Application Deadlines: March 1 and October 1, annually  
Award Decision: Within Six Weeks after Application Deadline

Description: The College of Education is pleased to announce the availability of Research Grants Program A. This program provides funding to support faculty in the development of research projects and subsequent publication in peer-reviewed research journals. The program is designed to address relatively small research costs and may be combined with departmental funds.

Funding Amount & Eligible Expenditures: The maximum award amount is $5,000. Applicants may request a project period of up to 18 months. All expenditures must be directly related to the research project and can include items such as transcription costs, data collection materials, travel costs related to data collection, specialized software or equipment needed for the research, and student worker costs. Items with a partial relationship to the project or for a broader purpose are not allowed as Program A expenditures. Such items include graduate assistantships that include non-project work, computers, and travel for presentation purposes. Summer pay equivalent to teaching one course is allowable during the first three summers after the date of hire for tenure-track assistant professors.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include all full-time tenure-track faculty members.

Application Procedures
1. Contact the Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts, Rhonda Stephens, no later than three weeks prior to the selected deadline. The Office of Grants and Contracts will assist with budget development, proposal preparation and formatting, and submission.
2. Develop a short proposal (no more than three single-spaced pages) that provides (a) a brief discussion of the background and significance of the proposed idea, including its relation to the present state of knowledge in the field, and (b) a narrative of the project that includes the objectives, the methods and procedures that will be used in the project (i.e., sample selection, measures/instruments and/or research design, data collection, and data analysis), the targeted publication, and a projected timeline for submission for publication. Details on measures/instruments can be included as appendices, as needed, but will not be counted in the narrative page limit. Likewise, when applicable, it is strongly encouraged to provide letters of support/approval for data collection as appendices (i.e., provide evidence that the proposed data collection procedures can be accomplished).
3. Attach the following supporting documentation to the end of the proposal packet: (a) references (should be included as appropriate, but will not be counted in the narrative page limit); (b) statement of support from the applicant’s department chair; if the department is also providing funds, this statement should include that figure; and (c) budget and budget justification for total costs (i.e. the sum of College and departmental funding, if applicable).
4. Electronically submit the completed proposal packet to the Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts at stepherw@mailbox.sc.edu.

Review Process: The criteria used for judging proposals are provided in the Research Grants Program A scoring rubric. Funding decisions will be announced within six weeks after the application deadline. Successful applicants must submit a copy of the resulting publication after which the applicant can be considered for additional funding from one of the College’s research programs. Applicants are also expected to hold a brown bag presentation of their work to be accomplished. Presentations will be scheduled by the dean’s office.