

ICMA @USC

The 2016-17 year was one of tremendous growth for ICMA@USC, attracting more than 100 students to participate in our events. Here are some of our highlights:

Involvement in Professional Associations

In September, five members of the student chapter attended the 102nd Annual ICMA Conference in Kansas City. Students were also active in the Municipal Management Association of Southern California, attending networking events throughout the year and a number of students also attended the annual conference for ASPA, the American Society for Public Administration.

“Breaking Into Local Government” Event

In October, ICMA@USC assembled a panel of speakers that work for city and county governments to explain to students how to pursue a career in local government. They discussed how to find job postings, how to prepare for interview panels, and most importantly, why they got excited about local government in the first place.

Local Government Case Challenge

In February, ICMA@USC hosted the 5th Annual Local Government Case Challenge, where students worked on teams to create



proposals for the City of Signal Hill to improve the way in which they approach citizen engagement through social media. Students presented to panels of local government practitioners, providing them with professional development and networking opportunities.

Partnering with the USC City/County Management Fellowship Program

In March, ICMA@USC partnered with USC's City/County Management Fellowship Program to host a lunch meeting with USC's City Manager in Residence, Scott Ochoa. Scott Ochoa, the City Manager of Glendale, California, and a USC alumni, offered students with advice as well as stories about what it is like to serve as a City Manager.

