Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support

Calendar, Events, and Deadlines; Fall 2025 & Spring 2026

Section 1: RISE Up!

A. Location and Time

The SARS Professional Development Series: RISE Up! Takes place in the ADMIN building, in room 327, from 11:00am to 12:15pm.

B. Dates

The following is a list of program dates, including the session name and session description attached to each date:

- September 5, 2025; **Introductions and Finding Money!**
  - Learn how the SARS office can help you. Learn how to read and understand a call for proposal.
- September 19, 2025; **Grant Writing: What, Why, How, and Knowing Thy Audience.**
  - Learn about the basic aspects of grant writing and persuasive writing, writing significance and impact sections or statements, and how to answer what and why.
- October 3, 2025: **Dream BIG! ...Now Dial it Back.**
  - Learn to build a feasible project, including objectives, timelines, and deliverables.
- October 17, 2025: **Time to Talk Budget.**
  - Learn how to build a budget and understand fringe.
- October 31, 2025: **Methods For Dummies (Not You... The Reviewer!)**
  - Learn how to write a methods section that is accessible to your audience.
- November 14, 2025: **Putting it All Together!**
  - Learn what is grant writing versus academic writing. Learn how to connect the pieces together. Session discussion of the CV and current pending & support forms.
- November 21, 2025: **Mock Review Panel & Peer Review.**
  - Participants will review each other's proposal using the scoring rubric. Session discussion will follow.
- December 5, 2025: **USCeRA Fun Times!**
  - Learn the ins and outs of USCeRA. Learn how to submit your RISE proposal.
- Mid-December, 2025: **Proposals will be due** for 2026 scholarship awards. Submissions must be made through USCeRA by 5:00pm on the due date.

Section 2: Research Program Deadlines

All USC Upstate scholarship program applications are submitted by email to jruppel@uscupstate.edu.

A. Spring 2026 Scholarship Awards

The following is a list of application deadlines for Spring 2026 Scholarship Awards:

- The USC Upstate **Student Assistantship** application and the USC Upstate **Faculty Course Reallocation** application are due by **11:59pm, on September 24, 2025.**
- The USC Columbia **Magellan Scholars** application is due by **5:00pm on October 8, 2025**. The application is submitted through USCeRA (see section 6).

- The USC Upstate **Magellan Mentors** application is due by **11:59pm on October 8, 2025**.

B. Summer and Fall 2026 Scholarship Awards

The following is a list of application deadlines for Summer and Fall 2029 Scholarship Awards:

- The USC Columbia **Magellan Scholars** application is due by **5:00pm on February 11, 2026**. The application is submitted through USCeRA (see section 6).
- The USC Upstate **Magellan Mentor** application is due by **11:59pm on February 11, 2026.**
- The USC Upstate **Student Assistantship** application, the USC Upstate **Course Reallocation** application, and the USC Upstate **Scholarly Start-Up** application are due by **11:59pm on March 18, 2026.**

Section 3: Student Research Journal

Submissions for the USC Upstate **Student Research Journal** are due by **11:59pm on October 27, 2025**. Papers are submitted through Scholar Commons (see section 6).

Section 4: USC Upstate Symposium

The USC Upstate **Research Symposium** will take place on **Friday, April 10, 2026**.

Abstract submission and **attendance registration opens** on **December 1, 2025**. Submissions and registration are accepted through Scholar Commons (see section 6).

The **abstract submission** deadline is **11:59pm on February 27, 2026**.

The **early registration** deadline to receive a free t-shirt is **11:59pm on March 13, 2026**.

The **final registration** deadline is **11:59pm on March 27, 2026.**

Section 5: Contact Us

For questions regarding RISE Up!, program deadlines, or other events, please contact:

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Section 6: Relevant Links

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Student Research Journal Scholar Commons

USC Upstate Symposium Scholar Commons