On behalf of the distinguished faculty of the USC Rossier School of Education, I am pleased to congratulate you on your admission.

As part of the USC Rossier family, you will benefit from a vibrant and nationally recognized learning community, lifelong connections to fellow students and alumni and our unwavering commitment to your academic and professional success.

In this booklet, you will find helpful information about beginning your educational journey at USC Rossier, including checklists to use as a guide for completing necessary requirements. Additional information specific to your degree program is included in your admissions packet as an insert.

I encourage you to begin preparing as soon as possible for your first semester of classes at USC Rossier. If you have any questions as you prepare, please contact your program office or refer to the list of contacts in the directory on page 12.

Again, welcome to the Trojan Family. We look forward to advancing educational equity together.

Sincerely,

Karen Symms Gallagher, PhD
Emery Stoops and Joyce King Stoops Dean

WELCOME TO THE USC ROSSIER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND THE TROJAN FAMILY!
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ABOUT THE USC ROSSIER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The mission of the USC Rossier School of Education is to prepare leaders to achieve educational equity through practice, research and policy. We work to improve learning opportunities and outcomes in urban settings and to address disparities that affect historically marginalized groups. We teach our students to value and respect the cultural context of the communities in which they work and to interrogate the systems of power that shape policies and practices. Through innovative thinking and research, we strive to solve the most intractable educational problems.

OUR PROGRAMS

Over the past century, USC Rossier has grown to encompass:

- **5 DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS**
- **11 MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS**
- **10 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**
- **2 UNDERGRADUATE MINOR PROGRAMS**
- **2 PROGRESSIVE DEGREES**

STUDENT COMMUNITY

You will be entering a diverse student community of more than 2,500 currently enrolled master’s and doctoral graduate students.

- **1,166** on-campus students
- **1,483** online students
- **46%** of USC Rossier students are first-generation college students

![Race distribution](chart)

- Native American: 14%
- Pacific Islander: 2%
- Two or More Races: 19%
- African American: 17%
- Asian: 24%
- Hispanic/Latino: 12%
- White, non-Hispanic: 17%

![Age range distribution](chart)

- Up to 24 years old: 25%
- 24–29: 18%
- 30–34: 15%
- 35–39: 13%
- 40–49: 13%
- 50+: 15%
GUIDE TO TROJAN TRADITIONS

Alma Mater
“Alley Hall” was written by Al Wesson for the finale of a student show, Campus Frolics of 1923.

Colors
USC’s colors are cardinal and gold. Before 1895, USC’s official color was gold, and the College of Liberal Arts had its own color, cardinal. In 1895, both colors were adopted as USC’s official colors.

Hecuba
Unveiled in 2017 as the centerpiece of the new USC Village, Hecuba is the queen of Troy. The twelve-foot sculpture stands atop an eight-foot base that depicts six women of African, Asian, Caucasian, Latina, Native American and Eastern Mediterranean descent.

Motto
Palmam qui meruit ferat. (Let whoever earns the palm bear it.)

Official Fight Song
In 1922, USC dental student Milo Sweet composed the music for USC’s official fight song, “Fight On,” as an entry in a Trojan Spirit contest. Download the official Fight Song at https://about.usc.edu/traditions/official-fight-song/

Traveler
USC football games are famous for, among other things, the appearance of the official mascot, Traveler, a noble white steed bearing a warrior into the arena.

Trojans
The Trojan tradition originated in 1912 with Los Angeles Times sportswriter Owen Bird, who likened the fighting spirit of USC athletes to that of the ancient Trojans.

Trojan Traits
The qualities of the ideal Trojan are: Faithful, Scholarly, Skillful, Courageous and Ambitious.

Trojan Marching Band
The history of the Spirit of Troy, the USC marching band, goes back to the inception of the university in 1880.

Trojan Shrine
Now a campus landmark fondly nicknamed ‘Tommy Trojan’, this life-size bronze statue of a Trojan warrior was unveiled on June 6, 1930, as part of USC’s 50th birthday celebration.

University Shield
The university’s shield displays three torches representing the arts, the sciences and philosophy.

Other Resources
Stay connected with the Trojan newspaper: www.dailytrojan.com
Buy your Trojan gear: www.uscbookstore.com
Trojan community and alumni network: alumni.usc.edu
Watch USC Trojan videos and streaming games: https://pac-12.com/live/usc
ADMITTED STUDENT CHECKLIST

COMPLETE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

☐ Submit the Statement of intent to enroll form and $250 nonrefundable deposit
Submit the form and deposit by the round deadline stated in your admissions letter and Next Steps document. Complete both steps at: you.usc.edu/login
* WMLT students have a different process to submit their statement of intent and deposit. Look for an email from the USC Rossier Office of Admission and Scholarships with instructions.

☐ Attend the upcoming USC Rossier admitted student dinner
Save the following dates and look for more details from USC Rossier in the coming months.
- Master’s Admitted Student Dinner: May 5, 2020
- EDL Admitted Student Dinner: April 28, 2020

☐ Activate your USC account and email
To activate, visit: www.usc.edu/firstlogin

☐ Apply for financial aid (see financial aid checklist)
You must submit a FAFSA application and the Financial Aid Supplement form to be considered for a financial aid package from the USC Office of Financial Aid. Learn more about applying for financial aid at: financialaid.usc.edu/graduates/prospective/applying.html/2

☐ Apply for additional scholarships from USC and external organizations
The University of Southern California maintains a database of scholarship opportunities that you can filter based on your qualifications. View the database at: awardsdatabase.usc.edu

BEFORE CLASSES START

☐ Log in to MyUSC
Become familiar with the MyUSC portal, which enables you to pay tuition bills, register for courses, view grades and more: my.usc.edu/portal/guest.php

☐ Obtain your USC student ID
To obtain your student ID, visit: mycard.usc.edu

☐ Attend USC graduate orientation (optional)
Although each USC Rossier program holds its own orientation for new graduate students, this university-wide orientation will introduce you to campus life and the university’s resources and expectations for graduate-level study: orientation.usc.edu/graduate

☐ Attend the USC Rossier New Student Program Orientation (mandatory)
See orientation dates on your next steps insert.

☐ Register for classes
Look for an email from your USC Rossier program office with your registration date and time.

☐ Enroll in USC Health Insurance
If you are registered for six units or more in an on-campus or online program, you will automatically be enrolled in USC Student Health Insurance. The fee will be added to your tuition bill prior to the beginning of each semester. You are able to waive the insurance if your personal insurance policy meets USC standards. Additionally, a mandatory health center fee will be added for on-campus students each semester. This fee cannot be waived by on-campus students with six units or more. Learn more at: https://studenthealth.usc.edu/our-services/insurance-plan/
*Online program students are exempt from the health center fee but can opt to pay the fee if they wish to access campus medical and counseling services.

☐ Complete the mandatory safety and wellness courses
Complete two online courses about critical issues affecting college campuses at this link: studentaffairs.usc.edu/mandatory-online-courses-for-students
Online degree program students are only required to complete the “Think About it” online course.

☐ Submit immunization records
The university requires that all students attending on-campus classes receive two doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine. Proof of vaccination is required prior to the first semester of enrollment at USC. Learn more about submission deadlines and the process to submit documentation at: https://studenthealth.usc.edu/immunization-requirements-for-all-students/

☐ Complete tuberculosis screening (International students, MAT students, and MAT-TESOL and WMLT credential students)
The university requires all international students to undergo screening for tuberculosis in the United States or Canada within six months prior to their first semester at USC. MAT, MAT-TESOL and WMLT credential students must complete tuberculosis screening by December 1, 2020. For further information, please visit: https://studenthealth.usc.edu/fees-deadlines/

☐ Pay tuition bill (due the Friday before classes begin)
Pay your tuition here: sfs.usc.edu/epay

STAY CONNECTED

☐ Visit your program office’s website
EdD Program Office: students.rossier.usc.edu/edid
MAT Program Office: uscmat.wordpress.com
Master’s Program Office: rossiermpo.wordpress.com

☐ Connect with USC Rossier on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn
View the “stay connected” page on your personal portal for links to program-specific social media groups.

Bookmark student resources
- www.usc.edu
- rossierstudents.usc.edu
- rossiercareers.usc.edu
- rossier.usc.edu/alumni/career-network
- classes.usc.edu
FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Use this checklist as a guide for completing the financial aid application process. Pay close attention to deadlines and procedures to receive maximum consideration for aid.

- Obtain FSA number
  Your FSA number will serve as your electronic signature for your FAFSA application. If you do not already have an FSA number, apply for one at: fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm.

- Complete the FAFSA
  Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. The USC School Code is 001328. Using your FSA number, sign your FAFSA application electronically upon submission. Note: the FSA ID replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN as of May 10, 2015.

- Complete the required Financial Aid Supplement form
  Obtain the required Financial Aid Supplement form at: https://financialaid.usc.edu/graduates/prospective/applying.html#2. On this form you will enter the number of academic units for which you will enroll each semester or session.

- Apply for the Federal Direct (Stafford) Loan program
  Federal Direct (Stafford) Loans are available to most eligible borrowers who apply for financial aid. To apply, follow the steps at: financialaid.usc.edu/loans/federal-stafford-loan.html

- Apply for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan program
  Graduate and professional students may wish to consider this low-interest, credit-based federal loan to cover their college expenses. To apply, follow the steps listed at: financialaid.usc.edu/loans/federal-direct-graduate-plus-loan.html

- Complete loan entrance counseling and the Master Promissory Note
  You can complete both online at: studentloans.gov

External Financial Aid Resources
The Financial Aid Information Page
www.finaid.org
Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships
www.fssweb.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

We understand that a graduate degree is an investment in your future. As with all investments, we encourage you to carefully consider your financial plan and explore all the options available to finance your graduate degree.

Helpful Tools
USC partners with iGrad to provide you with helpful financial planning tools so you can plan your school costs, manage your money and make plans to repay student debt. Log in and create your free profile to access budget worksheets and calculators along with articles and free online courses to help you manage your money and educational expenses at usc.igrad.com.

Tuition and New Student Fees Estimate
Each year, USC posts the tuition and fees schedule online prior to the fall term. Please check the following link for the most recent tuition information: usc.edu/tuitionrates

Fees are typically charged per semester. First semester graduate students should expect:

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<th>Tuition</th>
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<td>The 2019-2020 tuition fee is $1,928 per unit. Expect an approximately 3–5% tuition increase each year.</td>
<td>Orientation: new student fee, graduate = $55 (charged first semester only)</td>
<td>Student health insurance: See <a href="https://studenthealth.usc.edu/our-services/insurance-plan/for">https://studenthealth.usc.edu/our-services/insurance-plan/for</a> fees and waiver information.</td>
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<td>Student health service fee = $317</td>
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<td>The student health center fee is charged to all domestic students taking 6 units or more, and all international students taking any number of units. Online program students are not required to pay the student health center fee, but may opt to pay it to access most medical services at USC Student Health.</td>
<td>Parking fees: (monthly, semester, and daily rates available) transnet.usc.edu/index.php/parking-rates</td>
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<td>Graduate student programming fee = $43 (charged per semester)</td>
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<td>TOTAL = $1,928 x # of units</td>
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Financial Aid
- Browse the USC financial aid website for tips and resources on the financial aid process and your eligibility for aid: financialaid.usc.edu/graduates/prospective/tips-resources.html
- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. USC’s school code is 001328.
CONTACT DIRECTORY

ACADEMIC ADVISING
EdD Program Office
students.rossier.usc.edu/edl
(213) 740-9323
rsoedd@rossier.usc.edu

Doctoral Support Center
rossierstudents.usc.edu/
doctoral/doctoral-support-center/
(213) 740-8099
rsoedsc@rossier.usc.edu

MAT and MAT-TESOL Program Office
rossierstudents.usc.edu/masters/mat
(213) 821-3400
askmat@rossier.usc.edu

MAT Credentialing
(213) 821-3409
rossier.credentials@usc.edu

Master’s Program Office
(servicing the EC, EMP online, LDT online, PASA and MFT programs)
rossierstudents.usc.edu/masters/
(213) 740-3255
rsoempo@rossier.usc.edu

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
Career Services
rossiercareers.usc.edu
(213) 821-2670
careers@rossier.usc.edu

Counseling Services
Engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling
(213) 740-9355
eshcgen@usc.edu

Finance Aid Office
financialaid.usc.edu
(213) 740-4444

Graduate Admissions Office
gradadm.usc.edu
(213) 740-1111

Housing Services
housing.usc.edu
(213) 740-8488
housing@usc.edu

Information Technology Services
itservices.usc.edu
(213) 740-5555
consult@usc.edu

Library
library.usc.edu
(213) 740-1331

Office of International Services
ois.usc.edu
(213) 740-2666
ois@usc.edu

Registrar One Stop (Graduate Records, Students Accounts/Cashier)
arr.usc.edu
(213) 740-8500
arr.usc.edu/contact/emailus.html

Transportation and Parking Services
transnet.usc.edu
(213) 740-3575

Veterans Resource Center
https://vrc.usc.edu/
(213) 821-6028
vrc@usc.edu

CULTURAL CENTERS
Asian Pacific American Students Services (APASS)
apass.usc.edu
(213) 740-4999
apass@usc.edu

The Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs
uscobcsa.usc.edu
(213) 740-8257
bcbsa@usc.edu

La CASA
lacasa.usc.edu
(213) 740-1480
csa@usc.edu

LGBT Resource Center
lgbtirc.usc.edu
(213) 740-7639
lgbt@usc.edu
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Graduate Student Government (GSG)
GSG enhances the USC graduate and professional student experience by managing student resources efficiently, providing a voice for the student community, building a community that fosters interdisciplinary exchanges and informing students about their rights, resources and opportunities.

Rossier Student Organization (RSO)
All USC Rossier graduate students are automatically members of RSO and are encouraged to participate in its activities and programs. The goal of the RSO is to promote research efforts of education students through reimbursements for conferences and to sponsor social activities for graduate students to come together so they can make the most of their experience at USC.

Educational Doctorate Student Assembly (EDSA)
EDSA helps EdD students get to know each other outside the classroom and across cohorts, establish and sustain alumni relations, explore and promote academic and career issues in the field of education. Throughout the year, EDSA sponsors and co-sponsors lectures, research presentations, mixers, networking events and other social and academic activities.

PASA Network
The PASA Network works to promote the academic and professional development of graduate students in the field of postsecondary administration and student affairs. The PASA Network coordinates social networking opportunities aimed to develop connections between students within the program, program faculty and staff, and alumni and prospective students.

Students of Higher Education Counseling (SHIEC)
SHIEC is a graduate student organization for students in the Master of Education in Educational Counseling (EC) program at USC. SHIEC aims to engage members with the community and current events and unite its members and alumni as a support system and professional network.

TESOL Club
The TESOL Club promotes social and intellectual interaction and intercultural exchange among students and faculty interested in teaching English to the speakers of other languages and teaching English as a second or foreign language. The club shares and discusses information about common academic and professional interests.

MAT Club
The MAT Club stands as the USC Rossier MAT student’s voice to organize professional development, plan community outreach and service projects and provide an environment that connects students to one another. The goal is to provide students with a multitude of experiences to prepare them for a career in education.

Marriage and Family Therapy Student Organization (MFT Students)
MFT Students bridges the gap between the first-, second- and third-year cohorts of the program. MFT students is a social organization, a professional organization and a community organization. Activities include holiday parties, professional speakers, conference attendances and community service activities.

Asian Pacific Graduate Student Association (APGSA)
APGSA enhancing the intellectual and social community for Asian Pacific graduate students, advocating for support networks for Asian Pacific graduate/professional students, faculty, and other members of the USC community, and promoting the recruitment and retention of Asian Pacific graduate students.

Black Graduate Student Network (BGSN)
BGSN is a professional social network for Black students of the various graduate and postgraduate student programs at USC. BGSN organizes student socials, networking opportunities, undergraduate mentorship and Black alumni networking events.

Latino Graduate Student Association (LGSA)
LGSA enhances the intellectual and social community for Latino graduate students by advocating for support networks for Latino graduate/professional students, faculty and members of the USC community, promoting the recruitment and retention of Latino graduate students and supporting research and publication opportunities to further the professional development of Latino graduate students.

Queer Graduate Alliance
The Queer Graduate Alliance provides a forum for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Ally graduate students to gather for social and professional development events and to increase the engagement of the USC graduate student community on issues of importance to LGBTQ individuals.

JENGA Doctoral Association (JDA)
Jenga is a Swahili term meaning “to build.” The JDA is open to all EdD students at USC Rossier who have a desire to access a diverse cultural and social network that will serve as a support towards persistence and completion of a doctorate of education degree. The organization explores professional development, academic and career opportunities, alumni mentorship and diverse cultural awareness.

Rossier Association of Distance Graduate Learners (RAD)
RAD’s mission is to deliver a seamless, virtual student governance experience online, provide equitable access to USC Rossier Graduate Distance Learners, and build global connections. The organization explores and promotes academic issues, helps current students get to know one another through online collaborative group meetings and provides mentoring through online workshops and activities.

USC has more than 800 student organizations. To find additional student organizations of interest, visit usc-community.symplicity.com. You must be a certified USC student and use your USC login to access the search engine.
**RESEARCH CENTERS**

Led by world-class faculty, the work of USC Rossier’s ten research centers is guided by our mission to advance educational equity in practice, research and policy at all levels.

**USC Rossier Pullias Center for Higher Education**

pullias.usc.edu | Founded: 1996 | Director: Adrianna Kezar

As the only named, endowed center of higher education in a top United States school of education, the Pullias Center improves college outcomes for underserved students and enhances the performance of postsecondary institutions by assessing faculty roles and the educational trajectories of community college students. With four postdoctoral scholars and 17 doctoral research assistants, the Pullias Center is developing the next generation of higher education scholars.

**USC Rossier Center for Higher Education**

cue.usc.edu | Founded: 1999 | Director: Estela Mara Bensimon

The center brings equity-mindedness to institutions of higher education through socially conscious research and tools. It engages practitioners as agents of change by empowering them to be critically race conscious and to respond to changing demographics in California and beyond. CUE’s Equity Scorecard has been used by over 100 educational institutions.

**USC Rossier Center for Urban Education (CUE)**

cue.usc.edu | Founded: 2007 | Executive Director: Jerry Lucido

As the only independent research center in the United States serving admissions and enrollment specialists, CERPP is committed to fostering equity in college access, admission and outcomes. Throughout 2016-17, CERPP’s USC College Advising Corps deployed 37 first-generation college graduates as near-peer advisers in 36 high-needs Los Angeles schools, resulting in 14,269 college acceptances.

**USC Rossier Center for Human Applied Reasoning and the Internet of Things (CHARIOT)**

chariot.usc.edu | Founded: 2016 | Co-Directors: Kenneth A. Yates, N. Ras Machiraju, and Bhaskar Krishnamachari

CHARIOT is a collaboration between USC Rossier School of Education and USC Viterbi School of Engineering to revolutionize personal learning by combining cutting-edge cognitive science and education research with emerging technologies from the Internet of Things (IoT).

**USC Rossier Center for Education, Identity and Social Justice (Social Justice)**

socialjustice.usc.edu | Founded: 2017 | Co-Directors: Shafqat Ahmad and Darnell Cole

The Social Justice Center facilitates productive and meaningful interactions among students, educators and community members by examining how multiple identities such as religion, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation and disability intersect to foster shared values and democratic ideals. The center conducts rigorous research, provides trainings, develops curricula and engages the community in social justice activities and events.

**USC Race and Equity Center**

race.usc.edu | Founded: 2017 | Executive Director: Shaun R. Harper

Through interdisciplinary scholarship, useful resources and an array of public engagement activities, the USC Race and Equity Center helps our nation correct its longstanding record of racial wrongs. Its National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates (NACCC) is a quantitative survey instrument that will be administered annually across the country to give institutions useful data on their own campus climates and students’ feelings of belongingness.

**USC Rossier Center for Empowered Learning and Development with Technology (CELDTECH)**

celdtech.usc.edu | Founded: 2017 | Executive Director: Brendesha Tynes

CELDTECH is a transdisciplinary research center that promotes equity in digital learning and development among urban populations in formal and informal contexts. CELDTECH takes an intersectional approach to the study of learning with technology and foregrounds the nexus between students’ histories, cultural assets and developmental needs.

**USC Rossier Center for Engineering in Education (CEE)**

cere.usc.edu | Founded: 2007 | Executive Director: Jerry Lucido

CEE is dedicated to mining the vast array of engineering techniques, ideas and practices to enhance learning across all disciplines.

**USC Rossier Center for Education Policy, Equity and Governance (CEPEG)**

cepeg.usc.edu | Founded: 2017 | Core Faculty: Patricia Burch, Julie Marsh, Lawrence O. Picus, Morgan Polikoff and David Quinn

CEPEG has a threefold mission: to conduct rigorous mixed-methods research with consequence, to design and implement new vehicles for scholarly engagement in policy and practice and to train the next generation of researchers committed to furthering the vision of research designed to affect policy and practice. The center focuses on important policy issues in K-12 education, particularly policies designed to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for historically disadvantaged groups.

**USC Rossier Center for Engagement-Driven Global Education (EDGE)**

dge.usc.edu | Founded: 2017 | Director: Alan Arkatov

USC Center EDGE works to improve interdisciplinary collaboration to create innovation in educational engagement both in and out of schools, such as the development of school culture, social-emotional health and gifted education, and discipline, bullying and chronic absenteeism. The focus of the center is researching, developing and implementing programs that are both sustainable and scalable.

**USC Rossier Center for Affective Neuroscience, Development, Learning and Education (CANDLE)**

candle.usc.edu | Founded: 2019 | Director: Mary Helen Immordino-Yang

CANDLE conducts research and professional activities at the nexus of brain science and educational practice, creating a transdisciplinary conversation to guide the transformation of schools into communities that support teachers’ and students’ scholarly development, personal growth and wellbeing for the benefit of society.
USC ROSSIER
CAMPUS LOCATIONS

USC University Park Campus
USC Rossier administrative offices and the class location for Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Education Policy (PhD), Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (EDL), Master of Education in Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs (PASA), Master of Education in Educational Counseling (EC) and Master of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) programs.

Waite Phillips Hall
3470 Trousdale Parkway
Los Angeles, CA 90089

USC City Center
Class location of the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) and Master of Arts in Teaching—Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MAT-TESOL) and World Masters in Language Teaching (WMLT) programs and some USC Rossier administrative offices.

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