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We are pleased to announce an internal competition for the **FY24 SACT Grant Program - Track 1: Lab to Market**

As a strong proponent of the South Carolina innovation ecosystem, SCRA's SC Academic Innovations Program supports the translation of commercially relevant technology emanating from our state's Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs). The Lab to Market Track seeks to help Clemson University, University of South Carolina, and Medical University of South Carolina to accelerate the path to market of university-owned technology to generate tangible solutions having the potential to create lasting economic and societal benefits.

Applicants should pursue activities and partnerships that will create a sustainable framework for and accelerate the pace of translational/use-inspired research, technology development, and commercialization. These primary goals should be supplemented with workforce development initiatives that support technology-based economic development.

Additional information is available on the [SCRA's SACT Grant Program webpage](#) and in the [grant program solicitation](#).

USC is limited to one submission.

To apply for the internal competition, please submit the following, in the order specified, *as a single PDF file to jmorris@sc.edu by 5pm on Wednesday, October 4th*. Internal proposals that do not conform to these proposal preparation guidelines will be returned without review.

General Instructions:

Use a minimum of 0.5" margins on all sides and 11-point font for body text. Any standard readable font is acceptable such as Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri, etc. Text used in captions and figures may be smaller but must be legible.

Required Components:

- 1) [Cover Page](#) with project title, PI, list of Senior Personnel, target technology (if not clear from project title), and sector focus (from the June 2022 report [Vision 2030: South Carolina Science and Technology Plan](#) pages 6-7)
- 2) [3-page \(max\) abstract](#) that briefly addresses or summarizes each of the following*:
 - *details in the [Program Solicitation](#) under "Elements necessary for a compelling proposal"
 - Project plan/translational activities demonstrating proof of concept and potential for federal SBIR/STTR or similar funding in Year 3
 - Faculty and student educational/training opportunities
 - Names of the required partnerships and collaborations and whether these are established or anticipated for each:
 - Public/private partnerships, including a minimum of one industry partner
 - Multi-institutional collaboration with at least two IHEs in South Carolina (not including or in addition to Clemson/MUSC)
 - Sustainability plan
 - Anticipated outcomes/commercial milestones
 - Benefits and potential impact for SC
- 3) [2-3 page CV/biosketch](#) for the PI and senior personnel ([SciENcv](#) preferred)

NOTE: Applications will be evaluated based on the review criteria outlined in the [Program Solicitation](#)