

2024 STATE BUDGET REQUEST



UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina

The University of South Carolina's SFY2025 budget request prioritizes access and affordability, enhances research, improves health outcomes for South Carolinians and supports the growth of our state's economy.

Our request will allow for no tuition increases for in-state students for a record-setting sixth straight year on the Columbia campus—seventh year for system campuses—while also providing funds for improvements to academic spaces, increased investments in STEM areas and new initiatives that address regional USC system needs.

USC COLUMBIA

Access & Affordability for In-State Students: Tuition Mitigation Funding
Recurring: \$25.8 million

STEM/High Demand Areas Support
Recurring: \$7 million

NON-RECURRING AND CAPITAL

Science and Technology Center – Academic/Research Building
Nonrecurring: \$90 million

Jones Research Center Renovation
Nonrecurring: \$6 million

Coker Life Sciences Maintenance Renovation
Nonrecurring: \$35 million

Utility Infrastructure
Nonrecurring: \$104.9 million

USC PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

USC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Access & Affordability for In-State Students: Tuition Mitigation Funding
Recurring: \$1.5 million

Student Program Enhancement
Recurring: \$5 million

NON-RECURRING AND CAPITAL

Health Sciences Campus
Nonrecurring: \$50 million

USC SCHOOL OF LAW

Access & Affordability for In-State Students: Tuition Mitigation Funding
Recurring: \$700,000

New Program Support
Recurring: \$6,010,000 million

USC AIKEN

Access & Affordability for In-State Students: Tuition Mitigation Funding
Recurring: \$4.9 million

Cyber/Engineering Program Enhancement
Recurring: \$1.8 million

NON-RECURRING AND CAPITAL

Strategic Marketing Campaign/ Student Recruitment
Nonrecurring: \$1 million

Pacer Collaborative Research Center/ Laboratory Equipment
Nonrecurring: \$500,000

New Health Sciences Building
Nonrecurring: \$20 million

Penland Building Welcome Center/ One Stop Shop Renovation
Nonrecurring: \$2 million

Pacer Collaborative Research Center
Nonrecurring: \$2,850,000

Student Activities Center Renovation/Expansion
Nonrecurring: \$20 million

USC BEAUFORT

Access & Affordability for In-State Students: Tuition Mitigation Funding
Recurring: \$1 million

Inflationary Small School Adjustment
Recurring: \$3 million

NON-RECURRING CAPITAL REQUESTS

New Convocation Center
Nonrecurring: \$11.5 million

Center for the Arts Renovation
Nonrecurring: \$12 million

USC UPSTATE

Access & Affordability for In-State Students: Tuition Mitigation Funding
Recurring: \$5.5 million

Nursing Educator Dilemma
Recurring: \$750,000

Teacher Pipeline in Rural Upstate Schools
Recurring: \$1,248,900

NON-RECURRING CAPITAL REQUESTS

Digital Innovations Commons
Nonrecurring: \$1,650,000

Center for Justice and Society
Nonrecurring: \$1,330,237

New Convocation Center
Nonrecurring: \$85 million

USC UPSTATE, CONTINUED

New School of Nursing Building
Nonrecurring: \$61 million

**Smith Science Building
Renovation/Expansion**
Nonrecurring: \$26,450,000

Deferred Maintenance
Nonrecurring: \$22 million

USC PALMETTO COLLEGE CAMPUSES

**Access & Affordability for In-State
Students: Tuition Mitigation Funding**
Recurring: \$2,442,249 (Lancaster -
\$400,000; Sumter - \$400,000;
Salkehatchie - \$800,000; Union -
\$842,249)

iCarolina Apple Labs
Recurring: \$600,000 (Salkehatchie -
\$150,000; Sumter - \$150,000; Union -
\$300,000)

**Increased Cost of Facilities
and Utilities**
Recurring: \$425,000 (Sumter -
\$125,000; Union - \$300,000)

Faculty Staffing
Recurring: \$530,000
(Sumter - \$280,000; Union - \$250,000)

Student Recruitment/Retention
Recurring: \$450,000 (Salkehatchie)

**Security and
Community Engagement**
Recurring: \$100,000 (Salkehatchie)

NONRECURRING AND CAPITAL

**Instructional and Institutional
Support/Supplies/Equipment**
Nonrecurring: \$1.2 million
(Sumter - \$300,000; Union - \$900,000)

Campus Branding/Recruitment
Nonrecurring: \$500,000
(Salkehatchie - \$400,000; Lancaster -
\$100,000)

Instructional Materials
Nonrecurring: \$400,000 (Lancaster)

**Equipment/Supplies for Student
Activity/Athletic Operations**
Nonrecurring: \$100,000

Academic Support Center
Nonrecurring: \$25,000

**Deferred Maintenance,
Renovations/Upgrades**
Nonrecurring: \$33,830,000
(Lancaster - \$6.7 million; Salkehatchie
- \$6.7 million; Sumter - \$10,030,000;
Union - \$10.4 million)

**USC Salkehatchie Remodel/
Replacement of Arena**
Nonrecurring: \$15 million

**USC Sumter Multipurpose
Conference Facility**
Nonrecurring: \$17,160,000

**USC Sumter Health, Wellness, and
Athletics Center**
Nonrecurring: \$26,266,000

USC Sumter Student Success Center
Nonrecurring: \$6.4 million

**USC Sumter Facilities
Management Center**
Nonrecurring: \$5,850,000

SELECT SYSTEM PROVISO REQUESTS

Educational Scholarships for In-State Students

This request benefits all South Carolina colleges and does not require a state appropriation. Currently, state law caps educational fee waivers at 4% of tuition revenue. This request would allow, but not require, institutions to offer fee waivers at an additional 4% of revenue (up to 8% in total), used exclusively to benefit in-state students. This would represent the first increase in the cap since 2005.

Permanent Improvement Project Thresholds

This request benefits all South Carolina colleges and universities and increases the state's fixed "permanent improvement project" (PIP) dollar threshold that currently triggers the state's multi-phased, eight-step approval process before a campus project can begin. By increasing the threshold for PIP projects from \$5 million to \$6 million for research universities and from \$2 million to \$3 million for all other public institutions of higher learning including technical colleges, institutions can account for inflationary costs in construction and routine capital projects can be completed more quickly and more efficiently.

State Lottery Investment in USC Internship Pilot

This request allows USC to continue to use \$4.5 million in lottery appropriations for student internships in high demand fields important to the state's economy, including manufacturing, aerospace, health professions and STEM fields. Students receive \$3,000 stipends to support their internship participation, which benefits both to the student and sponsoring employer.