

Research Newsletter

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👋 Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the Research Roundup where we share important updates and research news to keep you in the know.

In this edition, learn about SOAR student research, explore research professional development programs and seminars, and check out two funding opportunities supporting collaborative clinical and translational research!

Research Spotlight



Rising M3 Student Preston Harrison.

Advancing Surgical Safety for Clinical Teams 🧑🏻‍⚕️🧑🏻‍⚕️🛡️

Rising third year medical student and 2025 [SOAR](#) participant **Preston Harrison** recently published a first-author article, highlighting his work in orthopedic **research focused on reducing occupational radiation exposure among surgical staff**. 🌟 Under the mentorship of [Dr. Gonzalez](#), his research advances operating room safety and provider well-being.

💬 **“My work in orthopedic research focuses on understanding and reducing occupational radiation exposure among surgical staff, with the goal of improving long-term safety in the operating room,”** said Harrison. **“Under the mentorship of Dr. Gonzalez, I have contributed to efforts that prioritize both clinical excellence and provider well-being. This research reflects a commitment to protecting those who deliver care as much as those who receive it.”**

👉 Check out the publication [here](#).

Programs and Initiatives



Propel is now open for applications!

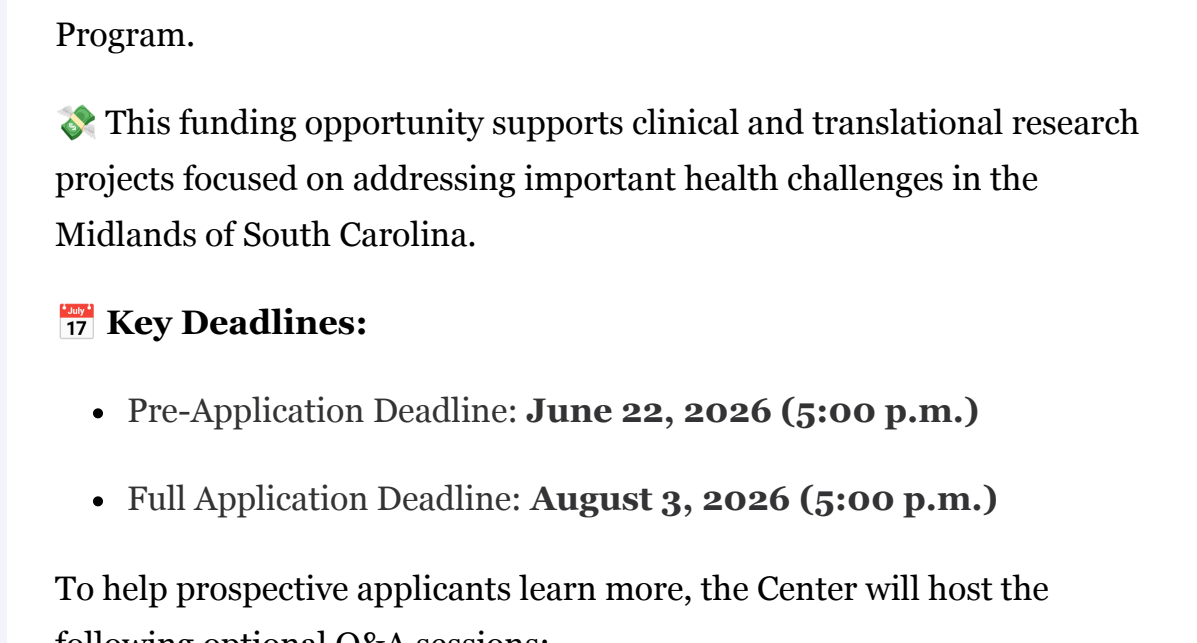
The **Propel Research Mentorship Program** is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 academic year. 🌟

This program supports faculty members new to the large federal grants application process who want to apply for a large grant from the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#), the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#), or the [Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#).

This program provides participants with nine months of intensive mentorship, education, workshops, editing support, and eight half-day sessions.

👉 For more information on the Propel Research Mentorship Program or to apply, [please visit this webpage](#).

Funding Opportunities



ClinTrUSC Notice of Funding Opportunity

[The Center for Clinical & Translational Research](#) (ClinTrUSC) is now accepting applications for the Pilot and Developmental Research Project Program.

💡 This funding opportunity supports clinical and translational research projects focused on addressing important health challenges in the Midlands of South Carolina.

📅 Key Deadlines:

- Pre-Application Deadline: **June 22, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)**

- Full Application Deadline: **August 3, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)**

To help prospective applicants learn more, the Center will host the following optional Q&A sessions:

- **June 17 (11:30 a.m.):** Register [here](#).

- **June 22 (8:30 a.m.):** Register [here](#).

👉 View the full NOFO [here](#).

Now Open: 2027 Prisma Health Seed Grants

The **2027 Prisma Health Education and Research Institute (PHERI) Seed Grant Program** is now accepting applications from eligible University of South Carolina investigators.

This funding opportunity **supports collaborative pilot research and scholarly activities that align with Prisma Health's research priorities and those of its academic partners**. Seed Grant projects are intended to generate preliminary data, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and position investigators for future external funding opportunities.

📅 Key Dates:

- **June 15, 2026, 1:00 p.m.** – [Virtual Pre-Application Info Session](#)

- **July 23, 2026, 12:00 p.m.** – [Virtual Pre-Application Info Session](#)

- **August 21, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** - Application Deadline !

- **Week of November 30, 2026** - Award notifications

- **January 1 – June 30, 2027** - Funding period

👉 [review the full call for applications](#) and [timeline](#) to determine eligibility and prepare competitive proposals.

💡 Not seeing any funding opportunities that apply to you? 💡

👉 Check out the [Limited Submissions page](#) for the latest listing of limited funding opportunities.

Upcoming Conference & Events



Register now for the 2026 Research Core Fair 🧪

USC Research Cores and the Office of the Vice President for Research are excited to host **the 2026 USC Research Core Fair!**

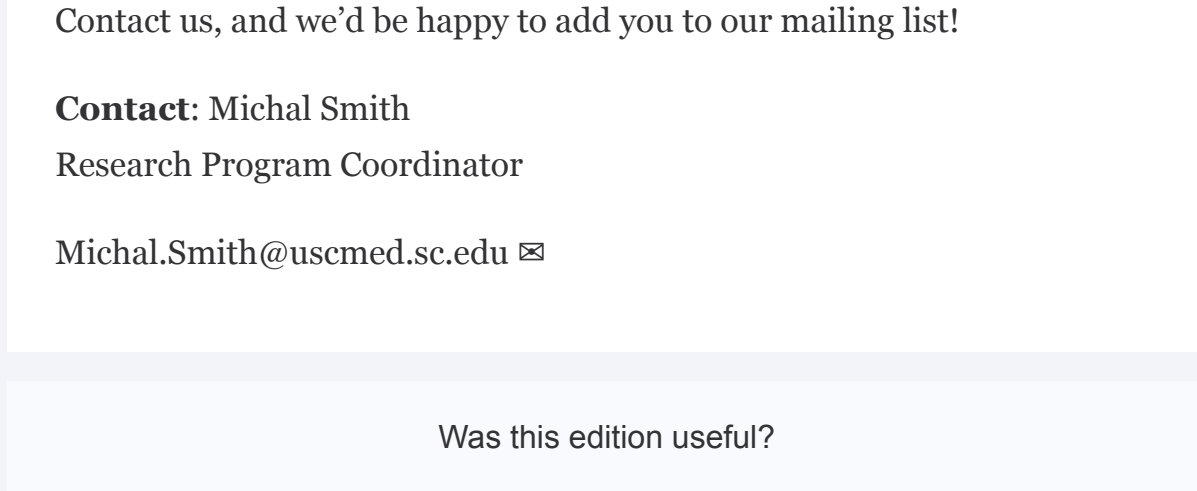
📅 **Friday, September 18**

📍 **Pastides Alumni Center**

The Research Core Fair is open to all USC students, faculty and staff, as well as researchers from outside USC. **Register by Friday, September 4, 2026, to secure your spot.**

👉 Learn more and register [here](#).

Refine Your Skills



ClinTrUSC Professional Development Core Research Seminar Series

Rural Health Research in South Carolina:

Current Landscape & Opportunities

Join us for an overview of the **current landscape of rural health research in South Carolina**, with attention to ongoing work and emerging opportunities.

📅 **July 1, 2026**

🕒 **11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

👉 [Register here](#).

Thank you for reading this month's issue of the *Research Roundup*! We hope you found it helpful. If you have any suggestions for future issues or would like to share research news or opportunities, please let us know!

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