

## Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support Scholarly Start-Up Package Program

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**NOTE:** Applications are accepted during spring semester for the upcoming academic year. Discuss applying to this program with your Department Chair or Dean **before** applying.

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### Section 1: Purpose

The Scholarly Start-Up Package program is offered by the USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support (SARS). The program is intended to help new tenure track faculty members across all disciplines at USC Upstate advance their scholarly agenda at USC Upstate, and to encourage new hires to work toward applying for external funds to support their research and scholarship.

### Section 2: Amount

The program will award up to **\$5,000.00** to the faculty member to support their scholarly agenda. Examples of allowable costs include course reallocations (one course reallocation = \$2,500.00), student research assistants (one research assistant = \$1,500.00), project equipment and/or supplies, and summer salary (for a period when the faculty member is not teaching). Unspecified uses of the funds will be considered if the expenditures are justifiably related to scholarly productivity. However, funds may not be used to support costs in connection with faculty or student degree requirements.

### Section 3: Eligibility and Timeline

Only tenure track hires in their first **FOUR** years are eligible to apply for this award. The application deadline is in spring semester (see SARS calendar for specific date) and awards will be announced in May. The awardee must use all the monies in the upcoming academic year. A faculty member can only win this award once.

### Section 4: Contact Us

For more information regarding the application process, approval criteria, and post-award expectations, please sign in to your employee SpartanHub account (section 5) and locate the SARS Research Support page underneath the Faculty Resources Tab.

For questions regarding this program and the application process, please use the following link to book an appointment with our SARS team. While booking, please select the "Upstate Faculty Support Programs" meeting type.

[Link to Sponsored Awards and Research Support Bookings.](#)

### Section 5: Relevant Links

[Sponsored Awards SpartanHub](#) (for general information about support programs and sponsored awards.)

[Current Fringe Rates.](#) (used to calculate total compensation equaling requested salary + fringe)

[Office of Research Compliance.](#) (for all matters related to IRB, human subjects research, use of animals in research, etc.)