



**USC** Leonard Davis

School of Gerontology

**PROVIDER MEMBERS ONLY**

# Graduate Degree Scholarship

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Award Announcement and Application

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California Assisted Living

**CALA**

Association

2023 FALL SEMESTER

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 14, 2023\*

To support CALA members in their ongoing pursuit of providing excellent care and service to residents, while employing sound business practices, the University of Southern California, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology is pleased to announce the opportunity for a qualified CALA member to receive a full scholarship\* to complete the graduate level degree of his/her choice below:

- ▶ Master of Arts in Gerontology
- ▶ Master of Science in Gerontology
- ▶ Master of Arts in Long Term Care Administration
- ▶ Master of Arts in Senior Living Hospitality
- ▶ Master of Arts in Aging Services Management
- ▶ Master of Arts in Medical Gerontology (healthcare professionals and others interested in the health needs of older people)
- ▶ Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

Program values range from \$30,000 to \$83,000-plus.

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the USC Davis School of Gerontology Scholarship Award, applicants are required to apply for graduate school, then apply for the scholarship, and must meet the following criteria:

- Be employed by a CALA member Assisted Living company and reside in California
- Be accepted into graduate school - <http://gero.usc.edu/students/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>, see Master's section
- Demonstrate successful completion of an undergraduate degree with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or a minimum Verbal Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores of 153 and a minimum Quantitative GRE score of 144
- Provide official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate learning institutions as part of the graduate school application

**\*Application Deadline Extended: June 14, 2023 (All required documents, including transcripts, must be received by USC & CALA by this date.)**

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

(to be sent to CALA, copies permissible, no password protected documents, please)

- Scholarship application coversheet (see page 4)
- A copy of your USC Graduate school application
- An unofficial copy of transcripts included in graduate school application
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores and documentation, if applicable
- Two letters of recommendation
- A letter of support from your employer
- Your resume
- A personal Statement of Interest (3 pages or less; see details below)

**Statement of Interest:** Your statement of interest plays an important role in helping USC faculty consider your application for graduate study.

- Tell us why you chose to apply to the USC Davis School of Gerontology
- Tell us about your experiences in gerontology
- Describe your educational and career goals
- Describe your strengths and weaknesses

*\* Full scholarship includes tuition. Student is responsible for books and other materials. Award contingent upon acceptance into graduate school.*



## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GERONTOLOGY (MSG)

USC's flagship and most popular graduate program, this 44-unit program positions graduates to pursue their passion for policy and research while studying the mechanics and mysteries of longevity, aging and population health. By sharpening critical analytical skills and an in-depth knowledge of aging, this program prepares graduates to become leaders who effect policy changes on the local and national levels alike. This program also offers an internship, research methods and grant writing in its capstone course.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN GERONTOLOGY (MAG)

Geared toward busy professionals who already have experience in the field, this 28-unit program is rooted in the same rigorous intellectual base as the MSG degree. Unlike the MSG program, it does not require an internship, research methods or grant writing. Typically, students pursuing this degree have at least five years of experience in their field, which can span the gamut from health care to office work to law and beyond.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN AGING SERVICES MANAGEMENT (MASM)

This 32-unit program sets graduates apart by giving them the tools and training crucial to become the world-changing leaders of aging services businesses and initiatives. With an in-depth knowledge of healthcare options, government regulations and cutting-edge trends, MASM graduates are uniquely positioned to help any entity, from corporations to care facilities to communities, reach the next professional level.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN SENIOR LIVING HOSPITALITY (MASLH)

This 43-unit program is designed to train current and future senior living executives in managerial functions, nutrition, health, and social engagement within a gerontological framework. This customer-centered approach in this industry is essential to improving the lives of older people. Students will focus on the physical, emotional, and social needs of customers 55 years and older. Students who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in Business Administration from an accredited college or university may be eligible for an advanced standing option.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION (MLTCA)

An online-only curriculum that blends an exploration of the social, psychological and biological aspects of aging with training in the administration and management of long term care organizations, this 28-unit master's program is perfect for individuals who have specific goals in the field and who desire an executive polish. It offers courses in conjunction with the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, the USC Leventhal School of Accounting and the USC Marshall School of Business.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDICAL GERONTOLOGY (MAMG)

This 33-unit program is designed for healthcare professionals and others interested in the health needs of older people. It may be an ideal fit for those who want to supplement their professional healthcare experience with specialized training. Topics include: signs of normal aging and diseases of aging, complexities related to multiple chronic diseases, risks of polypharmacy (use of multiple medications), technology's role in the delivery of healthcare, and the principles of safety, comfort and convenience within built environments.

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGY

This 16-unit program allows students who already have a bachelor's degree in a different discipline or experience in another profession to obtain a greater understanding of gerontology theory and research. Focusing on the science, policy and core educational areas our master's degrees cover, the graduate certificate does not require a field practicum and serves to add an executive polish to a student's existing educational and professional background. This certificate can perfectly supplement the existing education or experience of professionals in the field as well as expanding their career opportunities.

**All master's and certificate programs are available to students online or onsite, unless otherwise specified. Program values range from \$32,000 to \$86,000-plus.**

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## Application Cover

2023 FALL SEMESTER  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 14, 2023\*

### PROVIDER MEMBERS ONLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program of Interest (see list on page 3): \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this coversheet, along with all required documentation and send to:

CALA • 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 222 • Sacramento, CA 95814 • Attn: Jan Trifiro  
or scan and email your application packet to [jan@CAassistedliving.org](mailto:jan@CAassistedliving.org)

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### SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

By my signature below:

- I attest that all documentation is authentic and has not been altered in any way.
- I attest that my employer is aware of and in support of my pursuit of a graduate degree.
- I agree to the possibility of being interviewed via phone by the selection committee.
- I understand that, if selected, I will be enrolled in the 2023 Fall Semester courses and expected to begin coursework accordingly.
- I agree to comply with all graduate course requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_