

Enhance student  
experience in  
higher education



**Jordan Carmona ME '18 has worked as a residential coordinator and Judicial Administrator for Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards at the University of Southern California.**

The **Master of Education in Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs (PASA)** will prepare you for a variety of professional roles in higher education administration and student affairs — including but not limited to academic advising, residential life, student advocacy, campus activities and athletic programs. You will also learn how to address inequities and effect change, ensure that student voices are heard and help students realize their full potential.

Graduates from this program typically work at two- or four-year institutions, public research universities, private liberal arts colleges, graduate and professional schools and for-profit institutions.

*Both full-time and part-time options are available.*

12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE (FULL-TIME)

30 MINIMUM UNITS

### GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

USC Rossier's graduate assistantships provide hands-on experience in higher education settings and preparation for your desired career upon graduation. While the majority of PASA students participate in graduate assistantships on the USC campus, the city of Los Angeles is home to many colleges and universities. With the full support and guidance of our team, you will have the freedom to select and apply for an opportunity tailored to your personal goals.

Graduate assistantship positions are compensated by an hourly wage, tuition remission, or, in the case of residential education, room and board.

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STATES WHERE PASA ALUMNI WORK

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INSTITUTIONS EMPLOYING PASA GRADUATES

### PROGRAM FACULTY



**Shafiqah Ahmadi, JD**  
*Professor of Clinical Education*

Expert on diversity and legal protection of underrepresented students, including Muslim students, bias and hate crimes, Title VII and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, and sexual assault survivors



**Cory Buckner, EdD**  
*Assistant Professor of Clinical Education*

Intercollegiate athletics, higher education, college student development and success



**Darnell Cole, PhD**  
*Professor of Education*

Expert on college student experiences and performance, including those of African American, Latino, Muslim and Asian students



**Shaun R. Harper, PhD**  
*Clifford H. and Betty C. Allen Chair in Urban Leadership*

Expert on Race in education, social, and organizational contexts; urban education; boys and men of color; college student success; and intercollegiate athletics



**Tatiana Melguizo, PhD**  
*Professor of Education*

Expert in higher education, affirmative action, community colleges and college graduation rates



**Lynette Merriman, EdD**  
*Associate Vice Provost for Campus Support and Intervention*

Twenty-five year career in undergraduate admission and student affairs, including experience in multicultural and LGBT resource centers and disability services

### SAMPLE COURSES

- Student Development in Higher Education
- Legal Issues in the Administration of Higher Education
- Identity and Diversity
- Research Methods and Applied Education Ethnography
- Race and Racism
- Curriculum Teaching and Learning in Higher, Adult, and Professional Education

### TUITION

Tuition for 2022–23 is \$2,137 per unit.

### SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Scholarships ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 are awarded to exemplary applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, demonstrated dedication to advancing educational equity and other distinguishing characteristics. Applicants who complete an application by rounds one or two will receive primary consideration.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Online application
- Transcripts for application review from each postsecondary institution attended
- Official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended
- Résumé/CV
- Personal statement and essays
- Two letters of recommendation
- Timed writing assessment
- Video response
- *International applicants only:* TOEFL or IELTS scores
- \$90 non-refundable application fee

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION DATE
Round 1*	November 1, 2022	January 6, 2023
Round 2*	January 15, 2023	February 17, 2023
Round 3	March 15, 2023	April 21, 2023
Round 4†	April 15, 2023	Every two weeks

\*scholarship priority deadlines

†rolling admission, based on available space



# What sets the USC Rossier PASA program apart?

**LEADER IN HIGHER EDUCATION:** Join our renowned Trojan alumni network, including one of the country's largest PASA programs.

**DYNAMIC CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE:** Interact with one of the most diverse cohorts on campus and participate in discussions that weave planned material with relevant higher ed issues as they develop.

**COMMITTED FACULTY MENTORS:** Learn from leading professors and top practitioners in higher education who will support your growth and challenge your perspective both inside and outside the classroom.

**EMPHASIS ON EQUITY AND ACCESS:** Gain an understanding of how to affect change that supports and empowers historically marginalized populations to thrive in higher education.

**THEORY TO PRACTICE MODEL:** Use the theories you are learning in the classroom as a framework to make informed decisions in your graduate assistantship.

**CAREER-FOCUSED COURSE OPTIONS:** Take courses that will prepare you for your career, with focus courses ranging from designing intervention strategies to working with athletes to academic advising.

**STRONG PARTNERSHIPS:** Choose from a range of graduate assistantships and job opportunities through USC Rossier's strong network of colleges and universities in both Southern California and throughout the United States.

## **YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED**

The USC Rossier School of Education prepares leaders to advance educational equity in urban settings and beyond. USC Rossier draws on innovative thinking and collaborative research to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, address disparities, challenge inequitable systems of power and solve the most intractable problems in education.

## **LEARN MORE USC ROSSIER OFFICE OF ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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