



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESIDENTIAL TEACHING FELLOWSHIP IN SOCIAL ADVOCACY AND ETHICAL LIFE

January 2012

Call for Nominations

The College of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with the Office of the Provost, is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the *USC Presidential Teaching Fellowship*. This initiative aims to facilitate the recruitment and training of outstanding doctoral students, promote the development of innovative pedagogy, and enhance interdisciplinary inquiry across campus.

Fifteen (15) fellowships will be awarded each academic year. In 2012, the program will award up to ten (10) fellowships to incoming doctoral students. It will award up to five (5) fellowships to doctoral students that are currently enrolled in their first year of study at USC. Fellowships will begin in August 2012.

Addressed to the intersection of social advocacy and the development of ethical life, the *USC Presidential Teaching Fellowship* is keyed to a set of theoretical and practical problems that have long concerned the liberal arts. Dedicated to promoting inquiry that draws from and informs different disciplinary interests in the humanities and the social sciences, the fellowship program seeks students that come from a wide variety of departments and hold a diverse set of intellectual interests and perspectives.

How might we better understand the complex relationship between human expression, interaction, and the formation of values? From this question, the *USC Presidential Teaching Fellowship* seeks to provide generous support to doctoral students interested in advanced study and teaching that explores the relationship between communicative practices and the development of moral systems and socio-political frameworks of ethical engagement.

The *USC Presidential Teaching Fellowship* presents departments and programs with an opportunity to grow the size, range, and depth of their doctoral programs. For students, the fellowship affords a chance to undertake both specialized scholarship and directed interdisciplinary inquiry. As Teaching Fellows, students will participate in a cross-disciplinary seminar that investigates the theoretical and practical linkage of advocacy and ethics. This seminar will also provide comprehensive teacher training for a course that fulfills the Carolina Core's requirement for foundational instruction in oral communication and values, ethics, and social responsibility. In subsequent semesters, Fellows will teach two sections of this Carolina Core course and participate in the Social Advocacy and Ethical Life Colloquium. An ongoing series, the colloquium will support professionalization and build intellectual community, not least through the presentation of student research and close interaction between Fellows, faculty, and notable visiting scholars.

Questions, inquiries, and requests for additional information should be directed to the USC Teaching Fellowship Committee (uscteachingfellows@gmail.com).

USC Presidential Teaching Fellowship in Social Advocacy and Ethical Life

Nomination and Program Guidelines for Incoming Doctoral Students

In 2012, the USC Teaching Fellowship in Social Advocacy and Ethical Life will award up to ten (10) fellowships to incoming doctoral students in eligible departments and units within the liberal arts.

Teaching Fellows will receive five years of support, including a \$22,000 stipend and full tuition abatement. Nominating units should take careful note of the requirements regarding unit support for fifth-year funding of successful nominees.

Departments and units may submit fellowship nominations beginning on 15 January 2012. All nominations received by 15 February 2012 will receive full consideration. Nominations received between 15 February 2012 and 30 March 2012 will be considered on a space-available basis.

Fellows must be nominated by a PhD-granting department or unit in the liberal arts. This includes the doctoral programs in Anthropology, Comparative Literature, Criminal Justice, English Language and Literature, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Spanish. Each eligible department/unit may submit up to four (4) nominations.

Eligible nominees include students who have applied to a PhD program and fulfilled all unit and Graduate School criteria for admission to the program beginning August 2012. A nomination commits the unit to accepting the nominee into their doctoral program, regardless of whether they receive a fellowship. Students may not hold a Presidential Teaching Fellowship while holding a Presidential Doctoral Fellowship and/or a Graduate School Fellowship.

Successful nominees will have outstanding academic credentials, including a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.6 and GRE scores that demonstrate exceptional (>650) verbal and/or quantitative aptitude. It is expected that nominees will have an interest and aptitude to teach courses addressed to the conceptual and practical connections between communicative interaction and ethical engagement.

Teaching Fellows will enter their home departments and units in Fall 2012. During their first semester, they will begin their expected coursework and undertake teaching or research assistant duties in accordance with department/unit norms. In Spring 2013, Teaching Fellows will receive a full release from teaching/research duties. During this semester, they will continue with coursework and enroll in the fellowship program's cross-disciplinary seminar. Here, they will work with other Fellows and a variety of faculty to investigate the theoretical and practical linkages of advocacy and ethics, at the same time that they prepare to teach a course that fulfills the Carolina Core's requirements for oral communication and values, ethics, and social responsibility. In the semester after completing this seminar, Teaching Fellows will teach two (2) sections of this Carolina Core course for seven (7) semesters. For one other semester in residence, Fellows will return to their home units and undertake teaching duties as determined by the unit.

In advancing nominations, sponsoring departments/units must indicate their commitment to provide fifth-year funding to Teaching Fellows, with the understanding that the fellowship program will make up the

difference between \$22,000 and a unit's normal stipend for a 20 hour per week (.5FTE) appointment. It is expected that departments will provide Fellows with offices and other appropriate support, including photocopying and computing facilities. In the event that a Teaching Fellow withdraws from the fellowship program before completing seven semesters of teaching, the home department/unit will be responsible for the student's remaining stipend and abatement (at a regular half-time appointment rate).

Teaching Fellows are not permitted to undertake additional duties as a research assistant or teaching assistant during the period in which they are training and teaching in the fellowship program (this does not apply to summer support). Continued participation in the program is contingent upon satisfactory progress toward a degree and ongoing effective classroom performance.

Nominations must include five (5) paper copies of a dossier that includes: 1) nominee's completed and signed "Request for Nomination" form; 2) letter of support from the department/unit chair, including confirmation that the nominee has been accepted for admission into the department/unit's doctoral program and an expressed commitment to provide successful nominees with funding in their fifth year of residence; 3) complete copies of the nominee's application materials, including transcripts, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, application essay, writing sample, and appropriate documentation of proficiency in spoken and written English.

Dossiers should be clearly labeled with the nominee's name, the nominating department/unit, and "Incoming Doctoral Student Teaching Fellowship Nomination." Complete nomination dossiers must be submitted to:

USC Presidential Teaching Fellowship
c/o Dr. Sonya Brown
410 Gambrell Hall
CAMPUS

Questions, inquiries, and requests for additional information should be directed to the USC Teaching Fellowship Committee (uscteachingfellows@gmail.com).

USC Presidential Teaching Fellowship in Social Advocacy and Ethical Life

Nomination and Program Guidelines for Current Doctoral Students

Nomination Deadline: 15 February 2012, 5 p.m.

In 2012, the USC Teaching Fellowship in Social Advocacy and Ethical Life will award up to five (5) fellowships to doctoral students that are currently (AY 2011-12) in their first year of study within an eligible liberal arts department or unit. Eligible departments and units may advance up to two (2) nominations.

Teaching Fellows will receive four years of support, including a stipend consistent with their home unit's funding rate for a 20 hour per week (.5FTE) appointment), and a one semester release from teaching duties in Fall 2012. Fellows will be eligible for summer teaching opportunities offered by the fellowship program.

Eligibility: A nominee must be a currently enrolled first-year doctoral student in good standing within a PhD-granting department or unit in the liberal arts. This includes the doctoral programs in Anthropology, Comparative Literature, Criminal Justice, English Language and Literature, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Spanish. It is expected that nominees will have an interest and aptitude to teach courses addressed to the conceptual and practical connections between communicative interaction and ethical engagement.

Nominees may hold a Presidential Teaching Fellowship, a Presidential Doctoral Fellowship and/or a Graduate School Fellowship. Teaching fellows are not permitted to undertake additional duties as a research/teaching assistant while training and teaching within the fellowship program. This does not apply to summer teaching. Continued participation in the program is contingent upon a student's satisfactory progress toward a degree and ongoing effective classroom performance.

In the event that a Teaching Fellow withdraws from the fellowship program before completing six (6) semesters of teaching, the home department will be responsible for the student's remaining stipend and abatement. It is expected that departments will provide Fellows with offices and other appropriate support, including photocopying and computing facilities.

In Fall 2012, Teaching Fellows will receive a release from their normal teaching and research assistant duties. During this semester, they will continue coursework and enroll in the Fellowship Program's cross-disciplinary seminar. Here, they will engage with other Fellows and a variety of faculty to investigate the theoretical and practical linkages of advocacy and ethics, at the same time that they prepare to teach a course that fulfills the Carolina Core's requirements for oral communication and values, ethics, and social responsibility. Beginning in Spring 2013, Teaching Fellows will teach two (2) sections of this Carolina Core course for six (6) semesters. For one other semester in residence, Teaching Fellows will return to their home units and undertake teaching duties as determined by the unit.

Nominations must include five (5) paper copies of a dossier that includes: 1) nominee's completed and signed "Request for Nomination" form; 2) nominee's (1-2 page) statement of interest, along with the names and contact details of three references, including the nominee's USC faculty advisor/mentor and, if applicable, a

faculty member with whom the nominee has worked in classroom settings; 3) USC transcript (unofficial); 4) documentation of proficiency in spoken and written English; 5) a letter from the department/unit's Chair that includes confirmation of the nominee's good standing, documentation of teaching experience at USC, and expressed commitment to the terms of the Teaching Fellowship.

Dossiers should be clearly labeled with the nominee's, name, the nominating department/unit, and "Current Doctoral Student Teaching Fellowship Nomination." **Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on 15 February 2012.** The results of this competition will be announced on 30 March 2012.

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