

# RESEARCH ROUNDUP

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## Research Newsletter

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

In this edition, celebrate our graduate and medical student accomplishments, view deadlines for important funding opportunities, and save the date for upcoming clinical and translational research seminars.

## Research Spotlights



From Left to Right, Noelle Frambes, Hunter Cox, and Arianna Bastian.

### 🎉 Three School of Medicine Graduate Students Secure SPARC Research Funding

Three graduate students from the School of Medicine have been selected as [2026 SPARC Graduate Research Grant recipients](#), each receiving up to \$5,000 to support their research and creative projects over 15 months.

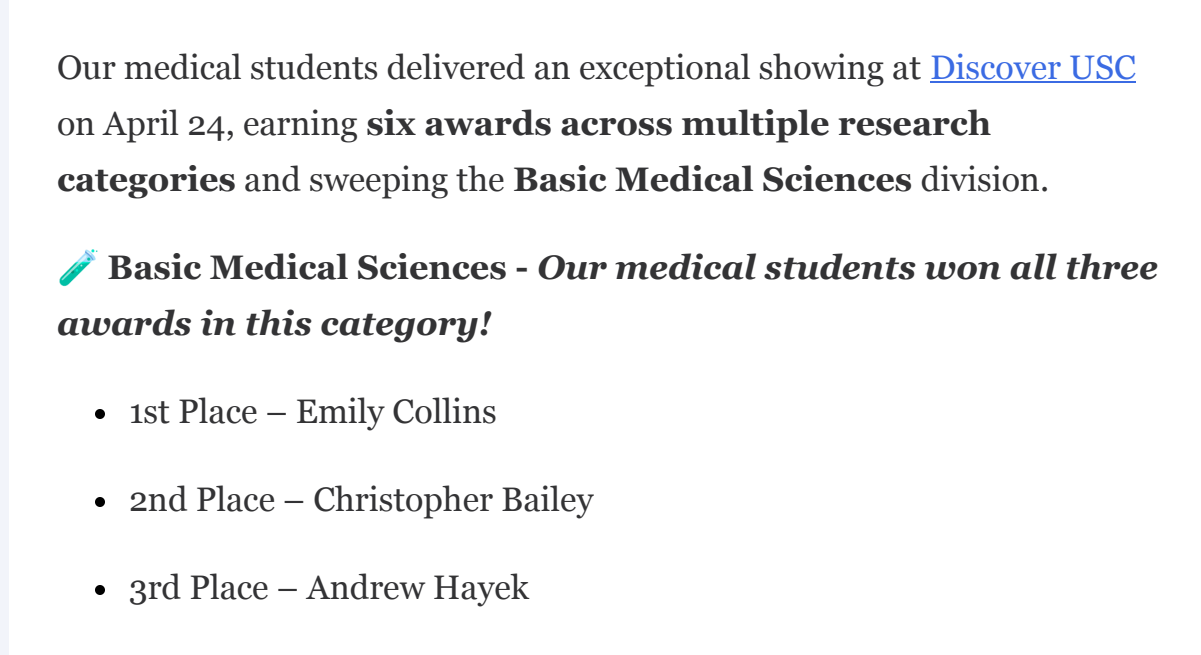
🧠👉 Beyond funding, the [SPARC program](#) helps students strengthen proposal development skills and prepare for future external funding success.

#### 👉 Congratulations to:

Noelle Frambes ([PPN](#))

Hunter Cox ([PPN](#))

Arianna Bastian ([PMI](#))



### SOMC Students win Six Awards at Discover USC 2026 🏆

Our medical students delivered an exceptional showing at [Discover USC](#) on April 24, earning **six awards across multiple research categories** and sweeping the **Basic Medical Sciences** division.

🏆 **Basic Medical Sciences - Our medical students won all three awards in this category!**

- 1st Place – Emily Collins
- 2nd Place – Christopher Bailey
- 3rd Place – Andrew Hayek

📄 **Case Reports/Small Series/Learning Innovation - Our medical students won two out of the three awards in this category!**

- 1st Place – Anusha Ghosh & Julia Soukup
- 2nd Place – Jiya Desai

💉 **Therapeutic Effectiveness/Efficiency - Our medical student was the only student winner in this category among three residents!**

- 2nd Place – Jonathan Davis

The complete sweep of the Basic Medical Sciences category highlights the School of Medicine Columbia's strong foundation in fundamental science. 🧠

## Programs and Initiatives



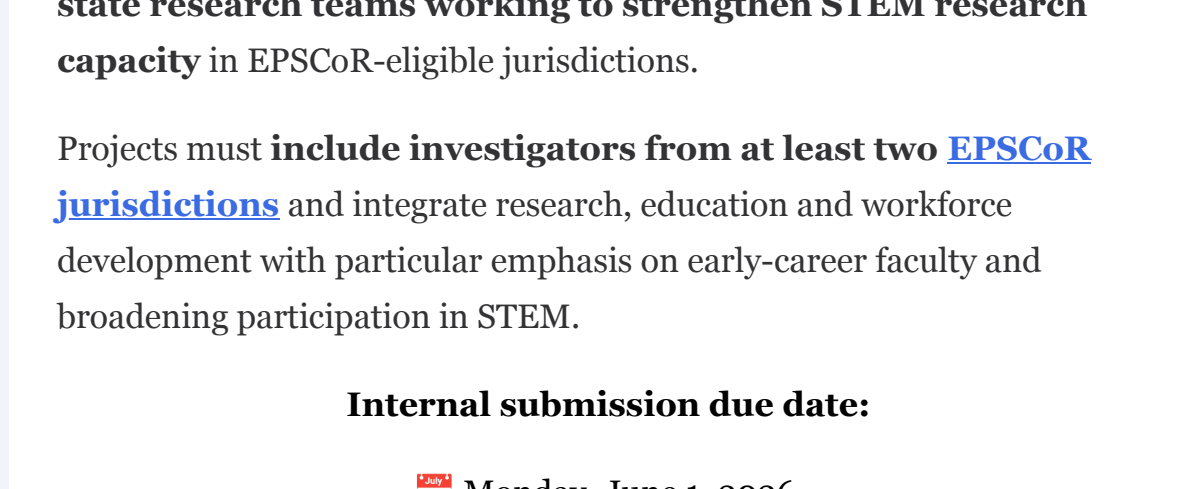
### 🕒 Deadline Approaching: Education Research Program

Applications for the [Education Research Program](#) are due **May 31, 2026**. This internal funding opportunity supports **hypothesis-driven education research** that produces both scholarly outcomes and practical tools to improve teaching and learning

💰 Up to three awards of \$5,000  
Open to all School of Medicine faculty!

👉 Don't miss your chance to [apply!](#)

## Funding Opportunities



### ACS Cancer Research Funding Now Open !

[The American Cancer Society](#) (ACS) has opened its next round of cancer [research funding opportunities](#), supporting projects across the full research continuum.

📅 **Applications are due June 1, 2026**, and must be submitted through USCERA via ProposalCentral.

🧠 Funding is available for both **independent investigators** and **mentored researchers**, with mechanisms including Mission Boost, Research Scholar Grants, Postdoctoral Fellowships, and Clinician Scientist Development Grants.

👉 For additional information, please see [All ACS Grant Instructions](#) and [All ACS Grant Policies](#).

### NSF EPSCoR Focused EPSCoR Collaborations (FEC) 🤝

[The National Science Foundation](#) (NSF) is accepting proposals for the [EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement](#): Focused EPSCoR Collaborations (FEC) program, which **supports collaborative, multi-state research teams working to strengthen STEM research capacity** in EPSCoR-eligible jurisdictions.

Projects must **include investigators from at least two EPSCoR jurisdictions** and integrate research, education and workforce development with particular emphasis on early-career faculty and broadening participation in STEM.

#### Internal submission due date:

📅 Monday, June 1, 2026.

🕒 5 p.m.

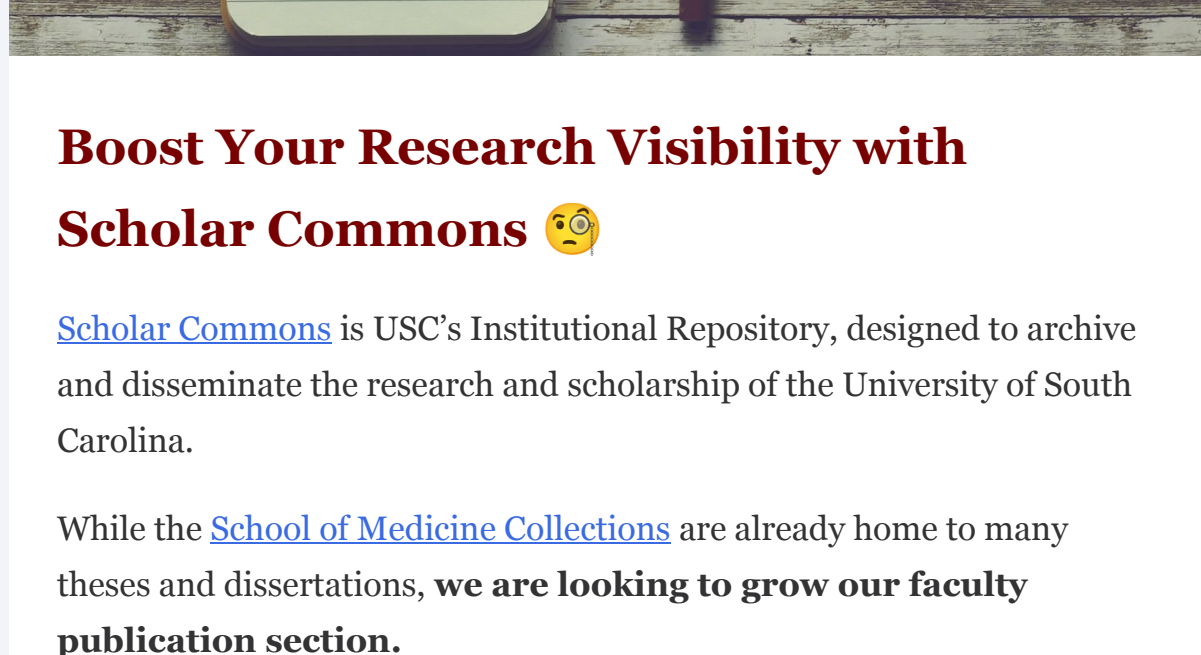
✉ Submit to: [resdev@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:resdev@mailbox.sc.edu)

👉 [Review the full solicitation for additional details.](#)

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

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

## Refine Your Skills



### ClinTrUSC Research Seminar Series

#### *Clinical Data in Practice: Designing Feasible & Defensible Analyses for Clinical and Population-Based Data Sources*

Design practical, defensible analytic strategies using clinical and population-based data sources.

📅 June 3, 2026

🕒 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

👉 Register [here](#).

👉 View the full seminar series schedule [here](#).

👁 Looking to stay up to date on [AI news and events](#)?

[Subscribe to the Garnet AI Digest](#) which highlights how artificial intelligence is shaping teaching, research and operations across campus!



## Action Items



### Boost Your Research Visibility with Scholar Commons 🧠

[Scholar Commons](#) is USC's Institutional Repository, designed to archive and disseminate the research and scholarship of the University of South Carolina.

While the [School of Medicine Collections](#) are already home to many theses and dissertations, **we are looking to grow our faculty publication section.**

Submit scholarly output such as...

- 📄 journal articles
- 📖 books chapters
- 🎥 presentations

... to increase visibility and access to your work!

👉 Learn more and get started [here](#).

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