
MAGELLAN MENTORS PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE:

The Magellan Mentors Program is offered by the USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support (SARS). The program is intended to help faculty members provide students with experiential learning opportunities. The Magellan Mentor program is a competitive program (see section III below) and dependent on the availability of funds (see section VI below).

II. AMOUNT:

A faculty mentor whose student receives funding support through [USC Columbia's Magellan Scholar](#) program is eligible to **compete** for a **\$3,000.00** incentive. If awarded, the faculty mentor may use the \$3,000 incentive as salary or for research needs (e.g., supplies and travel). Please note that (i) if the incentive is used as salary, total charges including fringe benefits, taxes and salary cannot exceed \$3,000.00; (ii) if the incentive is used for supplies, total purchases including taxes and shipping cannot exceed \$3,000.00; and (iii) if the incentive is used for travel, we must receive a copy of the faculty mentor's completed travel authorization form.

Alternatively, the applicant can elect to use the award to support a course release. In this case, the award amount is reduced to \$2,500 and the amount is remitted directly to the unit. The applicant will be required to upload a signed letter of support from their unit chair indicating the semester in which the course release will be used.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND TIME LINE:

Faculty mentors whose students are **awarded** Magellan Scholar support through USC Columbia (see <http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml>) are eligible to compete for a Magellan Mentor's Award, provided they have also submitted a Magellan Mentors Award application form (see Section V below) by **5:00pm** the day of their Magellan Scholar application deadline. *NOTE:* A maximum of one mentor award can potentially be received per funded Magellan Scholar proposal – regardless of whether the funded proposal is a group project, a co-mentored project, or simply a student-mentor team.

IV. POST AWARD EXPECTATIONS:

A. Funded projects should be presented at the Annual SC Upstate Research Symposium by either the faculty mentor or the student, if appropriate.

B. Any external publications, presentations, performances or exhibits resulting from the funded project must acknowledge the Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support for partial funding of the work. The faculty member must notify us if the funded project leads to external publication, presentation, performance, or exhibition.

C. At the end of the project, the faculty member will be asked to complete a Final Report form. A link to the form will be emailed to the faculty member and they will have approx. 30 days to complete the report. Faculty members may not be eligible for future support through the SARS office if the Final Report is not completed.

V. APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications will be accepted through the [SARS Funding Opportunities website](#)

VI. APPROVAL CRITERIA:

In a situation where we have more Magellan Scholar Awards than the Magellan Mentors Program budget can accommodate, we will use the proposal rankings from the Magellan review committee and equitable distribution of funds across disciplines to make Magellan Mentor award decisions.