



Congratulations on your decision to attend the

USC Viterbi School of Engineering!



To ensure a successful transition to USC Viterbi, we have highlighted these important resources and activities.

More details for each item will be emailed to your USC email. Stay tuned!

ASAP

USC EMAIL

- Make sure to activate your USC email and NetID.
- The Viterbi School and academic department will communicate important information with you via your USC e-mail only.

**May-July
2025**

NEW STUDENT HOT TOPIC VIDEOS

- Here is a series of videos focusing on various transition topics for incoming students. Topics include: *Academic Advisement, Course Registration, English Proficiency, Student Health Insurance, Financial Services, Career Connections, and Student Engagement.*

**July
2025**

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- The Viterbi Graduate Mentorship Program pairs up new students with a continuing student mentor in the same academic department to help with a smooth transition to USC. Invitation coming soon via your USC email.

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ORIENTATION

- An experience to get familiar with campus resources and engage with Viterbi faculty, advisors and students.
- Opportunities for you to start building your network at Viterbi.

**August
2025**

PH.D. WELCOME EVENTS

- Information sessions about funding and USC resources
- Welcome events for new Ph.D. students to engage with Viterbi faculty, advisors, and students.

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NEW STUDENT TRANSITION



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Next Steps for International Students

Review the checklist below. Each item may have its own deadline.

Pre-arrival:

- ☐ **Activate your USC email and NetID.** [Link](#)
- ☐ **Access MyUSC and OASIS.** [Link](#)
- ☐ **Review immunizations and screenings requirements.** [Link](#)
- ☐ **Check your English proficiency** (This is noted on the admission letter and I-20).
Please review International Student Exam (ISE) or Teaching Assistant Exam (ITA) policies. If preferred, you may also take the TOEFL (iBT) or IELTS again. [Link](#)
- ☐ **Register for the Viterbi PhD Orientations/New Student Welcome (Coming Soon).**
- ☐ **Research housing options with both USC Housing and non-USC Housing.** [Link](#)
- ☐ **Bring all original diploma and transcripts to prepare for the degree verification.** [Link](#)

Post-arrival:

- ☐ **Complete Immigration Status Verification (ISV) and get your USC ID card.** [Link](#) [USCard](#)
- ☐ **Review the schedule of classes and process to register.** [Schedules](#) [Registration](#)
- ☐ **Take ISE or ITA exam (if applicable).**
- ☐ **Attend PhD Orientation** **RSVP Coming Soon**
- ☐ **You may waive USC insurance or add dental coverage (optional).** [Link](#)
- ☐ **Settle your tuition through USCe.pay** [Link](#)
- ☐ **Complete prior degree verification (if applicable).** [Link](#)
- ☐ **Complete Mandatory Training for Graduate Students.** [Link](#)

Get Involved!

- ☐ **Viterbi School:**   
- ☐ **Viterbi Career Connections**
- ☐ **Viterbi Graduate Student Association (VGSA)**
- ☐ **Viterbi Student Organizations**
- ☐ **USC Student Organizations**

WHAT COMES NEXT