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2021 **SMART Program Guidelines**

**Support for Minority Advancement in Research Training**

To enhance the training of under-represented minority (URM) undergraduate students and their recruitment into graduate programs at UofSC, the Office of the Vice President for Research has established collaborations with HBCUs to train these students at UofSC during the summer. UofSC faculty members (all campuses, all disciplines) who mentor URM undergraduate student research projects (from HBCUs, all UofSC campuses or other institutions) during the summer will receive a supplement of $1000 per student mentored, for up to two students this summer. Faculty members may mentor in-person and virtual research projects are eligible for support. Please note that only one faculty member may receive support per eligible student, and faculty members who are already receiving compensation for mentoring URM undergraduate researchers are not eligible for SMART support. Both in-person and virtual research projects are eligible for SMART support, provided that all other eligibility requirements are met.

**Allowable use of SMART funds**

* summer salary for the mentor (faculty, postdocs, graduate students)
* salary for the URM undergraduate student (provided that the undergraduate URM student is a U.S. citizen or green card holder)
* research costs

**Unallowable use of SMART funds**

* SMART funds may not be used for any type of food for any purpose.
* SMART funds may not be used to support research that is part of a class.

**SMART Account Management**

* The funds will be transferred into an N account, which will be set up by the Controller’s Office. The funds cannot be transferred from the N account to another fund account (the funds are E funds and cannot be transferred to another type of account).
* The project period for use of the funds is one year, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

For the SMART program, under-represented minority students include those who are

* Black or African American
* Hispanic or Latino
* American Indian
* Alaska Native
* Native Hawaiian
* Other Pacific Islander (includes Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands)

Please note that enrollment at an HBCU does not guarantee a student’s eligibility for the SMART Program.

**Terms of the Support**

**Responsibilities of the Faculty Mentor**

* Provide a research project for the student which will last a minimum of 8 weeks during the summer of 2021
* Mentor the student throughout the project, either in-person or virtually
* Provide the resources necessary for the student to complete the project
* If the mentor is not available for a short period (such as travel), arrange for a temporary mentor (such as a postdoctoral scholar, graduate student or other faculty) to oversee the student research project
* If schedule allows, serve as a faculty panelist for one seminar as part of the virtual *Research: Next Steps to Success* seminar series for undergraduate summer research students

**Responsibilities of the Undergraduate Student**

* Complete all required health and safety training classes
* Attend the research training on a regular basis
* Complete a research project during the summer
* Attend virtual *Research: Next Steps to Success* workshop and seminar series
* Present the results of the research project as a virtual poster presentation at the UofSC Summer Research Symposium for undergraduates on Thursday, July 29 (or other research symposium as appropriate)

To be considered by the VPR Office for this support, faculty must complete the following application, save as a Word document and email it to Lauren Clark at [lauren.clark@sc.edu](mailto:lauren.clark@sc.edu) with the subject heading “SMART Support Request.” **The deadline for receipt of 2021 SMART applications is Wednesday, June 9, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lauren Clark, Research Program Manager for the Office of Research, by email ([lauren.clark@sc.edu](mailto:lauren.clark@sc.edu)) or by phone (777-3929).

2021 **SMART Program **

**Faculty Support Request Form**

**Faculty Mentor** Click here to enter your name.

**Faculty Mentor contact information** Click here to enter your email and phone number.

**Department or Program** Click here to enter your Department or Program.

**Undergraduate Summer Research Student** Click here to enter your student’s name.

**Undergraduate Student’s Home Institution** Click here to enter the student’s home institution.

**Undergraduate Student’s Major/Degree Program** Click here to enter the student’s major.

**Undergraduate Student is an under-represented minority as defined by SMART** Yes No **Mark all that Apply:** Black orAfrican AmericanHispanic or LatinoAmerican IndianAlaska NativeNative HawaiianOther Pacific Islander (Guam, Samoa, or Pacific Islands)

**Is the student conducting research as part of a class?** Yes No

**Is the student participating as part of a summer research program?** Yes No

**If yes, which summer research program?** Click here to enter the name of the research program.

**Title of Student Research Project** Click here to enter the title of the research project.

**Dates of summer research experience** Click here to enter the dates of the summer research project.

**Department Business Manager Name** Click here to enter the name of your department’s Business Manager.

**Department Business Manager Phone number and email address** Click here to enter contact information.

**Will your student present their work at the virtual UofSC Summer Research Symposium on Thursday, July 29?**   
Yes No

**If no, describe conference and date where student will be presenting their work**

Click here to enter the name and date of the conference where the student will be presenting.

In order to receive this support, I agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the SMART Program established by the Office of the Vice President for Research. My signature denotes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

**Signature and date** Click here to sign and date – electronic signatures are acceptable.