

NFO | NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

AUGUST 28, 2026 | Pastides Alumni Center

Welcome to Your NFO Resource Folder

This folder is designed to support your successful start at the University of South Carolina. Inside, you will find key resources, contacts, and information from New Faculty Orientation to help you navigate teaching, research, technology, student support, and the Columbia community.



Teaching – instructional strategies, course design, and classroom support.



Research – scholarship, funding, and research support.



Technology – campus systems, digital tools, and computing support.



Student Success – referral pathways and services that support students.



The Columbia Community – local resources, community connections, and opportunities beyond campus.

WELCOME

Teaching

Instructional strategies, course design,
and classroom support resources.



Center for Teaching Excellence

Your Hub for Teaching Development

Empowering USC educators with consultations, workshops, events, and resources to innovate teaching and inspire learning.

Website: sc.edu/cte | Email: cte@sc.edu

What We Offer

Consultations

One-on-one support for course design and instructional technology.



Workshops & Events

Explore our calendar for engaging sessions on teaching and learning.



Certificates of Completion

Earn recognition for professional learning.

Communities of Practice (CoPs)

Join faculty learning groups around shared teaching interests.



Short Courses

Participate in learning experiences that provide deeper engagement with key teaching topics.



GTA/IA Services

Access training, grants, and resources to strengthen graduate teaching effectiveness.

Video and Multimedia Support

Get professional guidance on creating video, multimedia and digital content.

Test Proctoring Services

Ensure secure testing with flexible online options and in-person proctoring.

Teaching Resources

Use on-demand guides, toolkits, and strategies for flexible, innovative teaching.

Visit sc.edu/cte to explore resources, register for events, request services, and connect with our team!

CTE Certificates of Completion

To support faculty professional development, the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) partners with other university offices to offer a selection of certificate of completion programs for faculty, instructors, and graduate teaching/instructional assistants. Visit sc.edu/cte/programs/certificate_completion for more information.

Active Learning

The EXCITE Active Learning Certificate supports educators wishing to strengthen student engagement through active learning, providing opportunities that encourage educators to experiment, reflect, and apply active learning strategies in ways that fit their teaching contexts.

Fostering Proactive Learning Environments (FPLE)

The FPLE certificate program is designed to assist in understanding today's student and how to structure your class to foster a sense of belonging, develop proactive and reactive strategies for handling academic misconduct, and practice how to avoid and address classroom conflicts.

Integrative and Experiential Learning (IEL)

The IEL program is designed to explore ways to help students reflect on and connect what they do within and beyond their curriculum, embrace multiple perspectives, and synthesize and transfer their knowledge to new, complex situations.

Mental Health and Well-being Competency (MHWB)

The MHWB certificate program addresses the growing need of faculty preparedness in responding to the new challenges caused by the increase in students experiencing mental health distress.

Teaching and Learning with Generative Artificial Intelligence (TLGAI)

The Teaching and Learning with Generative Artificial Intelligence webinar series will equip participants with the practical knowledge and strategies needed to unlock Generative AI's full potential in education.

Teaching Towards Inclusive Excellence (TTIE)

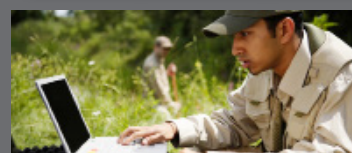
The TTIE program is designed to provide an opportunity for faculty, instructors and graduate teaching assistants to strengthen their strategic diversity leadership capacities both within and outside their classroom and to support USC's commitment to inclusive excellence.

Teaching with the Library (TWL)

The Teaching with the Library certificate of completion is designed for instructors seeking to enhance their teaching through effective utilization of library resources and services.

Understanding USC Student Populations and Experiences

The Understanding USC Student Populations and Experiences program is designed to place a heightened emphasis on the specific student populations enrolled at USC to help faculty, instructors, and teaching graduate students understand the characteristics and backgrounds of the students in their classes.

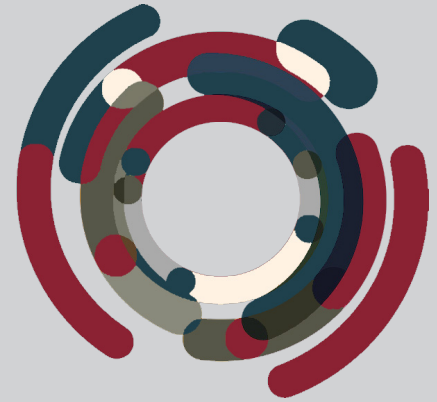


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Enhance Your Teaching with Instructional Design Support

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) offers instructional design support to help you strengthen your teaching and design effective learning experiences across all course formats.

WHAT WE DO

- Assist with designing and revising courses
- Guide the alignment of course outcomes, assessments, and activities
- Apply active learning and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) strategies
- Provide feedback on syllabi and course structure
- Support student engagement and teaching practices

HOW WE SUPPORT

- One-on-one consultations
- Facilitate workshops for departments/academic units
- Observe classes and share feedback
- Conduct quality reviews of online courses
- Guide long-term course improvement

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN TEAM

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READY TO CONNECT?

Schedule a virtual or in-person **consultation** to plan your next steps.



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sc.edu/cte

Faculty Senate

New Faculty Orientation

Welcome to the University of South Carolina!

The Faculty Senate is your shared governance organization and a resource throughout your first year. We connect faculty with university leadership, advocate for faculty interests, and provide information on policies, committees, and campus resources.

Key Resources

- Faculty Senate website
- Faculty Manual & Academic Policies
- Senate Representatives
- University Committees
- Monthly Senate Meetings

Helpful First-Year Insights

- Governance guidance
- Committee appointments
- Provost updates
- Meeting archives

Get Involved

Attend meetings, connect with your college senator, review meeting materials, and consider serving on a university committee.

Faculty Senate Office

Have questions about Senate meetings, governance resources, committee opportunities, or how to connect with your college senator? The Faculty Senate Office is here to help. Scan the QR code to visit the Faculty Senate website for meeting schedules, agendas, policies, and additional resources.



Research

Scholarship, funding, compliance,
and research support resources.



About Us

The University of South Carolina is committed to fostering a productive environment for research through increased grant awards. The Carolina Grants and Innovation (CGI) Hub unites the offerings of Research Training and Education Services and Research and Grant Development Services for a streamlined proposal process.

Proposal Development Services

Research and Grant Development Services offers three levels of research development services aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of federal grant proposals, which can be accessed through our Develop a Proposal request form.

Levels of Service

- Level 1, Basic Services: proposal checklists and submission requirements; competitive review of biographical sketches; assistance with SciENCv; institutional boilerplate language and documents; budget services; finding funding
- Level 2, Intermediate Services: technical editing; graphic design; University Libraries data management and sharing plans; competitive proposal review
- Level 3, Advanced Services: proposal development plan and timeline; grant writing and technical editing at the draft stage; team science support; Red Team reviews; research funding landscape





Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analytics

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

FACULTY RESOURCES

*Fueling teaching, research, assessment and
planning with smart data*

DATA INFORMED. IMPACT DRIVEN.



- Evidence-Based Decisions
- Continuous Improvement
- Student Success



INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

- Access institutional dashboards
- Official statistics
- Benchmarking data



ASSESSMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Assessing Learning Outcomes
- Evaluating Administrative Unit Assessments
- Annual Reporting



ANALYTICS & VISUALIZATION

- Dashboard Development
- Predictive Analytic Services
- Data Visualization



STRATEGIC PLANNING & EFFECTIVENESS

- Program review
- Accreditation services
- Strategic planning



HOW WE SUPPORT YOU



NEED ASSISTANCE?



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RESOURCE CENTER



INSTITUTIONAL DASHBOARDS

- Enrollment Trends
- Student Success Metrics
- Retention & Graduation
- Faculty & Staff Data



ASSESSMENT STRATEGY

- Program Learning Outcomes
- Administrative Unit Assessments
- Blueprints
- General Education (Carolina CORE)



INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH & ANALYTICS

- Official Statistics
- Grant Support Data
- Departmental Reports
- Custom Requests



ACCREDITATION & COMPLIANCE

- SACSCOC Resources
- Program Review Support
- Evidence Collection
- Compliance Reporting



ENHANCE INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS



PROMOTE STUDENT SUCCESS

ENSURE COMPLIANCE





About Us

USC values open collaboration, innovation and scientific discourse. The Office of Research Security helps the USC research community ensure that we can continue these activities while protecting sensitive and restricted research data by:

- Ensuring compliance with federal research security regulations.
- Providing access to training and education for researchers and others who are covered by these federal regulations.
- Working directly with researchers and administrators to answer questions, conduct risk assessments and serve as a partner in safeguarding the USC research enterprise.

What We Do

The ORS is proud to serve as an information resource and support hub for USC researchers. Reach out to us when you need:

- **Help preparing for foreign travel** through greater security/threat awareness and information security best practices.
- **To report concerns** about suspicious activity or a potential malign foreign talent recruitment program.
- **Assistance with your questions** about research security policies, procedures or practices.
- **Help conducting due diligence and risk assessments** for foreign collaborations.

Visit our website for
more details.

go.sc.edu/Research-Security





Office of Undergraduate Research

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The Office of Undergraduate Research collaborates with students, faculty and campus partners to enrich the undergraduate experience through hands-on research opportunities.

Functions of the Office of Undergraduate Research

- Help students connect with a faculty mentor
- Provide professional development workshops that build research skills and career readiness
- Offer competitive grant-style funding to support research, scholarly or creative projects and travel
- Sponsor presentation opportunities for students to share their research experiences

CONNECTING students to research and to faculty mentors

Journey Grant for Early Researchers

Getting Started in Research Workshops

Getting Started in Research Toolkit

Faculty Research Database

Support through email or in-person consultations

Faculty can share research positions through the **Research Opportunity Submission Form** on the Faculty Resources page of our website. The OUR will publicize opportunities to undergrad students to help recruit your team.



The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) partners with faculty to support high-impact research and creative experiences for undergraduate students from all disciplines. Check out our website for more details on all of the information presented here.

The OUR is available to give presentations on undergraduate research resources to your students.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT geared to student researchers

workshops hosted in collaboration with on-campus partners on topics such as:

Research Ethics

Fellowships

Demystifying Graduate School

Research Posters 101

Networking

Funding Opportunities



The Office of University Communications works to promote USC stories with internal and external stakeholders, including the media.

We help showcase faculty and faculty-led research and scholarship at USC from units across campus, aligning newsworthy topics with university priorities and strategically sharing those stories with media and other interested groups.

The best stories are those that demonstrate how your work contributes to a better understanding of our world and improves the lives of people in South Carolina and beyond.

University Communications offers a range of support to faculty interested in sharing those stories, including one-on-one and group media training, developing successful pitches and avoiding common interview pitfalls.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS TEAM

Jeff Stensland, Associate Vice President of University Communications

Collyn Taylor, Director of News and Communications

Delaney Freistuhler, Associate Director for Communications, Office of the Provost

Greg Hardy, Public Relations Coordinator

Units responsible for: schools of medicine, nursing, social work, pharmacy, public health, engineering and computing.

Kristine Hartvigsen, Public Relations Coordinator

Units responsible for: Arts and sciences, business, law, information and communications, education, music, honors, libraries, HRSM.

OUR RESOURCES

- Media request triage, strategy and facilitation.
- Media and interview trainings (individual, small groups and departments).
- Press releases, press release guidance.
- Weekly media newsletter (sent Monday at 8:15 a.m.)
- Crisis communications and issue management.

Technology

Campus systems, digital tools,
and computing support resources.

University of South Carolina Technology & AI at USC

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Essential Teaching Technologies

Platform	Primary Use
Blackboard	Course materials, assignments, grades, communication
Zoom	Virtual meetings, class sessions, office hours
Panopto	Lecture capture and video hosting
Explorance Blue	Course feedback and student surveys

First-Week Faculty Checklist

- ☐ Confirm Blackboard access
- ☐ Upload/review syllabus
- ☐ Set communication expectations
- ☐ Verify Zoom access
- ☐ Verify Panopto access
- ☐ Identify student technology support
- ☐ Bookmark key support resources

AI at USC: Start with the Garnet AI Foundry

The Garnet AI Foundry is USC's hub for approved AI tools, training, support, and best practices.

Practical AI Use Cases

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- Draft announcements and emails
 - Brainstorm assignments and discussions
 - Create rubrics and FAQs
 - Summarize meeting notes
 - Build instructional and administrative workflows

Responsible AI: Five Guardrails

1. Use approved USC-supported AI tools.
2. Protect sensitive student and employee data.
3. Review outputs for accuracy, bias, and context.
4. Be transparent when AI is used.
5. Keep human judgment at the center of decisions.

Support Resources

- Blackboard Help: go.sc.edu/BlackboardHelp
- DoIT Service Desk: 803-777-1800
- Garnet AI Foundry / USC AI Educators
Workshops • Consultations • AI Guidance • Resource Development • Custom GPT & Agent Support

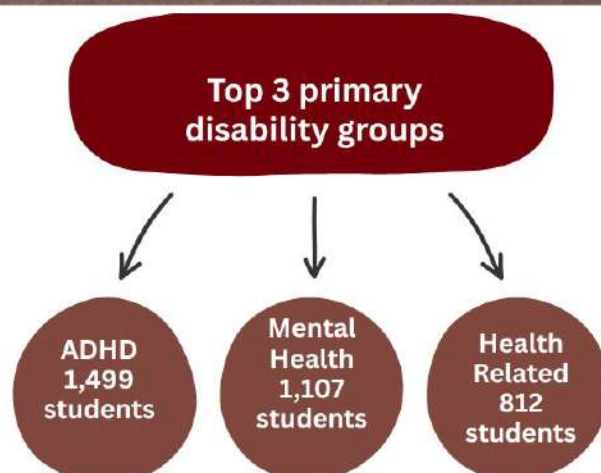
Student Success

Services, referrals, and support resources
for helping students thrive.

Student Disability Resource Center

Our Purpose

Students who have been accepted to the University and require access to disability-related accommodations will need to register with the SDRC. Through our services students may receive academic accommodations (i.e., alternative testing, assistive technology, accessible formats).



Alternative Testing Procedure

1. Faculty complete the Agreement
2. Student submits an Exam Request
3. Instructor receives Confirmation
4. Instructor uploads Exam
5. Instructor Collects Exam



Faculty Notification Letters (FNL's)

Students registered are encouraged to send their FNL's each semester, informing faculty of the following:

- The students registration with the SDRC
- Approved Accommodations

FNL's will contain a link to the Alternative Testing Agreement. This is required by faculty for students to utilize their alternative testing accommodation.

Syllabi Statement

Students with Disabilities

The University of South Carolina is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodations should contact the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) at 803-777-6142, email sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu, or visit Close-Hipp Suite 102 to begin the registration process.

Once accommodations have been approved through the SDRC, students should provide their accommodation notification letters to their instructors as early as possible.

Students who have questions or experience barriers related to disability access are encouraged to contact the SDRC for assistance.

Faculty and Staff Resources



Student Referral Form



Get in Touch



OFFICE OF STUDENT ADVOCACY

FACULTY AND INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT

Faculty have an essential role in the student experience at the University of South Carolina. The Office of Student Advocacy serves as a resource to assist you in resolving student concerns in an informal matter.

OUR OFFICE SUPPORTS FACULTY BY:

- Verifying student absences meet the criteria to be considered excused.
- Answering questions about University policy
- Identifying options to manage and resolve conflict
- Providing guidance on next steps or recommendations to consider when supporting students

EXCUSING ABSENCES:

- Excused absences are defined in the Undergraduate and Graduate Attendance Policies; however, faculty can excuse any absence they deem appropriate
- Encourage make-up work to be requested within 1 week of returning to class
- Students must submit absence requests within 30 days or before the last day of regularly-scheduled classes (whichever deadline is soonest)

REFER STUDENTS TO STUDENT ADVOCACY WHEN:

- They don't know where to go or whom to ask for help
- They are unsure about University policy or procedure
- They need to verify an absence

OUR OFFICE DOES NOT:

- Provide legal advice
- Hear formal complaints
- Protect student privacy if there is a safety concern
- Facilitate grade changes, incompletes, or hardship withdrawals

CONTACT US

Phone: 803-777-4872 (4USC)

Email: studentadvocacy@sc.edu

AskUSC Live Chat: sc.edu/ask

Location: Russell House Suite 115



Need assistance? Scan the QR code to access our website, guidelines, and request forms!

GAMECOCK COMMUNITY SHOP

OUR MISSION

THE GAMECOCK COMMUNITY SHOP IS A CAMPUS RESOURCE DEDICATED TO INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY AND PROVIDING HOLISTIC SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING BASIC NEEDS INSECURITIES. OUR MISSION IS TO ENSURE THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE USC COMMUNITY HAS ACCESS TO THE ESSENTIALS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT WHEN BASIC NEEDS ARE MET, FACULTY AND STUDENTS CAN FULLY FOCUS ON THEIR EDUCATION, WELL-BEING, AND FUTURE GOALS. WE PROVIDE FREE FOOD AND HYGIENE ESSENTIALS, A CLOTHING CLOSET WITH BOTH CASUAL AND PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE, SUPPLIES THAT SUPPORT DAY-TO-DAY FACULTY NEEDS, AND A WELCOMING, JUDGMENT-FREE

SPACE FOR ALL.

LOCATION

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701 ASSEMBLY STREET,
COLUMBIA, SC 29201**

CONTACT

**EMAIL FOR INQUIRIES OR
QUESTIONS: UNITYSHOP@SC.EDU
INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, AND
TIKTOK:
[@GAMECOCKCOMMUNITYSHOP](https://www.instagram.com/gamecockcommunityshop)**

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE GAMECOCK COMMUNITY SHOP:

- DONATE FOOD, CLOTHING, OR HYGIENE PRODUCTS**
- VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY**
- ADVOCATE AND SPREAD AWARENESS ABOUT BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT**

HOURS OF OPERATION

**MONDAY – FRIDAY
9AM TO 5PM
FOR FALL SEMESTER
(SEP 1– DEC 1)**

LINKTREE



CAROLINA EXPERIENCE

The Carolina Experience is committed to supporting undergraduate students beyond the traditional first-year at USC through commencement.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACULTY & INSTRUCTORS

CTE Certificate Program

“Understanding USC Student Populations to Advance Teaching and Learning Environments” certificate program is now open for registration.

Mutual Expectations Workshops

Facilitated discussion over lunch designed to help faculty, staff, and students engage in dialogue with one another. Three slated for Fall 2026

BE IN THE KNOW

Carolina Experience Peer Leaders

All undergraduate students beyond the traditional first year will be assigned a CEPL to serve as a peer resource.

Programming and Events

Educational programming will be offered throughout the year targeting the needs of transfer, sophomore, junior, and senior year students.



Contact Us

carolinaexperience@mailbox.sc.edu



More Information

www.sc.edu/CarolinaExperience



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GARNET

Graduation and Retention Network



WHAT IS GARNET?

The Graduation and Retention Network (GARNET) helps all USC students stay on track, get ahead, and graduate on time.

What we offer:

Summer Semester

Summer Semester courses vary in length and intensity, enabling students to custom build a schedule that fits their academic needs while allowing them the flexibility to fulfill other summer commitments. It is possible to be enrolled full time and still go anywhere for the summer.

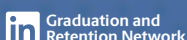
https://bit.ly/Summer_Semester

Winter Session

Winter Session is three weeks of accelerated online courses taken asynchronously over winter break. This session enables students to further their degrees and get ahead in their course work during the spring semester.

https://bit.ly/Winter_Session

803-777-9850 | garnet@sc.edu | sc.edu/garnet
901 Sumter Street, Ste 209 | M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Interdisciplinary Certificates

USC offers students the opportunity to gain additional skills beyond their major and minor. Campus departments and disciplines come together to offer real job skills and relevant experiences. Students complete 12 hours in any of the five certificate options:

https://bit.ly/Interdisciplinary_Certificates

AI Literacy



The AI Literacy Certificate is an introduction to the core concepts, techniques, and real-world applications of AI. You'll also examine case studies on the ethical and societal implications of AI, such as bias, privacy, transparency, and accountability.

Data Analytics and Visualization



The Data Analytics and Visualization Certification teaches you to interpret, analyze and clearly present data-driven insights to inform evidence-based decisions in any career.

Digital Studies



Across multiple colleges, you will create and critically evaluate digital content while gaining practical skills in areas like web design, video production, networking, and data visualization.

Project Leadership & Management



Open to all majors, Project Leadership and Management provides practical experience managing teams and projects, giving you a competitive edge in the workforce.

Strategic Thinking & Communications



Organize and communicate your ideas clearly and effectively by building a strong internal framework for problem solving and communication. You'll be prepared to think and lead strategically with confidence.



CAREER CENTER FACULTY TOOLKIT

HELPING YOUR STUDENTS BE CAROLINA CAREER READY

Our faculty play a central role in students' development. You're shaping their critical thinking, their curiosity and often, their career direction. Partnering with us gives your students access to expert guidance and tools. We offer ready-to-use resources, training and events, and a dedicated team to support faculty who want to integrate career development in a meaningful way.

View our complete faculty toolkit on our website at bit.ly/FacultyPartnerships

Ready to integrate career development into the classroom? We offer:	• Pop-up/drop-in Career Coaching hours • Topical career-related classroom presentations • Lesson plans or class assignments related to career goals & success • Assessment tools to help clarify interests, values & personality traits
Do your students need real-world experience or advice? We offer:	• Specialized mentor/mentee groups through Mentorship Hub • Internship & co-op consultations • Tools to measure career readiness competencies in student experiences • Financial support through internship stipends & mini-grants • Mock interviews
Looking to connect your students with employers? We offer:	• Employer tabling in your area • Expert panelists for specific events • Employer engagement & consultations • Job shadowing & employer site visits • Various job fairs each semester
Curious about the data and tech tools we have available? We can:	• Offer consults on graduate career outcomes & labor market trends • Provide demos of tech tools that support career mentoring, outcomes, readiness skills & opportunities

Ready to take your career development knowledge to the next level? You can:

- ✦ Connect with us to discover tailored support for your students, enhanced resources for your courses, and strategic partnerships for your programs
- ✦ Contact **Dr. Justin Lawhead, Assistant Vice President for Career Readiness & Post Graduate Student Success**, dlawhead@mailbox.sc.edu



VMock coming Fall 2026!

VMock is an AI-powered career readiness platform providing students with instant, personalized feedback on resumes and other career documents, complementing career services and supporting career preparation across campus.



Handshake

USC-approved internships, part-time jobs and full-time positions, plus career coaching appointment scheduling
sc.joinhandshake.com

Gamecock GradStats

Learn where USC alumni work, what they earn, and what work skills they need
sc.edu/gradstats

Mentorship Hub

Connect with USC alumni for advice, information, and potential job leads
mentorshiphub.sc.edu

Cocky Career Guides

Go-to resources for everything career
bit.ly/CockyCareerGuides

Career Connected Classroom

Connect students with professionals who bring course concepts to life
bit.ly/FacultyPartnerships

Career Champion Education

Become part of the Career Center network by becoming a Career Champion
bit.ly/USCCareerChampion



USC POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1415 Henderson St.
(1600 Hampton St. Annex) |
sc.edu/uscpd

ABOUT USCPD

The USC Police Department (USCPD), within the Division of Law Enforcement & Safety, is a full-service, accredited law enforcement agency that works around the clock to protect the people and property of the University of South Carolina.

USC Police Officers are S.C. Class 1 Law Enforcement Officers with statewide jurisdiction.



Carolina Alert | Emergency Notifications

CAROLINA ALERT

Carolina Alert is USC's emergency notification source. Students, faculty and staff can register to receive up-to-the-moment campus safety news straight to their phone and email. Add alternate numbers to help family and friends stay informed, too. Follow @CarolinaAlert on Facebook and X.

Visit: sc.edu/CarolinaAlert to learn more.

CarolinaSAFE | Campus Safety App

Find all USC safety resources available in one convenient location. Download the CarolinaSAFE app free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

New in 2025: Similar to the RAVE Guardian safety app, you'll find features like live chats with police dispatchers, safety timers, offline safety plans, easy access to campus maps, a place to submit crime tips, Mobile BlueLight and more!

Visit: sc.edu/CarolinaSafe to learn more.



SAFETY TIPS

- Lock your office and secure valuables.
- Know your building's emergency exits.
- Report suspicious activity to USCPD.
- Be cautious of phishing emails and suspicious links.
- Park in well-lit areas and travel with a buddy at night.
- Report threatening or concerning behavior.
- Download the CarolinaSAFE campus safety app.
- Register for Carolina Alerts.
- Don't prop open secured doors.
- Review emergency procedures every semester.
- Report lost or stolen CarolinaCards immediately.
- Register for a self-defense workshop.
- Request a safety presentation for your building.

SAFETY RESOURCES

Property Registration

Register your valuables with USCPD in case of theft or loss. Items with serial numbers like bikes, laptops, phones and cameras can be registered. This database helps us track down the owner if the items are recovered.

Visit: go.sc.edu/PropertyRegistration to learn more.

Self-Defense Workshops

In partnership with USC's Student Health Services Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention (SAVIP) office, interactive self-defense workshops are offered every semester. These free, 1 or 2-hour classes offer students, faculty and staff the opportunity to discover survival skills and learn hands-on techniques.

Email: safe@sc.edu to learn more.

Active Shooter Response Presentations

Request a free **Response to an Active Shooter** training presentation from USCPD. These sessions provide faculty and staff with practical guidance on what to expect during an active threat, including what to do, how to protect yourself and how law enforcement will respond.

Visit: sc.edu/uscpd to learn more.



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The Columbia Community

Local resources, community connections,
and opportunities beyond campus.

Engage with Historic Columbia

ABOUT US

Historic Columbia is a non-profit organization that manages five museum sites and serves as the city's leading community history and preservation advocate. Each year, we partner with professors to provide opportunities for students to learn about the different facets of these careers.

OPTION A: Explore the Museum World

Select one or more options below. Students have the opportunity to learn about Historic Columbia's collections, both object and living, as well as how we lead major public programs. *This opportunity is best for classes that require 20 service-learning hours or less per semester.*

Textile Folding

Learn about best practices in object care from our Collections Manager. Students or faculty can arrange a group visit during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm) and will receive hands-on experience in caring for our textile collection. *Best for groups of 3-4 students per visit.*



Horticulture Help

Spend time working in the gardens with our horticulture team under the Curator of Living Collections. Students are welcome during our weekly garden volunteer hours (Tuesdays, 9-11 am) to assist on special projects taking place across our fourteen acres. *Unlimited group size, but recommend students commit to more than one visit.*



Jubilee Festival Volunteering

Assist with our biggest event of the year, Jubilee: Festival of Black History and Cultural. Students can volunteer for one or more four-hour shifts on Saturday, September 19. *Unlimited group size.*

Trunk or Treat Volunteering

Help children celebrate a safe and free Halloween at the Robert Mills House. Students can volunteer for a four-hour shift on Monday, October 26 (4-8 pm). *Best for individuals or a group of 3-4 students.*

OPTION B: Dive Deep into Public History

Historic Columbia's preservation and interpretation teams are willing to supervise students interested in pursuing a career in museums or preservation. Students will follow a prescribed learning path to gain practical skills over the course of a semester.

Projects include:

- Archival Processing
- Historic Building Research
- Object Provenance

Limited opportunities are available for students in classes that require more than 100 service-learning hours per semester. Internships are also available for students who wish to pursue a career in a related field.



For more information or to sign up, please contact

Kat Allen | Director of Education and Interpretation | (803) 252-7742 ext. 37 | kallen@historiccolumbia.org

The Main Street District is a place where opposites attract. It's a place where new-age buildings mix in with centuries-old sites and white tablecloth dining sits across from an arcade bar. It's got the charm of a neighborhood and the feel of an urban core. It's a place that's eclectic, and we like it that way.

Visit MainStColaSC.com and follow [@MainStColaSC](https://twitter.com/MainStColaSC) to plan your weekend getaway in the heart of the capital city.



DISCOVER
South Carolina



THE *heart* OF THE CAPITAL CITY

Museum Tour Opportunities

ABOUT US

Historic Columbia is a non-profit organization that manages five museum sites and serves as the city's leading community history and preservation advocate. Each year, we partner with professors to provide opportunities for students to learn more about Columbia from 1818 through 1970.

OPTION A: Group Tour

Choose a date and time for your class to tour one or more historic house museums. We can invoice your class or provide individual registration (\$10/per). Afterward, use one of our meeting spaces to debrief and ask a public historian about the tour, historical methodology, and the profession.

OPTION B: Class Requirement

Students sign up to join a public tour of one of our house museums during a specific date range that you set. Students would purchase tickets (\$10/per) through our standard online process.

Available Historic House Museums



Robert Mills House

Experience 19th-century life, architecture and the skills of the nation's first prolific architect and designer of the Washington Monument.



Hampton-Preston Mansion

Explore 19th-century planter class life, urban slavery and the evolution of this historic property from 1818 through 1970.



Museum of the Reconstruction Era at the Woodrow Wilson Family Home

Examine the racial, social, and political landscape of Columbia and Richland County from 1865 through 1877 at one of the only museums of Reconstruction in the nation.



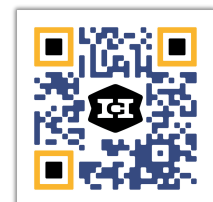
Mann-Simons Site

Discover Columbia through the experiences of an entrepreneurial African American family over 125 years from enslavement to freedom.



Modjeska Monteith Simkins House

Learn about the civil rights movement through the life of one of South Carolina's greatest human rights advocates, Modjeska Monteith Simkins.



Plan Your Visit

Scan the QR code to view our public tour schedule and learn more about Historic Columbia's house museums.

For more information or to book, please contact

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