

Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support Scholarly Student Assistantship Program

NOTE: Applications are accepted in fall semester for the following spring, and in spring semester for the following fall.

Section 1: Purpose

The Scholarly Student Assistantship Program is offered by the USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support (SARS). The program supports faculty members and students in their pursuit of research, scholarship, and creative collaborations. The program allows faculty members to compete for financial support for student assistants; the award is to the faculty mentor, but the funds are distributed to the student assistant. Thus, the faculty mentor submits an application for funding to support their assistant. It is very important that the faculty member clearly articulates how a student assistant will significantly increase the faculty member's research, scholarly, or creative productivity.

NOTE: Completion of faculty degree requirements is **not** an acceptable project outcome.

The award has two categories:

A. Student Research Assistant:

The student is directly and substantively involved in assisting the faculty member with a scholarly or creative project. The faculty member must very clearly articulate

- (1) the specific ways their scholarly efforts will be *substantially* improved with the help of this research assistant, and;
- (2) how the experience will professionally benefit the participating student.

B. Student Teaching Assistant:

The student is indirectly involved in assisting the faculty member with a scholarly project by alleviating the faculty member's teaching-related duties. In this category, the student **cannot** perform lectures or regular classroom duties. The faculty member must very clearly articulate:

- (1) the specific ways that the teaching assistant will be utilized;
- (2) how their scholarly efforts will be *substantially* improved with the help of this teaching assistant;
- (3) how the experience will professionally benefit the participating student.

Section 2: Amount

A total of **\$1,500.00** of student compensation is provided for a semester. The compensation is to cover approximately 10 hours of work per week for 14 weeks (for instance), although the work could be distributed differently across the semester.

Section 3: Eligibility

Full-time faculty members are eligible to apply for student assistants. Full-time or part-time degree seeking undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to become student assistants. **At most one award can be funded per faculty advisor per semester.**

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 (see 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.)