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2019 **SMART Program**

**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 USC, the Office of the Vice President for Research has established collaborations with HBCUs to train these students at USC during the summer. USC faculty (all campuses, all disciplines) who mentor URM undergraduate students (from HBCUs, USC or other institutions) during the summer will receive a supplement of $1000 per student, for up to two students this summer. Faculty members who are already receiving compensation for mentoring URM undergraduate students are not eligible.

**Allowable use of SMART funds:**

* summer salary for the mentor (faculty, post-docs, graduate students)
* salary for the URM undergraduate students (provided that the undergraduate URM student is a US 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.

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 2019
* Mentor the student throughout the project
* 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 Post-Doctoral Fellow, 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 *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
* If conducting research at USC Columbia, attend *Research: Next Steps to Success* workshop and seminar series
* Present the results of the research project as a poster presentation at the USC Summer Research Symposium for undergraduates on Thursday, August 1 (or other research symposium as appropriate)

To be considered by the VPR Office for this support, faculty must complete the following brief application, save as a Word document and email it to Lauren Clark at lauren.clark@sc.edu with the subject heading “SMART Support Request.” **The deadline for receipt of these applications is Friday, June 7, 2019.**

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

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**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 American[ ] Hispanic or Latino[ ] American Indian[ ] Alaska Native[ ] Native Hawaiian[ ] Other Pacific Islander (Guam, Samoa, or Pacific Islands)

**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 USC Summer Research Symposium on Thursday, August 1?**
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.