

University of South Carolina AT Fellowship Information
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Approved by USC AT Program Faculty

Purpose: An AT Fellowship is a one-year award for incoming admitted professional athletic training students that are non-South Carolina residents. The award is \$750 (\$250/semester) and will provide in-state tuition for the program's Summer, Fall, and Spring terms of Year 1. Admission into the program does not guarantee in-state tuition. Applications submitted after November 15 have a decreased likelihood of consideration. We recommend all non-residents apply by the November 15 priority deadline for Fellowship consideration.

The award is not renewable; however, international students are eligible to be considered for an AT Fellowship for Year 2 of the program as they cannot obtain South Carolina Residency. All other students must review the South Carolina residency policy with the University Registrar. The program does not guarantee in-state tuition for Year 2, and individuals who do not qualify for in-state tuition but are US residents are not eligible for the AT Fellowship in Year 2. If you are unsure about your current SC residency status, please see the link for more information.

https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/residency_and_citizenship/residency/residency_requirements/index.php

Eligibility: All applicants must have an application verified through ATCAS, complete an interview with the USC AT Admissions Committee (comprised of faculty, staff, and Ph.D. students), and be offered unconditional admittance into the AT program. The AT Program has limited AT fellowships, and the number of awards given may vary yearly based on budget considerations.

Process: After an applicant has received an offer to join the professional AT program from the Program Director, the Admissions Committee will calculate a score using objective data and criteria from the ATCAS application. The applicant will not need to submit any additional materials for consideration of the award. All non-resident admitted students will automatically have a Fellowship score (rubric below) calculated to determine eligibility.

Criteria for Consideration: The Fellowship score will be calculated using the objective data below:

- Overall GPA (provided on ATCAS application*)
- Science GPA (provided on ATCAS application*)
- Average Reference Rating Score (provided on ATCAS application)
- Average Admissions Committee Interview Score

**Applicants who have an updated GPA following their ATCAS application submission can submit their updated verified GPA to Dr. Mensch for Fellowship consideration.*

Decisions: After completing the rubric, admitted students who score 21-25 will automatically be offered an AT Fellowship on a rolling basis up to the maximum number of available fellowships following the early decision deadline (November 15). If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available fellowships, a ranking order will be used based on the interview round and rubric score. Individuals offered a Fellowship will have three weeks to accept their offer to join the program and accept their fellowship. If the deadline passes, the offer of a Fellowship will be removed, but an offer to join the program will still be supported. We will continue to offer Fellowships throughout this process to qualified applicants as available.

If fellowships still remain following the February 15th application deadline, all remaining fellowships will be offered to non-residents who scored a 20 or below using a ranked order OR individuals who were unable to accept the initial fellowship offer during the early admittance period. These offers will be good for two weeks with the same process of the Fellowship expiring, but the offer to join the program is still supported.

Questions: All questions about AT Fellowships should be directed to Dr. Mensch at (803) 777-3846 or the email above. Please visit the **graduate school** website for information on fellowships, awards, grants, and other funding opportunities.