



School of Music

Graduate Assistantships in Strings

The University of South Carolina School of Music has an enrollment of 500 music majors, with instruction offered by more than 50 faculty. More than 100 full and part time graduate assistants serve in a number of capacities school wide. The School is housed in a state-of-the-art music facility adjoining the Koger Center for the Arts. The University is located in the capital city of Columbia, a culturally vibrant metropolis that boasts a professional orchestra, ballet companies, theater companies and museums.

Graduate String Quartets

The two Graduate String Quartets are distinguished by their repertoire. One of the quartets focuses on the standard string quartet literature and the other mostly explores string quartets from the 20th and 21st century with a special emphasis on recent work. Both present performances on campus and in selected regional venues. Members participate in the University Symphony Orchestra and receive stipends of up to \$6,000 during the nine-month academic year (tuition supplements may boost the value of the position beyond \$28,000).

Other String Assistantships

Stipends for work with the USC Symphony Orchestra and USC String Project (a nationally recognized program) range up to \$6,000 (plus tuition supplement) per academic year.

Additional Performance Opportunities

Qualified applicants may audition for the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra and nearby professional orchestras in Augusta (GA), Charlotte (NC), and Charleston (SC).

To Apply

An audition is required and applicants must have been admitted into a degree program before full consideration of the assistantship application can be given. Priority is given to applicants who have submitted all application materials and completed the audition by Feb. 25.

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String Faculty

Violin:

Neil Casey

Ari Streisfeld

William Terwilliger

Viola:

Daniel Sweaney

Cello:

Claire Bryant

Bass:

Craig Butterfield

String Project Director:

Gail Barnes