



**Center for
Research Excellence**
University of South Carolina Aiken

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Connections Student Travel Award – Call for Applications

Sponsored by the USC Aiken Center for Research Excellence

The Center for Research Excellence is pleased to announce a new initiative to support scholarship-associated student travel. We invite all qualified students and their faculty mentors to participate.

The *Connections* Student Travel program was created by the USC Aiken Center for Research Excellence, in consultation with the Provost, in support of student travel to scientific/scholarly events to present the results of their faculty-mentored work at USC Aiken. The program is open to students in all disciplines.

Requests may be up to \$1000 and may be used to fund student travel. Competition for this award will be through submission of a Connections Student Travel application consisting of

1. A brief personal statement (1-page maximum), written by the student, describing the nature of the intended presentation and how the presentation will further the student's academic career.
2. An invitation/acceptance letter for the presentation.
3. A completed signature form.

Selection will be based on the project's educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the student's previous academic success.

The USC Aiken *Connections* Student Travel application may be found at

[Center for Research Excellence Connections Travel Award - Formstack](#)

Important Dates

Call for applications: March 2, 2026

Application due date: 5:00 PM April 2, 2026

Award Announcements: April 6, 2026

Note: applications must be approved by the faculty mentor and the originating department or school. Funds may only be used to reimburse the traveler upon return.