2019 SCHOLAR INFORMATION GUIDE

CAROLINA MASTER SCHOLARS ADVENTURES SERIES

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CONFERENCES

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An Adventure Series Scholar

Academic Excellence
You’ve already proven that you are the best of the best. Now come together with scholars from all over the world to live and learn with others like you with a thirst for knowledge.

Healthy Lifestyle
Healthy Carolina is a program that touches all aspects of the University of South Carolina. You’ll be given healthy eating options as well as plenty of recreational opportunities throughout the week.

Social Interaction
Live, work, and play with scholars like you from all over the world. After a day filled with amazing learning experiences, spend the week getting to know your peers through recreational activities designed for scholars just like you.

Community Engagement
You are a part of the generation of givers through Carolina Gives Back. During your adventure, we encourage you to support local charities and organizations.
Dear Adventures Series Scholar and Family,

Welcome to the Carolina Master Scholars (CMS) Adventure Series! Congratulations on your success thus far as an academically talented scholar. You’ve achieved admission to the CMS Adventures Series, and we look forward to your participation and meeting you soon!

During your adventure, you will engage in hands-on learning, interactive social activities, and much more while you experience the University of South Carolina Columbia campus. We have a lot of fun and educational activities planned for you – including attending a Columbia Fireflies Minor League Baseball game with our residential and commuter plus scholars. We hope your adventure will be an experience that you will remember for a lifetime!

Please take time to read this scholar guide for information you will need to know to make check-in, check-out and the week of camp go as smoothly as possible. Make sure to read everything very carefully, as it will benefit you.

Just a reminder that all scholars - even commuters and returning scholars - are required to register for the program on Sunday between 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM as well as attend an orientation with your parents/guardians at 4:30 PM. Please note that registration will take place in Preston Residential College - located near Russell House, where residential scholars will stay.

Parents and families should make plans to join us on Friday at 1:00 PM for our CMS Adventure Series final presentations, where you’ll meet instructors and see first-hand what your scholars have learned throughout the week. We will provide the location and directions to the Friday presentation during registration.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Jade Harris
Coordinator of Pre-University Programs
Your Adventure awaits! Listed within this guide is just about everything you will need to know to prepare for this exciting summer experience. Whatever adventure you are preparing for, you will surely discover that the University of South Carolina . . . is where learning and fun meet!

Getting Here & Checking In

CHECK-IN INFORMATION/ORIENTATION

All scholars (Commuter, Commuter Plus and Residential scholars) and parent/guardians should take part in Registration and Orientation on Sunday. This is a requirement of the program.

Registration is on Sunday from 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM at the Preston Residential College on the first floor. Preston Residential College is located at 1323 Greene Street. Please see enclosed map.

During registration, you will receive a copy of your scholar’s class schedule and a newsletter with all contact and emergency contact telephone numbers. You will have an opportunity to meet the counselors, Residential Program Director, and other program staff.

Orientation is held Sunday from 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM. The exact location will be provided during registration. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend. The Orientation will explain policies and program rules. This is also a time for parents and guardians to ask any remaining questions. If there are any circumstances in which you are not able to attend orientation, please contact the Continuing Education office by email, PUPS@mailbox.sc.edu, or by phone (803) 777-9444.

Commuter Scholars: Daily check-in will take place at a location to be announced at Sunday Orientation between 8:00 AM and 8:25 AM and afternoon pick up will take place between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM. If you need to pick up your scholar before this time, please let our staff know that morning. There are afternoon activities scheduled that typically last until 4:30 PM, and to provide the optimal camp experience, we do expect that all scholars attend our planned activities. Any person authorized to pick up a scholar must have an official photo ID (driver’s license preferred), and his/her name must appear on the Consent and Waiver form as an approved pick-up person – this includes moms and dads!

We invite all commuter scholars to join us on Wednesday evening - a taco and ice-cream party – as well as the evening activity, at no additional charge. Parents may pick up scholars between 8:00 PM and 8:45 PM on Wednesday evening.

Scholar Drivers: Important! If your scholar is planning to drive to and from the program, the counselors will collect their vehicle keys at check-in each morning. The operation of a personal vehicle is prohibited during program hours. Keys will be kept by the counselor and returned at check-out only for departing the program/travel purposes. At the time of departure, the counselor will ask the scholar to call a guardian to notify them that they are
leaving campus. The scholar is expected to travel only to the destination the guardian provides over the phone to the counselor. The scholar will need to call the counselor when they arrive to their destination, and the counselor may ask to speak to the guardian to verify their arrival. If the counselor has not heard from the scholar within 30 minutes from time of departure, the counselor will call the scholar/guardian.

Parking is very limited on campus. There are parking meters located around campus. Commuter scholars may purchase a parking permit for $30.00 which is only valid for the week of their camp. The parking permit will allow scholars to park in a specified parking area. If you have not registered for a parking permit and would like to register for your scholar, please send in a check for $30.00 payable to “USC” for a decal at least 2 (two) weeks prior to your program start date. Scholars will receive the parking permit during registration. Scholars must display the parking pass in the upper left corner of the rear window. The parking decal must be displayed at all times to avoid being ticketed. USC is not responsible for parking tickets.

Commuter PLUS: Daily check-in procedures are the same as Commuter scholars. Once the evening activities have concluded and/or the group has returned to campus, scholars will be asked to call a pre-approved individual to pick them up within 15-30 minutes. The estimated time is between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM each evening depending on the activity. If you need to check out your scholar before this time, please notify our staff when you drop off your scholar that morning.

Parents “Getting Ready for College” Program

There will be an information session for parents and family members interested in finding out how to prepare for college. We will discuss what college admissions staff look for when reviewing applications, what courses scholars should be taking in middle and high school, taking entrance exams such as SAT and ACT, and the value of extracurricular activities. This optional session will be held at Noon on Friday and will end in time for families to join their scholars at the closing presentations. A location will be provided during registration.

Checking Out & Going Home

CHECK-OUT INFORMATION/CLOSING CEREMONY

Parents and family members are strongly encouraged to join us for the closing presentations at 1:00 PM on Friday. Please keep in mind that parking may be challenging. All residential scholars are to be picked-up Friday between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM, at the Preston Residential College regardless of parent/guardian attendance at the closing presentation. Commuter scholars will be permitted to check out at the classroom or at Preston Residential College. Residential scholars will pack Friday morning before class to be ready for departure. If you are going to be late picking up your child, please contact the Continuing Education and Conferences office at 803-777-9444 prior to 1:00 PM.

Scholars traveling from a distance, by air or other means, which require special arrangements (i.e. travel to/from Columbia Metropolitan Airport) must make a request to our office at least three weeks prior to the start of the course. Please contact the Continuing Education and Conferences office at 803-777-9444.
Preston Residential College Map

THE HUB OF THE ADVENTURE SERIES

Preston Residential College – 1323 Greene Street
Located on Greene Street
(Across from the Russell House Student Union)
Columbia, South Carolina 29208
Getting To USC

TRANSPORTATION

TO THE PRESTON RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: 1323 Greene Street

Scholars and their families are responsible for making transportation arrangements and covering associated costs. For scholars who may be flying into Columbia, our staff may be able to work with you to arrange pick-up and drop-off at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE), based on availability of staff resources. Kindly contact our office at least three weeks prior to the start date of your course to make these arrangements.

Parking: Parking near Preston Residential College is limited, and all families are asked to be courteous toward other arriving scholars by moving their cars shortly after check-in is complete. Residential scholars are afforded a little extra time to move their belongings into the hall. Staff will be on-hand during Sunday check-in to assist with directing where to park. There is a parking lot adjacent to the building. On Sundays, parking is available for free on Sumter Street at parking meters as well as the surrounding streets and in the Pendleton Street Garage, located on the corner of Pendleton and Pickens Streets. Keep in mind that you will need to pay for parking meters and parking garages during the week, Monday through Friday.

By Car: Any interstate or other highway which will lead you to I-26, I-77 or I-20 toward Columbia will lead you to us.

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- **I-20 West from Florence**
  - Turn off at SC 277 (Exit 73) toward Columbia. This freeway becomes Bull Street
  - Follow Bull Street until it intersects with Pendleton Street. Turn right onto Pendleton.
  - Turn Left onto Sumter Street.
  - Turn Left onto Greene Street.
  - Turn Left into driveway and stay to the right. Preston will be on your right.

- **I-20 East from Augusta**
  - Turn off at Exit 58 (US 1 toward West Columbia); stay on this highway which becomes Meeting Street and then becomes Gervais Street
  - Turn right on Sumter Street.
  - Turn Left onto Greene Street.
  - Turn Left into driveway and stay to the right. Preston will be on your right.

- **I-26 East from Spartanburg**
  - Follow US I-126 toward downtown Columbia and exit at Elmwood Ave.
  - Follow Elmwood Ave until it intersects Sumter Street.
  - Turn right on Sumter Street.
  - Turn Left onto Greene Street.
  - Turn Left into driveway and stay to the right. Preston will be on your right.

- **I-26 West from Charleston**
  - Take Exit 111-B (US 1) at the USC sign. This highway becomes Meeting Street and then becomes Gervais Street
  - Turn right on Sumter Street.
  - Turn Left onto Greene Street.
  - Turn Left into driveway and stay to the right. Preston will be on your right.
**US 76/378 from Sumter**
- The street name will change from Sumter Hwy to Garners Ferry Road. At fork in road stay left to Devine Street.
- When Devine Street intersects with Harden Street, turn right on Harden.
- Follow Harden until it intersects Gervais.
- Turn Left onto Sumter Street.
- Turn Left onto Greene Street.
- Turn Left into driveway and stay to the right. Preston will be on your right.

**I-77 from Charlotte**
- Exit on SC 277 toward Columbia which becomes Bull Street
- Follow Bull Street until in intersects with Pendleton Street. Turn right onto Pendleton.
- Turn Left onto Sumter Street.
- Turn Left onto Greene Street.
- Turn Left into driveway and stay to the right. Preston will be on your right

**By Air:** There are several airlines serving the Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE). It is a 20-minute drive from the University campus. Taxis, limousines, and rental cars are available. City bus service from the airport to points near the campus takes a little longer but is less expensive. Please notify us at least three weeks ahead of time of your travel itinerary.

**By Bus:** The Greyhound Bus Line station is located near the intersection of Gervais and Harden streets within 8 blocks of the campus.
GENERAL INFORMATION

♦ **The Adventure Series will be held on the USC-Columbia Campus** (unless otherwise specified).

♦ The residential and day counselors closely monitor all programs. There is a 10:1 ratio for our scholars and counselors.

♦ Scholars are expected to stay with their class/group at all times and to listen to counselor instructions.

♦ Afternoon activities are planned each day after class for all scholars and evening activities are planned after dinner for residential and commuter plus scholars. We expect all scholars to participate in these activities. We ask that commuter and commuter plus scholars are picked up at the designated pick up times and not during or before the scheduled activity.

♦ **Meals:**

  ♦ **Residential Scholars:** please note that all meals from Sunday Dinner - Friday Lunch and daily snacks are included in the registration fee.

  ♦ **Commuter Scholars:** please note that only lunch and daily snacks are included in the registration fee.

  ♦ **Commuter Plus Scholars:** please note that lunch and dinner along with daily snacks are included in the registration fee.

♦ During registration, counselors will review procedures and instructions on who will retain possession of any medications, including over-the-counter medications. Medications will be dispersed in accordance with doctor’s orders.

♦ Once each residential scholar is checked in, parents/guardians will be allowed to assist their scholar in setting up their residence hall room. For security reasons, after your scholar is moved in, parents/guardians are not allowed past the lobby area.

♦ **In case of an emergency or if you need to reach a staff member:**

  ♦ Call the Continuing Education and Conferences office at 803-777-9444 during the business hours of 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (Monday-Friday). You may leave a message on the voicemail after hours and your call will be returned the morning of the next business day.

  ♦ After hours, call the On-Site CMS Counselor on duty or the Program Hall Director. These phone numbers will be provided at registration on Sunday.

  ♦ Call USC Police Department for emergencies at 911 and for non-emergencies at 803-777-4215.

♦ If you would like to send your scholar a package or letter(s) during the week, please use the below address. Mail will be given to the scholars during meal time or after class by our staff. Mail may be sent to:

  [Scholar’s Name]
  Carolina Master Scholars
  c/o USC Continuing Education and Conferences
  1705 College Street, Suite 591
  Columbia, SC  29208
Parents & Guardians

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parents/guardians are expected to be familiar with our policies concerning health and safety, supervision, and rules and consequences. Please assist us in providing a fun and safe environment for your scholar by seeing that they carefully read all of the information provided.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AND HEALTH OR MEDICAL MONITORING DEVICES

There are certain procedures that we have in place if your scholar will need to take any medication during the program. Prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and medical or health monitoring devices for all participants must be documented by our staff during registration.

For prescription medications, you will be required to complete a Consent and Declaration Form for each medication, and it will be kept with our staff.

Specifically excluded from the requirement of being in the possession of our staff are birth control prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, emergency inhalers (such as for asthma), and emergency injectors for anaphylaxis (EpiPen). These items will still need to be documented by our staff and we will require a Consent and Declaration Form.

Any other exceptions shall be only as authorized in writing by the USC Director of Continuing Education and Conferences and the Pre-University Programs Coordinator

- Participants will be solely responsible for self-administering their own prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and medical or health monitoring devices in accordance with the written dosage and instructions provided by the participant’s parent/guardian. For injections, the participant must present a complete and valid prescription to the University Thomson Student Health Center for administration by a licensed health care practitioner.
- Upon check-out, the remaining supply of any participant’s medications, over-the-counter medications, and the health or medical devices will be given to the participant’s parent/legal Guardian or the participant.
- All medication authorized to be accessed by the participant must be maintained in a container appropriately labeled by a licensed pharmacist/pharmacy with the participant’s name, medication, dosage, and directions for use. All over-the-counter medication must be furnished in its original manufacturer’s packaging.
- Any violation of the University’s policies or behavior standards that may, in the sole discretion of the University, result in harm, danger, or unsafe condition to the participant or any other person will subject the participant to summary actions, including but not limited to immediate withdrawal without refund and revocation of other privileges.
- The dosing directions are the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian and no university staff assumes any responsibility for the accuracy or legibility of the information. The parent/guardian accepts full and sole responsibility for the consumption and use of any medications and/or devices by their child/participant. The University shall not be responsible for loss or damage to medications and/or devices, nor shall the University
provide replacement medications or devices in the event of loss or damage. It is the responsibility of the participant to inform a staff member of any difficulty complying with his/her medication or device usage, dosing and/or monitoring schedule, as indicated on the consent forms.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Individuals with disabilities or other special needs who may need reasonable accommodations or who have questions about physical access may contact the Office of Continuing Education and Conferences at 803-777-9444 at least four weeks in advance of your course start date.

FLU

In light of the outbreak of H1N1 flu that took place many years ago and affected the entire country, the University implemented measures to prevent the spread of similar viruses to ensure the health of residents and visitors. We are providing hand sanitizer stations in the lobbies of our buildings and we encourage everyone to use them. Simple measures like using hand sanitizer, washing hands frequently, covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick can prevent the transmission of illness. We recommend that everyone follow these practices. If a program participant tests positive for the flu, parents/guardians will be expected to pick their student up from the program immediately, so as not to endanger the health of other program participants. Students who are not picked up from the program will be transported to a local Emergency Room and any charges will be the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

MOBILE PHONES - Parents Please Read!

We know that parents and scholars value the ability to be able to call each other at a moment’s notice. Although we do not prohibit mobile phones, all phone features, including talk, text messaging, and cameras, are not to be used during any instructional or laboratory time.

Parents are responsible for setting clear guidelines for mobile phone use with their scholar. USC’s Office of Continuing Education and Conferences is not responsible for phone or text content, usage, or phone bills incurred while attending any activity, including loaning phones to friends, losing a phone, or usage after lights out and all night. The inappropriate use of cameras, imaging and digital devices is prohibited including use of such devices in showers, restrooms or other areas where privacy is expected by participants and is grounds for immediate withdrawal of the program without refund.
Campus Life

YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Residential scholars will live in Preston Residential College located near the historic Horseshoe area of the University of South Carolina and the Russell House Student union.

Living in Preston Residential College is a community experience. You will have the opportunity to interact socially and academically with other young summer academic program participants. While you are living in Preston Residential College, you are expected to be a contributing member of the community as well as making responsible decisions on your health and safety, time management, and behavior. All residents of Preston Residential College are held to the tenets of the Carolinian Creed.

Scholars are responsible for securing their rooms throughout their stay and should keep their room key on them at all times. The charge for a lost key is $85.00.

Preston Residential College is a suite-style residence hall. Scholars will be paired with members of the same gender and up to four will share a bathroom. Residential counselors are housed on the same floor in a ratio of 1:10 with one counselor for every ten scholars.

For more detailed information on Preston Residential College, visit this website: http://housing.sc.edu/virtualtour/detail.php?id=2

Preston Residential College – Typical Floor Plan
### CMS Adventure Series Agenda

**TYPICAL SCHEDULE**

*A schedule specific to your course will be distributed at Orientation. The schedule below is a general schedule for how Adventure Series weeks are structured.*

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*This schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice. The evenings we go bowling, to the movies and Fireflies baseball games will change based on the availability of the activities.*
What to Bring
MUST HAVES, COMFORT ITEMS, AND WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

Required Items for Residential scholars:

- Towels and washcloths
- Bed linens: extra long twin set (80” twin size) or two regular flat sheets, pillow and pillow cases, plus light blanket or comforter
- Casual clothes - Columbia is warm (usually 80 - 95 degrees) and can be humid. Some activities will be outside.
- Shorts, t-shirts, jeans, and sweatshirt
- 2 pairs of shoes. One pair must be closed toe shoes for labs, trips or outside activities. Athletic shoes or sneakers are recommended.
- Sweater or jacket (temperatures in the classrooms can be chilly)
- Night clothes and bedroom slippers, robe
- Alarm clock
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)
- Visor/Hat, Sunscreen and bug spray
- Socks for bowling
- Note pad and pen
- Rain coat/umbrella/poncho

Optional Items:

- Carolina Gives Back Donation
- Money for the Russell House Bookstore and for concessions at evening activities including the movies, bowling, and Columbia Fireflies game
- Radio/CD player
- Hair dryer
- Camera, digital storage media
- Drinking cup
- Clothes hamper
- Favorite “something” from home
- Favorite board game for game night
- Stamps and stationery
- Telephone
- Non-perishable food items
- Sleeping bag

Things to leave at home:

- Computers
- Valuables
- Pets (of any kind)

We will provide:

- A folder with paper and pencil
- A program backpack
- A program t-shirt
- A water bottle
- Meals (depending on registration status)
- Snacks daily
- Outdoor and indoor game equipment (frisbees, basketballs, board games, nerf-balls, etc.)
Your CMS Adventure Series Staff

THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST

2018 Summer Staff

Scholar Staff
The Office of Continuing Education and Conferences selects the best and brightest USC scholars to be counselors for the Carolina Master Scholars Adventure Series programs.

Training
Professionals in the fields of risk management and safety at the University of South Carolina train all of our counselors. To further ensure the safety of youth, all counselors working with a youth group undergo an official law enforcement background check. Counselors are on duty 24/7. There is a minimum ratio of one (1) counselor per ten (10) scholars at all times. Residential counselors live on the same hall with your scholar so that they will be there to assist with any situation that may arise or to just be a friendly ear and keep a pulse on the activities on the hall.

Professional Staff
The Office of Continuing Education and Conferences provides staffing for the Carolina Master Scholars Adventure Series.

Kelsey Barnes
Residential Program Director

Jade Harris
Pre-University Programs Manager

Kate Shelton
Director, Continuing Education and Conferences

Faculty
Faculty is selected by each academic department to ensure the best instructor for the subject and age group. Typically, a lead faculty member coordinates other faculty from his/her discipline to allow a full ensemble of expert knowledge on the course topic.

Professionals
Field professionals may be brought in for select Adventure Series courses to benefit the curriculum. This is especially true in the professional programs such as law, medicine, and criminal justice.
Chartered in 1801 as South Carolina College, the University still resides on its original site in Columbia, the state capital. The campus has grown from its origins of one building on the historic Horseshoe to 175 facilities on 330 acres.

USC Columbia offers more than 370 undergraduate and graduate courses of study. Programs range from liberal arts and sciences to business, law, medicine, and other professional studies, many of which have been widely recognized for their academic excellence.

We look forward to your visit and the opportunity for you to experience the University of South Carolina for yourself.

**USC FACTS & FIGURES**

**Administration:** Board of Trustees  
**Location:** Columbia, S.C.  
**Campuses:** 8  
**Enrollment:** 34,795 total (Fall 2018) - 26,733 undergraduate, 6,213 graduate  
**Alumni:** More than 260,000 living alumni (all campuses)  
**Organization:** 15 degree-granting colleges and schools  
**Degree programs:** More than 324  
**S.C. resident undergraduate tuition:** $12,216 (2018-2019 academic year)  
**Nonresident undergraduate tuition:** Approximately $32,898 (2018-2019 academic year)  
**Endowment:** $810 million (2018)  
**Sponsored Research Awards:** $258 million (FY 2018)  
**Athletic Nickname:** Gamecocks  
**Mascot:** Cocky  
**School Colors:** Garnet and black

**The Carolinian Creed**

The community of scholars at the University of South Carolina is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. Choosing to join the community obligates each member to a code of civilized behavior.

As a Carolinian . . .  
I will practice personal and academic integrity;  
✏️

I will respect the dignity of all persons;  
✏️

I will respect the rights and property of others;  
✏️

I will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions;  
✏️

I will demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions which support their work and development.  
✏️

Allegiance to these ideals requires each Carolinian to refrain from and discourage behaviors which threaten the freedom and respect every individual deserves.
Other Programs Offered By
Continuing Education & Conferences

Carolina Classroom
Now there’s opportunities for adventure for the rest of the family! This collection of intellectually stimulating lecture series, workshops and explorations are taught by current and retired university faculty, alumni and experts in the Midland's community. Check out discover.sc.edu for the latest program offerings including Digital Photography, the Rudy Mancke Nature Series and much, much more.

Professional Education and Certificate Programs
The University of South Carolina offers premier continuing education opportunities through our Professional Education Programs. Whether you are looking for a single course to strengthen your professional skills or a certificate program to aid a career change, our programs are exceptional. Come learn from South Carolina's instructors comprised of prominent industry professionals.

University Test Prep
The University of South Carolina understands the vital role that college entrance exams such as the SAT and ACT play in college admissions. Acceptance into a scholar’s school of choice can hinge on his or her performance on these high stakes standardized tests. USC provides test preparation for the SAT and ACT and the GRE, GMAT and LSAT graduate exams on-campus and on-line.

2019 SAT Summer Institutes
- USC Columbia –July 22-25; July 29- August 1; August 5-8

2018 ACT Summer Institute
- USC Columbia - July 9-12

Visit www.discover.sc.edu/testprep for learn more.

Conferences and Events
Does your company have a meeting, symposium, and conference coming up? Want to put your best foot forward but your staff is stretched thin? Let USC’s Conferences and Event Services be your extra pair of hands. From international gatherings of 1,000+ to business meetings of ten, the University Conferences and Events staff can manage the details at an affordable price so that you have the time to commit to event content.
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