

USC Upstate is educating **more South Carolinians than almost any peer** (4,197 in-state undergrads, 94% of its student body)—yet its **state appropriation works out to only \$8,408 per in-state student**, well below the sector-wide average of \$10,456.



**#2** Public Regional College (South)

**Here's proof of what USC Upstate delivers.**



**\$624 Million**  
IN ANNUAL ECONOMIC  
IMPACT IN THE STATE



**46**  
COUNTIES



**85%**  
of our alumni  
stay and  
work in S.C.

## 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Help us prepare even more  
SC teachers, nurses, business owners,  
engineers and leaders  
who stay **right here**.



Thanks to your investments, the  
**\$21M Learning Commons** opened in  
**2025** to advance student success.



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## We deliver for SC.

More teachers.

More engineers.

More nurses.

More technology experts.

More business professionals.

More leaders.

More first-generation successes.

More reaching greater heights.

More staying right here.



Priority Non-Recurring.

## **\$13.5 MILLION** NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING

With \$5 million already committed, this request advances construction of a 76,000-square-foot expansion that will double USC Upstate's nursing capacity and help address the state's critical nursing shortage.



Non-Recurring

## **\$15 MILLION** CONVOCATION CENTER/ARENA

Funding will enable construction of a 135,000-square-foot convocation center that expands USC Upstate's capacity for academic ceremonies, major athletic events, and community gatherings across the Upstate region.

## **\$20 MILLION** ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING & LABS EXPANSION

This expansion of a facility will provide the advanced classrooms, major-specific labs, prototype spaces, collaboration areas, and faculty offices required to deliver high-quality education at USC Upstate.

## **\$12 MILLION** REGIONAL HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

This investment will enable USC Upstate to launch a new major with classroom and student spaces designed to meet rising employer demand and strengthen the region's economic vitality and quality of life.

## **\$5 MILLION** MAINTENANCE, RENOVATIONS, REPLACEMENT

USC Upstate requests funding to address critical deferred maintenance, life-safety repairs, and essential system upgrades needed to ensure safe, high-quality learning environments and protect state assets.

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Recurring

## **\$4.1 MILLION** TUITION MITIGATION

We are seeking predictable funding to limit annual tuition increases, cover rising mandatory costs, and sustain strategic investments that expand access for SC students.

## **\$3.5 MILLION** ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM SUPPORT

To meet the state's growing need for engineering and cybersecurity talent, this request supports new program development and key faculty hires essential to serving the state's vital employers.

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