

University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees - Called  
In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center  
and By Microsoft Teams  
September 16, 2022

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Members in attendance:

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*  
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*  
C. Dan Adams  
Alex English  
C. Edward Floyd  
Brian C. Harlan  
Richard A. Jones Jr.  
Toney J. Lister  
Miles Loadholt (online)  
Hubert F. Mobley  
E. Scott Moise  
Leah B. Moody  
Emma W. Morris  
C. Dorn Smith  
Molly M. Spearman  
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)  
Mack I. Whittle Jr.  
Charles H. Williams

Members Absent:

J. Egerton Burroughs

Other in attendance:

Audrey Korsgaard, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair  
Reedy Newton, USC Columbia Student Government President  
David Seaton, Special Advisor to the Governance Committee

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President  
Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Terry Parham, General Counsel  
Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (in person)

Media in attendance:

Caleb Bozard, the *Daily Gamecock*  
Jessica Holdman, the *Post & Courier*  
Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Notice:

Chair Westbrook stated notice of the meeting and agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Board; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters regarding the regular evaluation of the President by the Board, of matters protected by attorney-client privilege, and of personnel matters regarding appointment of Trustees to standing Committees.

Mr. English made the motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Westbrook invited the following to remain: Trustees, Dr. Korsgaard, Ms. Reedy Newton, Mr. Seaton, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Chancellors, the President's Cabinet, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Vision and Goals

A. Introduction from the President

President Amiridis discussed the assembly of his Cabinet, then introduced Provost Donna Arnett and Vice President for Research Julius Fridriksson.

Chair Westbrook stated this update was received as information.

B. Statements from the Provost

Provost Arnett discussed her vision and methods of implementation, including a listening tour and building programming for faculty and academic staff. She provided a summary of the status of current dean searches.

Chair Westbrook stated this update was received as information.

C. Statements from the Vice President for Research

Vice President for Research Julius Fridriksson provided an update from the Office of Research, discussing research funding, goals, and new programming. [BOT Called 091622 OS II C]

Chair Westbrook stated this update was received as information.

III. Committee Assignments

Chair Westbrook stated Committee assignments were distributed earlier in the week and posted to the Board portal. Some standing Committees held their normally scheduled meetings that day; for those, an agenda item was added to each for the election of a Committee Chair. [BOT Called 091622 OS III]

IV. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

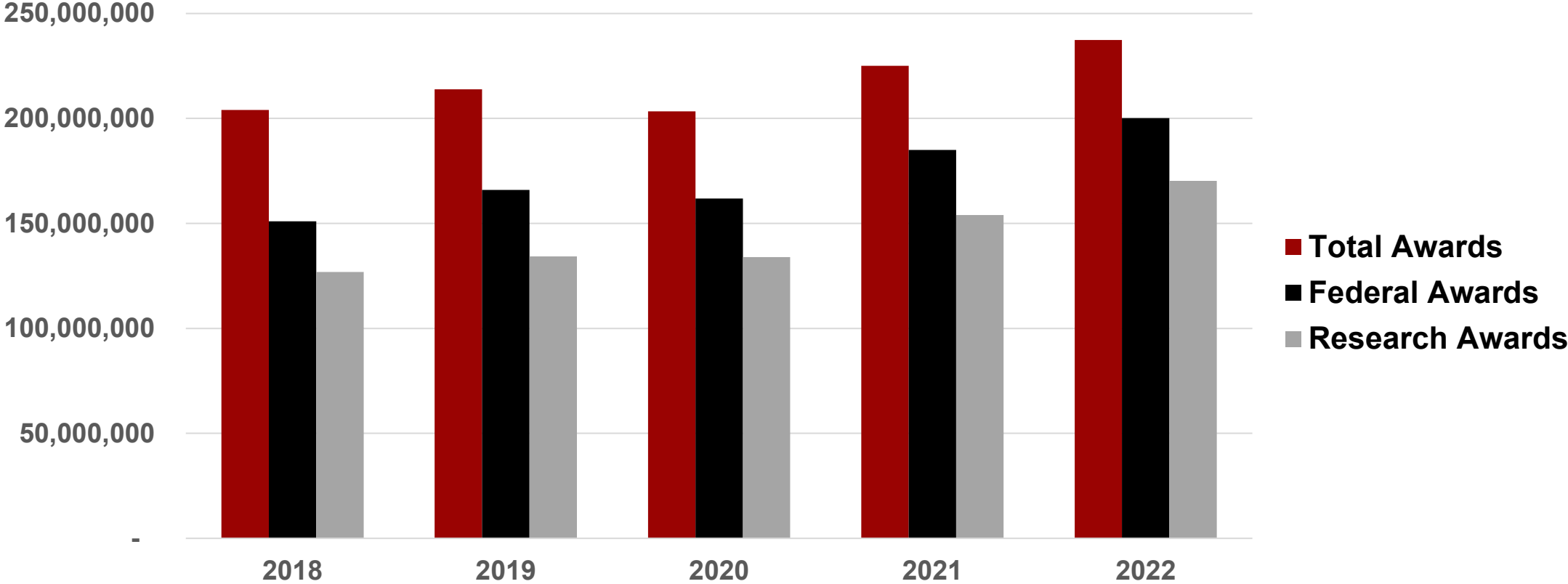
Cameron Howell  
Secretary

# RESEARCH UPDATE

Julius Fridriksson, Vice President for Research

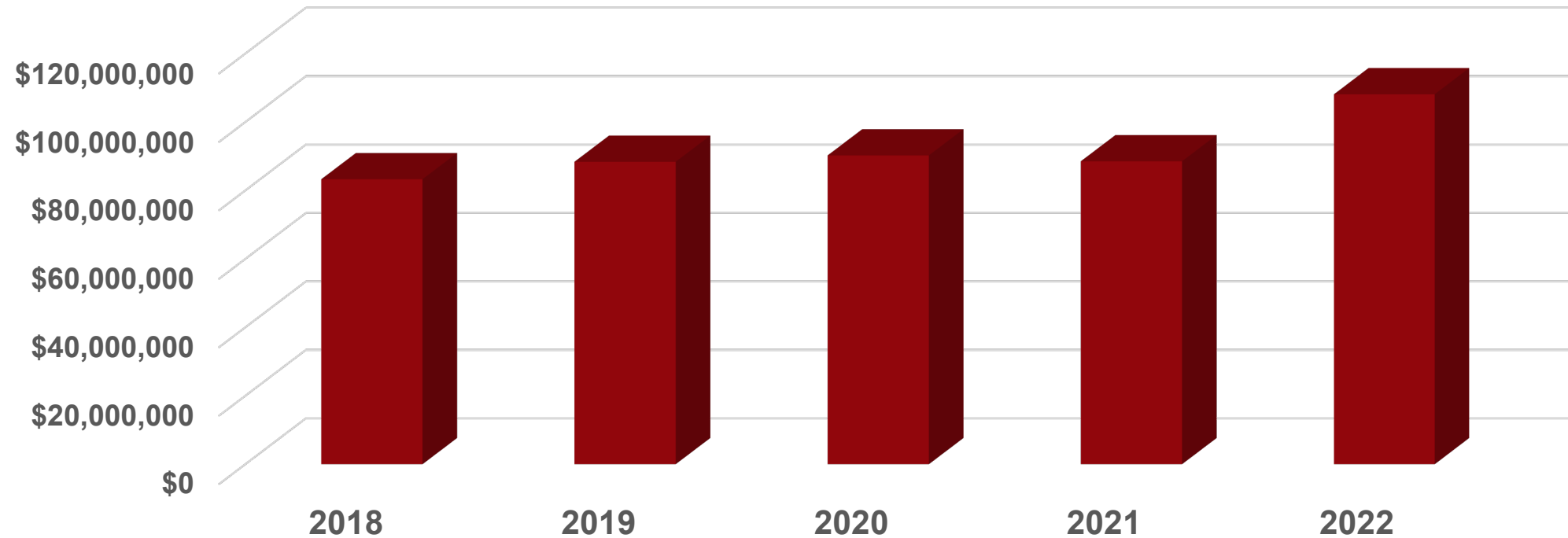


# TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING 2018-2022



# FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH EXPENDITURES 2018-2022

Five-Year Trend



# RESEARCH GOALS: NEXT FIVE YEARS

- Increase federal expenditures by 25 percent
- Double the number of center grants at USC
- Increase the proportion of federally funded junior faculty by 50 percent



# NEW: RESEARCH INSTITUTES FUNDING PROGRAM



The screenshot shows the University of South Carolina website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'GATEWAYS FOR: STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF, ALUMNI, PARENTS, CALENDAR, MAP, DIRECTORY, GIVE' and a search bar for 'SEARCH SC.EDU'. Below this is the 'Office of the Vice President for Research' header. A left sidebar contains a menu with items like 'VP for Research', 'About', 'News & Publications', 'Support for Researchers', 'Internal Funding & Awards', 'Opportunities for Faculty' (with sub-items ASPIRE, Breakthrough Faculty Awards, RISE, SMART, Racial Justice and Equity Research Fund, Propel Research Mentorship Program, Excel), 'Research Institutes Funding Program' (highlighted), 'Faculty Expertise', 'Centers & Facilities', and 'Distinguished Honors & Awards'. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'RESEARCH INSTITUTES Funding Program' and a sun icon. Below the banner, the text reads: 'Research Institutes Funding Program. Sponsored by the offices of the USC President and Vice President for Research, the Research Institutes Funding Program will invest an unprecedented \$10 million in internal funding for meritorious new research institutes with the potential to garner sustainable support from external research funding agencies.' A second sun icon with the text 'Research Institutes Funding Program' and 'KEY DATES AND MATERIALS' is located at the bottom right of the main content area.

## Research Institutes Funding Program

RIFP aims to invest an unprecedented \$10 million in five promising new interdisciplinary institutes with potential to successfully compete for prestigious, sustainable external center grant funding.

- Up to five institutes
- Up to \$500K/year for up to four years
- Faculty at USC Columbia and the schools of medicine in Greenville and Columbia may submit a pre-application
- All applications reviewed by external experts
- Up to 10 applicants invited to submit a full proposal



# NEW: EXCEL FUNDING PROGRAM FOR LIBERAL ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES



The screenshot shows the UofSC website's navigation bar with links for GATEWAYS FOR: STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF, ALUMNI, PARENTS, CALENDAR, MAP, DIRECTORY, and GIVE. The main header includes the UofSC logo and "South Carolina" text, along with a search bar for "SEARCH SC.EDU". Below the header is the "Office of the Vice President for Research" section. A left sidebar lists various research support categories, with "Excel" highlighted. The main content area features a large banner with a sun icon and the text "EXCEL Funding Program for Liberal Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences". Below the banner, the "Excel" section is introduced, followed by a paragraph describing the program's purpose and a call to action to "APPLY NOW".

**Excel**

The offices of the USC President, Provost and Vice President for Research proudly offer Excel program funding for meritorious scholarly and creative projects by USC faculty working in the liberal arts, humanities and social sciences.

The Office of the Vice President for Research is proud to partner with the offices of the President and the Provost to offer the Excel Funding Program for Liberal Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Funding opportunities for liberal arts, humanities and social sciences scholarship are more limited than those for traditional scientific research. Excel is designed to help address this disparity by offering a dedicated funding mechanism for USC Columbia and Palmetto College faculty members to pursue these harder-to-fund projects. By providing seed funding to liberal arts, humanities and social sciences faculty, Excel also aims to bolster their competitive edge in applying for subsequent external funding.

## Excel Funding Program

Developed to provide funding for faculty in underserved fields of study, Excel awards will support scholarship and creative works, boosting recipients' competitive edge in applying for future external funding.

- \$600K total program investment
- Up to \$15K for individual projects
- Up to \$25K for collaborative projects
- Faculty at USC Columbia and the two-year Palmetto College Campuses are eligible
- Funded faculty will produce a major scholarly or creative work to share through a publication, presentation, exhibition or performance

# PROPEL RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



## Propel

With a focus on intensive one-on-one mentoring and monthly workshops Propel helps new and early-career faculty researchers apply for large NIH or NSF grants.

- The second Propel cohort kicked off last month with 53 participants representing nine USC Columbia colleges, the School of Medicine Columbia and three system campuses
  - 15 NSF track mentees
  - 38 NIH track mentees

# STAR: SERIES ON TRAINING FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH



## STAR

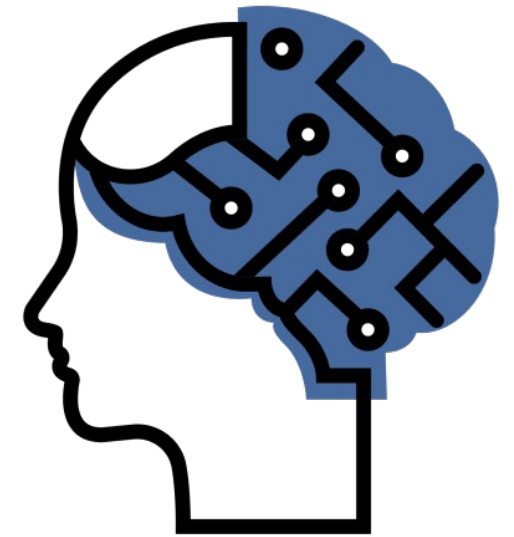
STAR provides selected senior faculty researchers with unique insight into identifying, applying for and successfully managing a major federal center grant.

- For senior faculty with established research portfolios that include five years of significant funding and publications
- Consists of four workshops presented by USC faculty who lead major federal research centers
- Principal investigators for new RIFP institutes will participate in 2023-2024

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: GAME CHANGER OR GAME OVER?

Please join us for a stimulating and timely panel discussion on the ethical implications of artificial intelligence, featuring USC research superstars:

- **Forest Agostinelli**, College of Engineering and Computing
- **Orgul Ozturk**, Darla Moore School of Business
- **Jane Roberts**, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Bryant Walker Smith**, School of Law



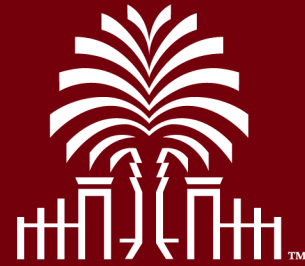
## **Artificial Intelligence: Game Changer or Game Over?**

Thursday, October 6, 2022

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Darla Moore School of Business, W.W. Hootie Johnson Hall

Visit [event.sc.edu/AIPanel](https://event.sc.edu/AIPanel) for registration and complete details.



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## Trustees' Committee Appointments

### Academic Excellence and Student Experience

1. Dan Adams
2. Egerton Burroughs
3. Alex English
4. Dick Jones
5. Leah Moody
6. Emmie Morris
7. Molly Spearman
8. John von Lehe

### Advancement, Engagement and Communications

1. Dan Adams
2. Alex English
3. Scott Moise
4. Dorn Smith
5. Molly Spearman
6. John von Lehe
7. Charles Williams

### Audit, Compliance and Risk

1. Egerton Burroughs
2. Brian Harlan
3. Dick Jones
4. Hugh Mobley
5. Scott Moise
6. Leah Moody
7. Dorn Smith
8. Charles Williams

### Finance and Infrastructure

1. Dan Adams
2. Egerton Burroughs
3. Alex English
4. Edward Floyd
5. Brian Harlan
6. Miles Loadholt
7. Mack Whittle
8. Charles Williams

### Health and Medical Affairs

1. Edward Floyd
2. Dick Jones
3. Toney Lister
4. Miles Loadholt
5. Hugh Mobley
6. Emmie Morris
7. Dorn Smith
8. Mack Whittle

### University System

1. Toney Lister
2. Miles Loadholt
3. Scott Moise
4. Leah Moody
5. Emmie Morris
6. John von Lehe