

Discovery Scholars Program Criteria
USC Program in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies

Discovery Scholar candidates must demonstrate exceptional original research and scholarship within the field in at least one of the following ways:

- Completion of at least four units of HP 490: Directed Research, earning a grade of A- or better and resulting in a paper that documents the original research performed.
- Publication of research in a scholarly journal as either author or co-author. If the publication is co-authored, a faculty memorandum is required to document the extent of the candidate's contribution.
- Presentation of a research project or paper at a refereed session of a national or regional professional conference.
- Submission of a substantial original research project. Participation in team research courses and internships that lead to a research product will be considered.
- Selection as a first- or second-prize winner at the University's annual Symposium for Scholarly and Creative Work and submission of a paper that documents the research performed.

Submissions must include a letter of recommendation from a USC faculty member.

For more information regarding the Discovery Scholars Criteria for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention students, please contact Associate Professor Ellie Nezami at nezami@usc.edu.