



## USC Sol Price School of Public Policy International Exchange Program 2019-2020

### ABOUT THE PRICE SCHOOL

The mission of the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy is to improve the quality of life for people and their communities, here and abroad. The Price School ranks 3rd among 285 schools of public affairs nationwide, according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools" released in 2019. Located three miles from downtown Los Angeles, 13 miles from the beach, and within 60 miles of both deserts and snow-capped mountains, the Price School offers students the opportunity to enjoy the cultural richness of a major city coupled with L.A.'s outdoor lifestyle and unbeatable weather. L.A.'s rich cultural diversity and unique urban setting provides an ideal "living laboratory" for learning.

### NOMINATION DEADLINE

Fall: March 1  
Spring: September 1

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall: Mid-August to Mid-December  
Spring: Early January to Mid-May

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit all documents to the online application. Your home institution will nominate you and provide you with a link. Students admitted into the program will need to provide additional information and documents.

#### Application Documents:

- Current CV/resume, including work/professional experience, extracurricular activities, academic or professional honors or awards, languages of fluency, and computer knowledge
- Personal Statement: approximately 2 pages, outlining reason for pursuing the exchange program at Price and how a semester abroad would enhance your academic and career goals
- Official transcript(s) of all previous and in-progress coursework
- Official TOEFL or IELTS exam scores. Must be taken within the past two years with a score of 100 on the TOEFL (with no less than 20 in each section) or a score of 7 on the IELTS (with no less than 6.5 on each band score)

#### Visa-related Documents:

- Confidential Financial Statement providing proof of ability to fund education and living expenses (form to be provided by Exchange Program Coordinator)
- Copy of the front page of passport, showing full name, photo, passport number, and expiration date

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### STUDENT SERVICES

There are a variety of resources and offices on campus that provide support to all students. These include:

- Orientation
- Academic Advising
- Free Writing Assistance
- Tutoring
- Office of International Services
- Disability Services
- Mental Health Services and Counseling
- Computing Services and Email
- Libraries
- Campus Cruiser (Shuttle) System
- 600+ Student Clubs/Associations
- On-Campus Health Facilities
- On-Campus Sports Facilities
- Club Athletics



### J-1 VISA & SEVIS FEE

Upon admission into the program, the Exchange Program Coordinator will send all J-1 visa-related documents to the student. A student's J-1 visa will be valid for the length of the program of study. Students are able to enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the start date of the visa and stay in the U.S. up to 30 days after the end date of the visa.

**More information:**

[ois.usc.edu/](https://ois.usc.edu/)

The SEVIS system is a computerized system that tracks all student visa holders. All international students must pay a SEVIS fee to the U.S. government prior to their visa interview. Information on where to pay the fee will be included with your admission packet.

**More information:**

[www.ice.gov/sevis/students](https://www.ice.gov/sevis/students)



### HEALTH SERVICES

Health insurance is **mandatory** for all students, though students may request a waiver if they have a qualifying insurance policy. For International students, most international plans are not accepted. Your insurance plan must meet the minimum requirements to support your6q180.47 0 0 6( 10.02 0 pla)Mhe the we.08aS sf

### APPROXIMATE LIVING COSTS IN US \$ DOLLARS

**Estimated cost of on-campus housing**

[housing.usc.edu/index.php/sample-cost/](https://housing.usc.edu/index.php/sample-cost/)

**Estimated cost of off-campus housing**

\$600 to \$1,800/month, varies depending on housing choice

**Food**

\$300 to \$400/month

**Books and class materials**

\$600/semester