NOTE: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (no fixed deadline). Before applying, email Dr. Sebastian van Delden (svandelden@uscupstate.edu) to verify that funds are available.

I. PURPOSE: The Student Travel Support Program is offered by the USC Upstate Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURS) which is part of the Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support (SARS). It provides financial support to offset the costs of students traveling to either:

A. Present the results of their original research, scholarly endeavors, or creative activities at a professional or scholarly meeting, symposium, performance, or exhibition.
B. Attend a professional or scholarly meeting, symposium, performance, or exhibition in order to bring vital knowledge back to USC Upstate that will have a direct and positive impact on a scholarly project.

II. AMOUNT: Up to $400.00 to offset travel, registration, food, and lodging expenses. Recipients of previous STS Grants are eligible to apply.

III. ELIGIBILITY: Full or Part-time USC Upstate degree seeking graduate and undergraduate students in good standing who will be presenting their original scholarly work/findings as part of a professional meeting, symposium, performance, or exhibition. At most one award can be funded per faculty advisor per semester. Please contact us with any questions.

IV. REQUIREMENTS: Proof of meeting registration and acceptance of submitted work for presentation is required. Students will be expected to: (1) complete an application form and submit all the required materials (see below); and (2) adhere to all rules and guidelines pertaining to student travel at USC Upstate. Students MUST work with their department’s Administrative Assistant to complete a Travel Authorization form and make their travel arrangements.

V. APPLICATION PROCESS: Students must first complete an application form which can be found on the SARS website: http://www.uscupstate.edu/sars. All applications must have a faculty project adviser. The student will also need to provide hardcopies of: (1) proof of registration, acceptance (if applicable), and travel arrangements; and (2) a copy of their completed travel authorization form. Incomplete applications or applications for travel already completed will not be reviewed. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis as funds are available. Email the application form to Sebastian van Delden (svandelden@uscupstate.edu) and send hardcopies of the travel authorization form and proof of registration/acceptance to: Sebastian van Delden - Hodge Building, Room 216.

VI. APPROVAL CRITERIA: This is a competitive program. Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria: (1) The merit of the work being presented; (2) The quality of the event that the student will be attending; (3) Equitable distribution of available funds; (5) Special consideration of first-time student applications.

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

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