



**Graduate Civic Scholars Program**  
**Graduate School**  
**University of South Carolina**

**2018-2019**  
**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**Eligibility:** Enrolled University of South Carolina graduate students in any master's or doctoral program and at any level of their studies are eligible to apply. Applicants **must graduate in May 2019 or after**, and if selected, must be available to attend the scheduled meeting times in May 2018 and during the fall 2018 and spring 2019 semesters (as specified).

<b>Applicant's Name (First and Last)</b>	
<b>Applicant's Email</b>	
<b>Applicant's Preferred Phone</b>	
<b>Department</b>	
<b>Degree Program</b>	
<b>Start Date of Degree Program</b>	
<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	
<b>Graduate Director's Name</b>	
<b>Graduate Director's Email</b>	
<b>Academic Advisor's Name</b>	
<b>Academic Advisor's Email</b>	

**By submitting this application, I confirm that I will be available to participate in-person for 10 seminars from May 14, 2018 to May 25, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and in ten monthly in-person sessions from August 2018 to April 2019 (dates and times TBA).**

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Applicant's Name (Printed)

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

## **FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY:**

*Note: This information will not appear in your application for selection purposes and will be used for statistical purposes only.*

### **What is your sex?**

- Male
- Female
- Self-identify
- Prefer not to respond

### **What is your nationality or of what country(ies) are you a citizen?**

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### **Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable

### **What is your race? Please mark all that apply.**

- Black or African American
- White
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other | Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Not applicable

# APPLICATION MATERIALS

All materials are required to be considered for the program. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Heather Brandt, Associate Dean for Professional Development in the Graduate School, at (803) 777-4243 or [GRADprofdev@sc.edu](mailto:GRADprofdev@sc.edu). Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend (or view recorded) informational webinar on January 19 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and/or attend the in-person information session on January 25 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Byrnes 311. (Refer to timeline on page 5 for additional information.)

## I. Items to be sent directly by your recommenders

Recommenders send all materials via email to [GRADprofdev@sc.edu](mailto:GRADprofdev@sc.edu) with “GCSP: Name of Applicant” (insert name of applicant) as the subject by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018.

### A. A confidential letter of support from your advisor or a faculty mentor with whom you have worked closely:

This letter of support should address the following: 1) the value of the GCSP to your present and future teaching and scholarship; and 2) your potential for collaborative, publicly engaged teaching and/or scholarship. (For a definition of public scholarship, see below.) As noted, this letter should be sent via email to [GRADprofdev@sc.edu](mailto:GRADprofdev@sc.edu) with “GCSP: Name of Applicant” (insert name of applicant) as the subject by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018.

### B. A confidential letter of support that addresses your abilities (or potential) to work as a partner with a community organization or previous work experience with public engagement:

This letter might come from a second faculty member, a community mentor, or a supervisor in a volunteer position. This letter should address any or all of the following: 1) your potential to bring a project to fruition; 2) your ability to work with a community partner; and/or 3) the viability of the proposed project (if appropriate). As noted, this letter should be sent via email to [GRADprofdev@sc.edu](mailto:GRADprofdev@sc.edu) with “GCSP: Name of Applicant” (insert name of applicant) as the subject by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018.

### C. An email from your Director of Graduate Studies:

To ensure your department is aware of your participation, we require an email from the Director of Graduate Studies from your school/college stating: “NAME OF APPLICANT is in good standing in our department. If he/she is accepted, I support his/her participation in the Graduate Civic Scholars Program in 2018-19.” This statement – **no more and no less** – should be emailed by your Director of Graduate Studies. As noted, this email should be sent via email to [GRADprofdev@sc.edu](mailto:GRADprofdev@sc.edu) with “GCSP: Name of Applicant” (insert name of applicant) as the subject by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018.

## II. Items to be sent by the applicant

Please send all of the following materials with “GCSP: Name of Applicant” as **one (1) PDF** with your name appearing at the top of each page to [GRADprofdev@sc.edu](mailto:GRADprofdev@sc.edu) by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018.

### A. Completed application form

Pages 1-2 of this document constitute the application form, which are provided in Word format in a separate document.

### B. Academic CV

This should be no longer than five pages and should include the following: 1) your projected date of graduation and your final degree; and 2) a list of academic accomplishments, including presentations, publications, exhibits, and teaching assignments.

### C. Responses to the three questions below

The length of each response is indicated below.

#### 1) EXPERIENCE:

What is your past involvement as a student, teacher, and/or scholar with publicly engaged scholarship, volunteerism, service learning, or community activism (see definition below)? What skills have you built in these areas? (**max. 500 words**)

#### 2) CURRENT VISION AND SUSTAINABILITY:

Describe a project that you would like to develop further that involves public scholarship or community engagement. This project can be in any stage – from the spark of an idea to a program that is already in place and on which you would like to build. How can participation in this program help you move the project further? How can this project forge interdisciplinary scholarship and cooperation? We would like to hear what excites you and where you can imagine applying the methodologies of this program. (**max. 750 words**)

#### 3) PERSPECTIVE:

How does your background, scholarly training, and life experiences relate to your interests in publicly engaged scholarship? How would your participation in this program advance your own scholarly development? We are particularly interested in the unique and diverse perspective you would bring to the program. (**max. 500 words**)

### Definition of Public Scholarship

It may prove useful to you and those writing letters on your behalf to consider this three-part definition of public scholarship from Imagining America (<http://imaginingamerica.org/>):

- *Public scholarship is scholarly or creative work integral to a faculty member’s academic area. It is jointly planned, carried out, and reflected on by co-equal university and community partners. And it yields one or more public good products.*

- *Subject to these three conditions, public scholarship may encompass artistic, design, historical, and critical work that contributes to public discourse and the formation of robust rubrics. It may also include disciplinary or interdisciplinary efforts to advance public engagement in higher education itself and reflection and research on the import of such efforts.*
- *Public good products may take diverse and plural forms, including but not limited to the following: peer reviewed individual or co-authored publications; presentations at academic and non-academic conferences and meetings; oral histories or ethnographies; interviews with or reflections by participants; program development; performances, exhibitions, installations, murals, or festivals; new K-16 curriculum, site designs or plans for “cultural corridors,” and other place-making work; and policy recommendations.*

## **TIMELINE**

<b>Friday, January 19, 2018</b>	<b>Webinar, 2-3 p.m.</b> Register at <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4493797869136761601">https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4493797869136761601</a> Note: All webinars are recorded for later viewing. Register for the webinar to receive a link to view the recording.
<b>Thursday, January 25, 2018</b>	<b>Information Session, 4 - 5 p.m.</b> Byrnes Building, Room 311
<b>Friday, February 9, 2018</b>	<b>Application deadline</b> Email completed application in a single PDF by 5 p.m. to <a href="mailto:GRADprofdev@sc.edu">GRADprofdev@sc.edu</a> and all items from recommenders must be submitted by 5 p.m. on February 9
<b>Thursday, March 1, 2018</b>	<b>2018-2019 Graduate Civic Scholars announced</b>
<b>May 14-25</b>	<b>GCSP will meet Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon</b> Byrnes Building, room 311
<b>August 2018 – April 2019</b>	<b>Monthly 2-hour seminars</b> Dates and times TBA

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Selection Committee desires a broad campus representation. If there are multiple applicants from an academic program, the Graduate Director will be asked to rank applicants.

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