Programs Offered
USC offers more than 240 graduate programs including 68 doctoral programs, 133 master's programs, 22 certificate programs, and 21 dual degree programs. Fully one-third of USC’s graduate students pursue doctoral degrees. Find a complete list of available programs at gradschool.sc.edu/graduate_programs.asp.

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Founded in 1801, the University of South Carolina has evolved from a single building into a progressive, award-winning, world-class research institution. Today you will find a diverse community of 6,700 graduate students representing all 50 states and more than 83 countries.

WELCOME TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
A Premier Graduate Institution
The University of South Carolina ranks among the highest tier of professional and research institutions in the country. USC is one of only 23 public universities in the nation and the only one in South Carolina to receive the Carnegie Foundation’s highest research designation and to be named among the nation’s leaders in providing programs that benefit and engage communities. USC also boasts the #2 International MBA program in the world according to the Financial Times of London, as well as some of the best doctoral programs in the nation, as cited by the National Research Council.

Top-Flight Faculty
Choosing your academic and professional mentor is one of the most important decisions you make as a graduate student. At Carolina, you will work alongside a community of scholars and practitioners who are accessible to their students—even as they continue to shatter research funding records. USC faculty out-perform many elite programs in research and productivity. Funding for faculty research topped an unprecedented $238 million in the 2012 fiscal year. And to keep pace with our growing reputation and student body, USC is hiring 315 new faculty at all levels and across all colleges and schools.

Cutting Edge Research
Working closely with faculty, students undertake specialized and interdisciplinary research to tackle some of the most pressing local, national and global challenges. Because the tools you need for advancement and discovery are rarely confined to a single discipline, we support formal interdisciplinary research training, such as the Behavioral-Biomedical Interface Program, as well as more than 100 research centers, institutes, and collaborative networks across campus.

Historic + Green Campus
On the National Register of Historic Places, our campus also leads the way in sustainable initiatives and green design. USC received the highest Green Star and Gold Star rating by Princeton Review, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System. In addition to the coveted Tree Campus Award, USC is home to one of the top 10 college farmers’ markets in the country.

A Progressive Community
Citing academic excellence, U.S. News & World Report and The Wall Street Journal both name USC as a particularly “promising and innovative” university. We award the third highest number of math and statistics graduate degrees to African American students. USC also leads the way as a bike, business, family, research and military friendly campus.

Funding
Kiplinger’s Personal Finance and Princeton Review recommend USC for our stellar education and affordable rates. Most of our graduate students receive financial support; more than one in three are awarded assistantships. USC also offers generous supplemental stipends, including the highest university-wide award, the Presidential Fellowship, to attract the brightest students from across the country and around the world.

Life in Columbia
The capital of South Carolina and the state’s largest city, Columbia consistently ranks among the most livable and affordable midsized towns. With a thriving arts and entertainment scene, an urban, sustainable farm, and one of the nation’s highest averages for biking and walking commuters, Columbia residents also enjoy three rivers, nationally-ranked sport teams, and an easy drive to mountains and beaches.

The graduate student community is a large and welcoming one. Since coming to USC, I’ve found productive professional and personal friendships in my department and across campus.
- Anthony Stagliano, PhD Candidate, English