



M.A. in Global Communication and MSc in Global Media and Communications Dual Degree Admission Application Guidelines and Instructions for Fall 2012

Program Description

Admission to this two year dual degree program is limited to the fall term. The first year is completed at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and the second year is completed at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School. Faculty members from both schools review applications for admission and decision notifications comes from the LSE. The first term starts in October 2012 and the second year begins in August 2013.

Application Process and Filing Guidelines

Applicants must submit admission application materials to both the LSE and to USC Annenberg. Applications open early in October. Please apply early as admission to this program is highly competitive. Be sure that the program is still accepting applications if you choose to apply after March; check the LSE Web site at www.lse.ac.uk/collections/graduateAdmissions/. Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis until the program is full.

- 1) Complete the online LSE application at www.lse.ac.uk/collections/graduateAdmissions/. *Note: Plan to include the LSE application fee. (Refer to the LSE Web site for fee details.)*
- 2) Complete the online USC Graduate Admission Application at www.usc.edu/admissions/graduate/applyonline. *Note: the USC application fee is waived. However, you must select the waiver option when prompted to pay the fee.*
- 3) Submit admission application materials to both the LSE and the USC Annenberg School.
 - Personal statement
 - Two academic letters of reference
 - Transcripts from colleges/universities attended
 - TOEFL or IELTS scores (if required)

GPA Requirement

Although no GPA guarantees admission, a minimum 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative GPA (or international equivalent) from your undergraduate institution is required for this degree program.

English Proficiency

Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in English. International students who did not earn bachelor degrees from an institution in the U.S., UK, Canada (except Quebec), Australia, New Zealand and Ireland must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores as part of the admission application process. The Annenberg minimum recommended TOEFL score is 114-115 (Internet-based) and scores are valid for two years.

Personal Statement

Please upload a personal statement that describes your academic interests and your reasons for selecting this program of graduate study. This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the faculty selection committee. As the LSE and USC do not offer interviews, please use this essay to indicate your academic strengths and interests,

your motivation for applying to the course and future plans and aspirations (academic or professional). You may also use this section to describe any relevant internships and vocation/employment which have bearing on your application. Most statements are approximately two to three pages long (there is no fixed word limit).

Financial Support

Refer to the LSE web site (<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/tableOfFees/home.aspx>) for the first year fees. The estimated cost of attendance for the second year at USC for 2011-2012 was \$54,106, including tuition & fees and living expenses.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents may apply for U.S. Federal financial aid since you will be enrolled at USC for both years. For more information, visit USC's Financial Aid web site at www.usc.edu/admission/fa/. Second year degree candidates are eligible to apply for USC Annenberg departmental merit scholarships and research associate positions. Students will receive application forms and instructions during the Lent term of their first year at the LSE.

Also, the LSE Financial Support Office administers a variety of scholarships and awards for incoming students. The terms, conditions, eligibility requirements and value of each individual scholarship or award differ. For details about scholarships and awards and for more information about the application process, visit www.lse.ac.uk/financialSupportOffice. Note: Please apply for scholarships and fellowships when you apply for admission or soon thereafter; you do not have to wait for an offer of admission to apply.

Prospective Graduate Student Information Opportunities

The LSE holds an Open Evening for prospective students in November. The evening is your opportunity to learn more about the LSE, attend specific subject talks, meet LSE academics and discover the range of degrees available. In addition, members of the LSE staff attend Education Fairs and organize trips throughout the world. For further information, please visit the LSE Graduate Admission Web site.

At USC Annenberg, the Annual Prospective Graduate Student Visit Day program will be held on November 11, 2011. In addition, faculty and admission staff members attend graduate fairs and organize trips in the U.S. and Asia. After August 1, visit www.annenberg.usc.edu/Prospective/VisitandSched.aspx for detailed information about opportunities for on-campus visits and to view our travel schedule.

Contacts

LSE Student Recruitment Office: stu.rec@lse.ac.uk or telephone 020 7955 6613

LSE Departmental Website: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/media@lse

LSE Programme Website: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/globalMedia

USC Annenberg Admissions Office: ascadm@usc.edu or telephone 213.821.0770

USC Annenberg Web site for academic and admissions information: www.annenberg.usc.edu