



Magellan Mini-Grant

Requirements, Terms, and Conditions

GRANT PERIOD - The project period is 12 months. The project period concludes on the project end date, when you graduate or when you leave USC, *whichever is first*.

- For December awards, the grant period is January 1-December 31 of the award year (1/1-12/31).
- For May awards, the grant period is June 1 of award year-May 31 of following year (6/1-5/31).

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Maintain consistent effort towards the completion of the project throughout the grant period. This is evaluated each semester by the research mentor through the [Research Registry](#) system, based on [this rubric](#) OR upon a set of guidelines/requirements established by the mentor for a successful semester of research. The student must register at the **beginning** of the semester that the grant begins (or when you begin the research) and **re-register every semester of project work**. *Depending on the circumstances, awardees who do not meet expectations may be at risk for loss of funding or be ineligible for future awards.* For more on the Registry, see page 2.
- 2) Complete the [CITI Responsible Conduct of Research](#) (RCR) on-line training. Use our [How-To Guide \[pdf\]](#) to access CITI training. *Note: RCR is NOT the same as Human Subjects Training; however RCR IS the same training required for NSF/NIH funded projects.* Proof of certification from CITI training must be uploaded to Blackboard.
- 3) Fulfill compliance requirements for projects involving human or animal subjects and/or research abroad. See page 2.
- 4) Present research at one of two USC sponsored events: [Spring Discover USC](#) (*preferred*) or the Summer Poster Symposium. If you have concerns regarding your presentation and intellectual property rights, please contact the Office of Technology Commercialization at 803-777-9515.
- 5) Submit a 1-2 page research report to the Office of Undergraduate Research through Blackboard ([report guidelines and instructions](#)). The report is due 1 month after completion of the project or prior to graduation, *whichever is first*.

EXPENDITURES Established University procedures must be followed when using project funds. Pay special attention to policies and procedures related to items such as purchasing, travel, and participant support.

- **Funds may only be used for the awarded student(s) and project.**
- Compensation (of any form) for faculty, graduate students, or any student other than awardee(s) is not permitted.
- Expenditures must be in compliance with the allowable and unallowable costs described on the website.
- Account overages are the responsibility of the mentor's department.
- Funds remaining for any reason, including student leaving the project, **if \$100 or over**, must be returned to the Office of Undergraduate Research. Email our@sc.edu to initiate this process. Account balances below \$100 can be transferred to the mentor's research incentive fund or department account.
- See Mini-Grant webpage – [Using your money](#) for more information and details.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

1) If your project includes the use of humans as research subjects,

- Review [these guidelines](#) immediately with your mentor to determine if additional IRB oversight is required. Most projects will not require IRB approval, however, if it does: the portion of the project involving humans may not begin until IRB approval has been obtained.
- All students working with human subjects, regardless of IRB oversight, must complete CITI Human Subject on-line training in addition to the CITI Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training required of all students. Certificates of completion must be uploaded to Blackboard. Follow the [CITI training guide](#) for assistance.

2) If vertebrate animals are used in your project,

- The project must have a valid IACUC approval number. For questions, speak with your mentor and/or the [IACUC office](#).
- Connect with your mentor to determine the specific animal use training that applies to you and your project. Once complete, you must upload the certificate(s) of completion to Blackboard.

3) Mentors are also responsible for compliance with University, state, and federal requirements relating to the use of radioisotopes and biohazardous materials. Student training is provided through the [Office of Environmental Health and Safety](#).

RESEARCH ABROAD - Projects involving international travel, including conference travel, must be approved by the Education Abroad Office. Students MUST comply with all requirements, terms and conditions of the Education Abroad Office, including insurance and pre-departure training. Should your travel be deemed unsafe for any reason **at any time**, the Magellan Mini-Grant program will follow the recommendations of the Education Abroad Office and has the right to deny and/or revoke funding.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS - Any presentations and publications produced as a result of this award must contain an acknowledgment of support such as: "This work is partially supported by a grant from the University of South Carolina Magellan Mini-Grant Program."

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - All projects are subject to the USC Intellectual Property Policy. Direct questions to the [Technology Commercialization Office](#).

EXTENSIONS - Please note the project period for this grant, especially the end date, as extensions will not be allowed. The PI and department business manager will be notified at 90, 60 and 30 days before the end date; please ask him or her to share those notices with you. Any unspent balances over \$100 will be returned to the Office of Undergraduate Research. See [Using Your Money](#) for information required in the request.

RESEARCH REGISTRY - The [Research Registry](#) is used as part of the University's experiential learning initiative to recognize student's involvement with research and compliance with grant awards. Compliance is evaluated by the student's mentor based on either [this rubric](#) (developed by a faculty committee of research mentors) OR upon a set of guidelines/requirements established by the mentor for a successful semester of research.

Grant awardees are required to register their project every semester of involvement. At the end of the semester, an email will be sent to the mentor requesting an evaluation of the student for meeting or not meeting the expectations established by the mentor (or [rubric](#)) for a successful semester of research.

If the student's participation meets expectations, the student's information and research involvement will be shared with the University as part of the experiential learning initiative. At the student's request, this record may also be provided to the Graduation with Leadership Distinction program. If a grant awardee does not meet minimum expectations, depending on the situation, the student may be at risk to lose funding or be ineligible for future awards. Mentors and students are encouraged to be in conversation throughout the semester regarding expectations for a positive research experience.

Please contact our@sc.edu with questions or concerns. Further information regarding data usage is available in [the rubric](#).