating a more just, equitable and sustainable future.

Assignment: Earth is USC's sustainability framework for a greener campus and planet, encompassing education, research, equity and inclusion, campus operations and community engagement. It has already yielded results with the elimination of single-use plastic bottles, the diversion of half of the University's waste from landfills, and the reduction of overall water use.

- USC will be **carbon neutral by 2025** and **zero waste by 2028**.
- In 2021, USC announced plans to **liquidate its fossil fuel investments** and review ethical and social concerns related to the endowment's investments.
- USC earned **silver on the national STARS sustainability report card** for being green, results highlighted successes in biodiversity efforts
- USC is partnering with AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles to conduct **groundbreaking research on regenerative aquaculture** and help grow the blue economy.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

USC has a history of strong collaborations with its surrounding communities. The university is committed to supporting healthy, vibrant, and engaged communities around its University Park and Health Sciences campuses.

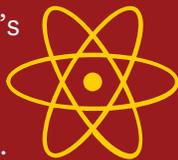
- USC’s street medicine teams provide **healthcare to the unhoused** and dentistry operates mobile clinics to offer **dental care to veterans**.
- Operate eight Head Start early childhood locations serving **600 local students daily**.
- USC TRiO (college access) programs support **2,500 college bound first-generation students** annually.
- Lead one of the nation’s largest and most successful neighborhood **college access programs**.
- USC’s #1 feeder school in the nation is LAUSD’s Foshay Learning Academy adjacent to campus.
- USC’s staff and faculty-driven “good neighbors” initiative distributed **\$1.3 million in grants to support community** partnerships and programs.

HONORS AND FIRSTS

USC students, faculty and alumni have earned countless honors and shared many firsts over the years.

USC launched the first school of international relations in the nation and the first doctoral program in social work in the west.

USC was the world’s **first university with a quantum computing center**.



More than 100 USC faculty are members of prestigious national academies.

This year, USC produced **more Fulbright students** than any

other university in California.

USC established the first college of medicine, the first school of pharmacy and the first school of architecture in Southern California.

USC is home to **472 Olympians** who have earned more than **300 medals**.



USC alums have been honored with **86 Oscars** and **244 Oscar** nominations.

A USC alum has been nominated for an Oscar every year since 1972 and an Emmy every year since 1975.



USC is home to the **ONE Archives — the largest LGBTQ history archive in the world**.



USC SCHOOLS AND DISCIPLINES

Letters, Arts and Sciences

USC Dana and David Dornsife
College of Letters, Arts and
Sciences

Accounting

USC Leventhal School of
Accounting

Architecture

USC School of Architecture

Art and Design

USC Roski School of Art
and Design

Arts, Technology, Business

USC Iovine and Young
Academy for Arts,
Technology and the
Business of Innovation

Business

USC Marshall School of
Business

Cinematic Arts

USC School of Cinematic Arts

Communication, Journalism

USC Annenberg School
for Communication and
Journalism

Dance

USC Gloria Kaufman
School of Dance

Dentistry

Herman Ostrow School of
Dentistry of USC

Dramatic Arts

USC School of Dramatic Arts

Education

USC Rossier School of
Education

Engineering

USC Viterbi School of
Engineering

Gerontology

USC Leonard Davis
School of Gerontology

Law

USC Gould School of Law

Medicine

Keck School of Medicine

Music

USC Thornton School of
Music

Occupational Therapy

USC Mrs. T. H. Chan Division
of Occupational Sciences and
Occupational Therapy

Pharmacy

USC Alfred E. Mann
School of Pharmacy and
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Professional Studies

USC Bovard College

Public Policy

USC Sol Price School of
Public Policy

Social Work

Suzanne Dworak-Peck
School of Social Work

USC establishes new campus in the heart of Washington, D.C.

The campus will serve as a coast-to-coast bridge for interdisciplinary study where students and faculty will collaborate with global opinion leaders.

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The USC Capital Campus' prime location strengthens the opportunity for interdisciplinary researchers, policy experts, faculty and students to work in even closer collaboration with government and research institutions. (Photo/Alan Karchmer)

USC announced on Wednesday the opening of its new Capital Campus in Washington, D.C., which will significantly increase the university's reach by expanding its deep academic and research expertise, innovation and talent on the East Coast. As a leading research university, USC will convene high-level conversations with national and global opinion leaders on the most pressing issues of the day.

"Today, USC has a new home in Washington, D.C. We are significantly expanding our academic excellence and innovative research on the East Coast," [USC President Carol L. Folt](#) said.

"Washington, D.C., is the natural place for us to establish a thriving hub. It is a nexus for the arts, public policy organizations, research agencies and foundations. Washington, D.C., offers unparalleled opportunities for our experts, researchers and students to learn and listen, connect, and share views on the national stage. USC is known for its service to the Los Angeles community, and we look forward to being an active participant in the civic life of Washington, D.C."

Located in the heart of the Dupont Circle neighborhood, the USC Capital Campus places the university at the center of political and academic policy discussions and creates a bridge to embassies

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and diplomatic outposts. The prime location strengthens the opportunity for interdisciplinary researchers, policy experts, faculty and students to work in even closer collaboration with leading government and research institutions. The campus will bring USC's academic offerings coast to coast and give students a space to pursue new undergraduate and graduate programs in the sciences, arts, education, political science, communication and journalism, among other disciplines.

USC Capital Campus: anchor on the East Coast

An outdoor terrace at the USC Capital Campus — in the heart of Dupont Circle — offers panoramic views of the city skyline. (Photo/Alan Karchmer)

The campus, at [1771 N St. NW](#), will be the university's anchor on the East Coast, providing state-of-the-art office space, multiple event venues and an outdoor terrace offering panoramic views of the city skyline. Students and scholars will be able to enjoy multiple classrooms and study areas, with plans for a theater and USC bookstore, among other enhancements. The 60,000-square-foot building will be a vibrant center for the many active Trojan alumni who live and work in the region, offering them a tangible connection with their alma mater on the other side of the continent.

The Capital Campus will also become the new home for the Washington, D.C.-based [USC Office of Research Advancement](#), which has helped faculty researchers secure federal funding for multi-disciplinary research projects since 2006.

"This presence in our nation's capital will significantly increase opportunities for our researchers to influence the many important national conversations on urgent topics that require immediate attention," said [Ishwar K. Puri](#), USC's senior vice president for research and innovation. "In such fields as sustainability, media, culture, AI and health care, our scholars can bring to bear the full strength our diverse disciplines to Washington, D.C."

The opportunity for public policy research and collaboration is a natural fit for USC faculty and students to work on the most pressing challenges facing the nation and world, said Dean [Dana Goldman](#) of the USC Price School of Public Policy.

"The pandemic palpably demonstrated the vital role government plays in ensuring our welfare," Goldman said. "USC's Capital Campus builds on these lessons, offering a laboratory from which students can learn from policymakers, study how our government works (or doesn't in some cases) and research ways to strengthen our democracy."

Washington, D.C., mayor welcomes USC Capital Campus

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USC plays a vital role in the city and county of Los Angeles in myriad ways, including health care, policy, education, research and

the arts, and the university fully expects to participate in community engagement in the nation's capital as well. [Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser](#) welcomed the university's move into the area.

"The USC Capital Campus will be catalytic for the northern end of D.C.'s Central Business District," Bowser said. "The new campus fits into [D.C.'s Comeback Plan](#) as we emphasize the strong presence of 'Feds, Eds and Meds' in the district. We cannot wait to welcome Trojans to the nation's capital as together we 'fight on' for D.C.'s comeback."

USC has maintained a thriving presence in Washington, D.C., for decades — and not just through the countless Trojan alumni who work at all levels of government, science, the military and the media in the capital.



USC Capital Campus: outdoor terrace

The USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences offers a [unique, semester-long program](#) that sends students to study and work in the nation's capital. As part of that program, students complete internships with government agencies, NGOs, advocacy groups, think tanks, consulting firms and congressional offices. Many students from the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism spend two-week Maymester sessions getting an insider's view of the workings the country's corridors of power.

The university will build upon the strong foundation created by these and many other Washington, D.C., programs with new expanded programming and collaborative learning opportunities.

The new campus also will enable USC to increase outreach to local high school and community college students and create a gathering place for prospective students and its 6,000 local-area alumni.

Folt will host a grand opening ceremony next month at the building featuring remarks from Bowser, Goldman, USC Board of Trustees Chair [Suzanne Nora Johnson](#) and USC Trustee [Fred Ryan](#), publisher of The Washington Post.