

Scholarship Awards Committee

Policy and Procedures

General Policy and Strategies

University of Southern California, Department of Regulatory & Quality Sciences (DRQS) in the Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences offers institutional and endowment scholarships each academic year. Scholarship amounts may vary due to funding availability and are subject to change.

Scholarships at USC Mann are awarded in a manner consistent with the University's Notice of Non-Discrimination. Recipients are chosen without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or any other prohibited characteristic.

Scholarship Awards Committee

The DRQS Scholarship Committee is comprised of faculty and staff. All members are familiar with the DRQS curriculum and policy.

General Award Process and Timeline

The scholarship application opens prior to the fall term of each academic year. Candidates are required to submit one essay application per scholarship demonstrating how they meet that specific criterion. Students may apply for more than one scholarship, using separate and distinct application essays. Scholarship awards can be up to \$5,000 and must be disbursed in total; awards cannot be split for disbursement over multiple terms.

Mid-June – Incoming and current students are notified that scholarships are open for the following academic year's Fall disbursement. Applications are accepted for approximately 2-3 weeks.

July – The Scholarship Awards Committee reviews each application individually. Academic standing, progress in the program, and financial need are taken into consideration along with the application essay itself. Candidates suspected of plagiarism or submitting the same application essay to multiple scholarships are disqualified.

July-August – Awardees are notified and given 5 business days to accept the disbursement for the Fall term. Any funds not awarded are held for Spring disbursement for a Spring scholarship cycle from October-November.

Awardees are featured in an announcement via Constant Contact. Awardees of Industry-Sponsored scholarships should send thank-you notes to the appropriate company representative.

Eligibility and Application Criteria

Students applying for scholarships awarded by DRQS must be enrolled and in good academic standing or have certified their enrollment in a DRQS program (Doctorate in Regulatory Science, Master of Science, or graduate certificate) for the term in which the scholarship funds will be disbursed.

- Candidates must submit **one (1) essay application per scholarship** demonstrating how they meet that specific criterion. Candidates that use the same essay for multiple scholarships will be disqualified.
- Scholarship Application Materials:
 - An up-to-date Resume/CV must be provided in addition to the essay.
 - Essay must include the candidate's program/major and why the program is relevant to the chosen scholarship.
 - Essay must be no more than one (1) page in length.
 - Essay must follow the formatting guidelines typical to Regulatory Science (i.e.: 12pt font in Times New Roman or Arial, 1.5 spacings, 1-inch margins).
 - Candidates who do not comply with the above criteria will be disqualified.

Named Scholarship

Aiko Maruya Award

This award is named in honor of our late student, Aiko Maruya. She showed exemplary prowess and potential in Regulatory Science, though passed away before she could receive her doctoral degree. The Aiko Maruya Award is thus given to students pursuing their doctorate education who exemplify Aiko's passion and drive for the field. Only students pursuing a Doctorate in Regulatory Science may apply, part-time enrollment is accepted.

Industry-Sponsored Scholarships

Industry-sponsored scholarships are funded by previous TRAQS projects and vary each academic year. Criteria differ depending on the company featured. Details for industry-sponsored scholarships will be released at least two weeks prior to the scholarship application cycle. Industry-sponsored scholarships are open to all current DRQS and certified admitted

students, full-time and part-time; preference will be given to those who worked on the associated TRAQS project.

Department-Funded Scholarships

Dean's Matriculating Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship

The department awards the Dean's Matriculating Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship to incoming full-time students (or current Progressive Degree students still completing their undergraduate coursework) with a minimum 3.3 GPA and two (2) or more years of leadership experience. Consideration is based on GPA, leadership skills/experience, and the overall quality of the admissions application.

Dean's Professional Leadership Scholarship

The department awards the Dean's Professional Leadership Scholarship to students with demonstrated leadership capacity and experience in a professional setting. Candidates must have a minimum 3.3 GPA, with two (2) or more years of professional leadership experience in a field related to their degree program. Consideration is based on GPA and leadership skills/experience detailed in the application essay and resume. Part-time enrollment is accepted.

Scholarships by Degree Program

The department awards one scholarship per each masters degree (MS in Regulatory Science; Medical Product Quality, Management of Drug Development, Clinical Trial Management, and Regulatory Management) to students who demonstrate special aptitude in their field. Candidates must have a minimum 3.3 GPA and be enrolled in or certified for the degree program of the scholarship to which they apply. Consideration is based on GPA and related interests/activities detailed in the application essay and resume. Part-time enrollment is accepted.