**RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT (R&E)**

**USC/Arnold School Basic “Boilerplate” Information for Sponsored Award Proposals**

*The following includes ‘boilerplate’ (basic) information about the University of South Carolina (USC) and the College of Social Work (CSW):*

* *Use only what you need*. *Include only the information that is pertinent to your proposal* (not the whole thing). Note that there is some information overlap between sections.
* Be sure to add specific department, lab, equipment, and collaboration information as needed for your proposal and edit out what is not relevant to it.
* Other USC units and external institutions/organizations should be able to supply you with their R&E information upon request.
* Overview and contact information about additional CSW centers and programs is at: https://sc.edu/study/colleges\_schools/socialwork/

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**The University of South Carolina (USC)**

**The University of South Carolina (USC)** was established in 1801 and is a full-service, state- assisted research university that includes the 358-acre Columbia campus and seven regional campuses, with a total full-time student body population of more than 35,000 in Columbia and 50,000 overall. Located in the capital city of Columbia in the geographic center of the state, USC's main campus is part of a thriving metropolitan area of more than 800,000 inhabitants. USC offers a broad spectrum of educational opportunities with 14 colleges and schools that encompass 324 undergraduate and graduate degree-granting programs. USC confers 25% of all bachelors, graduate, and professional degrees awarded at institutions of higher education in South Carolina.

**USC Research Capacity.** In fiscal year 2024, USC was awarded over $300 million in extramural sponsored award funding, 72% percent of which was for research. USC is listed in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a Very High Research Activity University.

The University provides researchers with a full range of grant and contract-related services through its Sponsored Awards Management and Grants and Funds Management offices. USC’s Office of Research Compliance oversees the institutional review processes for human and animal subjects as well as disclosure and management of financial conflicts of interest and assists with scientific misconduct regulation and export controls.

**The SC SmartState Centers of Economic Excellence** **program** was established by the state's General Assembly in 2002 with $180 million of non-tax revenue funds generated from the South Carolina Education Lottery. These funds, along with legislatively mandated dollar-for-dollar matching non-state funds, provide support for hiring world-class researchers who serve as the endowed chairs of the SmartState Centers. The 51 Centers are grouped into six industry- focused Smart Clusters to facilitate engagement with business, students, potential faculty, and the public. Each Center includes one or more endowed chair, research infrastructure, technical staff, and sustainable funding sources. USC is home to 27 SmartState Centers, including 18 that are headquartered at USC's Columbia campus and eight within which USC actively collaborates working with other SC research institutions.

**USC Libraries.** Thomas Cooper, the University’s main library, is centrally located on the Columbia campus, and the School of Medicine library is a 15-minute drive from central campus. Both libraries maintain an extensive collection of health-related resources, including books,

journals, and indices. Access to online databases and full-text journals is available through the Thomas Cooper Library Web page.

**USC’s Division of Information Technology (DoIT)**, under the direction of the Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, oversees centralized and distributed computing and telecommunications services for academic, research, and administrative use to meet the needs of USC faculty, staff, and students. DoIT provides the USC community with computing, voice, and data communications, networking, data security, video transport, information technology training, Web services, customer support, desktop and server support, installation and maintenance of IT infrastructure, policies and procedures assistance, PC labs, software licensing and distribution, IT planning, applications development and support, and operational systems. The Columbia campus is covered by wireless service. USC has a licensing agreement with Microsoft that includes 5TB of secure cloud storage space for every faculty and staff member on OneDrive. Microsoft has signed legal agreements with the University that hold them liable for the security and protection of data stored on OneDrive. OneDrive provides USC researchers with the capability to share data and results with external partners by emailing them a link to securely download the data.

**College of Social Work**

**The College of Social Work (CSW)** was founded in 1969. The Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education has awarded unconditional accreditation to the college’s programs after every review. The CSW drives positive change through innovative teaching, dynamic research, public service and experiential learning to empower communities, expand belonging, transform systems and prepare the next generation of social work leaders. CSW’s vision is to be a leading institution for innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to educating social work practitioners and scholars, conducting research, and serving as a catalyst for positive social change.

**CSW Academic Departments.** CSW is the home to one academic department: The College of Social Work.

**CSW Degree Programs.** CSW offers a bachelor, master, and doctorate degrees in Social Work. Undergraduate students in other majors may also minor in Social Work. Graduate certificates are also offered in the following disciplines: Social and Behavioral Health with Military Members, Veterans and Military Families, Drug Addiction Studies and Trauma Involved Practice. Master of Social Work students are also eligible to participate in other certificate programs including Women’s and Genders Studies, Aging, and Play Therapy. Combination graduate degrees are offered in four disciplines: Social Work and Public Administration, Social Work and Public Health (Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior), Social Work and Public Health (Health Service Policy and Management), Social Work and Law.

**CSW Computing Resources.**

**CSW Computing Security and Capacity.**

{See the USC Office of Information Technology (DoIT) section above for additional information about USC-level computing security and capacity}

**CSW Faculty Offices.** Each faculty member has a private office with a printer and personal computer with Microsoft Office and additional software relevant to his or her teaching and research, Internet access, telephone, and general office support. Faculty members are furnished with additional office and laboratory space as needed for project support.

**CSW Research Centers and Institutes.** CSW partners directly with non-profit organizations and government agencies to propagate evidence-based practices and policies that improve the lives of vulnerable children, families and communities through research centers and institutes. These include: The Center for Child and Family Studies; The Institute for Families in Society; The I. DeQuincey Newman Institute for Peace and Social Justice, SmartHOME Center, and the South Carolina Center for Gerontology,

**CSW Research Initiatives.** CSW partners with an extensive network of organizations and agencies to advance scientific understanding and develop practical knowledge about social conditions, exploring causes and effects and piloting novel interventions. USC boasts a collaborative research environment, and our researchers frequently work with faculty from other disciplines, including nursing, medicine, public health, political science, engineering and computing. Faculty are shedding light on the underpinnings of the opioid crisis and urban blight. CSW faculty are also developing new strategies to prevent HIV infection, closing the rural health disparity gap by building a replicable telehealth module, identifying markers that drive success for undocumented youth, training corrections officers to understand the signs of mental health and designing a parent navigator program that improves health and education outcomes for children with autism and their families. Research focus areas include: Aging; Children, Youth and Families; Criminal Justice; Health and Behavioral Health; Military; Community, Social and Economic Development.