SCHOLARLY STARTUP PACKAGE PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE:
The Scholarly Startup Package Program is offered by the USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support (SARS). This award is intended to assist new tenure track faculty members 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.

II. AMOUNT:
A total of $5,000.00 is provided to the faculty member to use in any manner that best supports their research, including:

A. Two course reallocations for research ($2,500 each)
B. One course reallocation for research, and two student research assistantships ($1,250 each)
C. One course reallocation of research and $2,500 for research-related equipment purchase.
D. Unspecified uses will be considered if the expenditures are justifiably related to scholarly productivity

III. ELIGIBILITY AND TIME LINE:
Only tenure track hires in their first and second years are eligible to apply for this award. The application deadline is late in the spring semester. The winner must use all of the monies in the upcoming academic year. A faculty member can only win this award once.

IV. EXPECTATIONS:
Successful applicants are expected to complete the following activities before applying for further SARS funding:

A. Present at the Annual SC Upstate Research Symposium.
B. Publish in a peer-reviewed external publication, present at an external conference, present a performance or exhibit. The work must acknowledge the Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support for the partial funding of the project.
C. Year-long SARS recipients must complete a progress report and submit a final report.
D. Apply for one external funding opportunity to continue to support the work.

V. APPLICATION PROCESS:
All application forms and deadlines can be found on the SARS website: http://www.uscupstate.edu/sars.

VI. APPROVAL CRITERIA:
This is a competitive program. Proposals will be reviewed based on the following four criteria: (1) The merit of the project; (2) The likelihood that the project will lead to high-quality peer-reviewed external publication, performance, or exhibition; (3) The likelihood that the project will result in an external funding; (4) The written quality of the proposal.

VII. QUESTIONS:
Please direct questions regarding this program and the application process to: Dr. Sebastian van Delden; (864) 503-5292; svandelden@uscupstate.edu.

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