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**GRANT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

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**NOTE:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (no fixed deadline) but must be submitted **at least 30 days before** the grant submission deadline.

**I. PURPOSE:**

The Grant Incentive Program is offered by the USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support (SARS). The program is intended to promote and reward grantsmanship by USC Upstate faculty. The Grant Incentive Program is non-competitive and is approved based upon the eligibility of the external grant being pursued (see section III below) **and** is dependent on the availability of funds (see section VI below).

**II. AMOUNT:**

Faculty who submit a proposal to an eligible (see section III below) external grant through [USCeRA](#) as a Principal Investigator (PI) will receive a **\$500** stipend. Only one award will be granted per eligible external submitted and is subject to availability of funds.

**III. ELIGIBILITY:**

Full-time faculty are eligible to receive a \$500 stipend as a PI on an eligible external grant submission. To be eligible:

- A. The SARS office must be notified by applying through the [SARS Funding Opportunities Portal](#) at least **30 days prior** to the submission deadline of the grant being pursued.
- B. The grant proposal must be reviewed by a member of the Sponsored Awards and Research Support office. Documentation must be submitted to the SARS office by email (Joshua Ruppel, [ruppelj@uscupstate.edu](mailto:ruppelj@uscupstate.edu)) providing evidence of proposal review.
- C. The funding agency supporting the grant being pursued must be outside of the University of South Carolina system.
- D. For grant submissions classified as “research”: The award amount must be greater than \$50,000 in total direct costs. For grant submissions classified as “teaching or service”: The award must provide indirect costs (overhead) that are remitted to USC Upstate.

**IV. APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Applying to the grant Incentive program through the using the [SARS Funding Opportunities Portal](#) at least 30 days prior to the submission deadline of the grant being pursued. In addition, the grant proposal must be submitted through [USCeRA](#) and meet eligibility criteria outlined in section III above.

**VI. APPROVAL CRITERIA:**

Stipends will be approved in the order by which the proposal is submitted on USCeRA and based upon availability of funds. Once funds have been exhausted from the Grant Incentive Program for the fiscal year no more stipends will be awarded. Only proposals submitted in any given fiscal year will be considered for the current fiscal year.