Center for
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University of South Carolina Aiken

INBRE Primer and Extension Award – Call for Proposals

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The Center for Research Excellence is pleased to announce the call for 2027 INBRE Primer and Extension proposals. INBRE funding is open to any USC Aiken undergraduate conducting faculty mentored research in biomedicine/molecular biology.

The Primer and Extension Research programs were created and supported by the University of South Carolina Aiken Passport to Research Opportunities in Biomedicine (PROBe) program to enrich the academic experience of our undergraduates in biomedical disciplines.

By providing access to faculty mentoring relationships and a professional research experience, PROBe enables students to work directly with a faculty mentor to explore their interests in biomedical research at a more in-depth level than can be attained in the classroom.

> Primer Awards are funded for up to $3000 to fund a faculty-mentored research project. All students performing biomedical research are eligible to apply for funding through the PROBe *Primer* award program; however, this award is targeted to fund students in their first year of research.
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> Extension awards are funded for up to $6000 to fund a faculty-mentored research project. Students in their second or third year of biomedical research (primarily sophomores and juniors) are eligible to apply for funding through the PROBe *Extension* award program. *Extension* awards are available to any student with at least one year of biomedical research experience, regardless of previous PROBe funding.

Information regarding the USC Aiken's INBRE Research program and proposal guidelines can be found on the CRE web page at

https://www.usca.edu/research/undergraduate-research/inbre-probe

Important Dates

Call for proposals: Friday, November 13, 2026
Primer Proposal due date: 5:00 PM Friday, December 11, 2026
Extension Proposal due date: 5:00 PM Friday, December 11, 2026
Award announcements: Monday, January 11, 2027
Award start date: January 11, 2027