

SYSTEM LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CAROLINA CHANGES EVERYTHING

We're making South Carolina **healthier,**
more prosperous and **more vibrant.**

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A stronger University of South Carolina means a stronger state of South Carolina. Since 1801, the University of South Carolina has driven our state forward. Our continued improvement is crucial to making South Carolina healthier, more prosperous and more vibrant for all its citizens.



OUR TOP PRIORITY: BOND BILL

What is a “bond bill”? A bond bill for education is a piece of state legislation that, if passed, will provide funds for capital projects at educational institutions throughout the state. Major capital improvements and building projects have a profound and lasting impact, so it makes sense that their costs are spread out over many years. Paying for projects with a bond is not like using a credit card for everyday expenses, but is instead similar to a home mortgage — an investment in the future.

Infrastructure matters. In order to retain the state’s best and brightest students, recruit top students from across the nation and attract world-class faculty members, our colleges and universities must have up-to-date facilities. A bond will help finance a new home for the aging USC School of Medicine, serving as the cornerstone for a future health sciences research campus. It also allows USC and other institutions across the state to make much-needed improvements to existing facilities. That means better classrooms, laboratories and academic support facilities for students.

A smart way to invest. A capital improvement bond offers South Carolina the opportunity to renew our commitment to education in a way that’s financially prudent. Importantly, a bond protects the state’s AAA credit rating, does not raise taxes on our state’s residents and requires no additional general fund appropriations. Approving a bond now also means South Carolina can take advantage of borrowing rates that are near historic lows.

Long overdue. The last capital improvement bond issue was in 2001. Prior to that, the General Assembly issued bonds about every other year. In the 16 years since the last bond issue, state educational facilities have deteriorated, and some are in desperate need of renovations and upgrades.

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\$25 RETURN TO THE STATE’S ECONOMY FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN HIGHER ED.

THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS ALUMNI
CONTRIBUTE ABOUT

\$75 MILLION

MORE TO THE STATE IN TAXES EACH YEAR THAN
USC RECEIVES IN STATE APPROPRIATIONS.

1 in 37

THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS ALUMNI SUPPORT ABOUT 1 IN EVERY 37 JOBS (THAT’S APPROXIMATELY 53,000 JOBS).

S.C. residents with bachelor’s degrees annually earn about

\$15,000

more, and all salaries rise as the number of college graduates increases

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

Selected system budget requests

We make the state healthier.

By 2030, the health care and social assistance sectors are projected to be the largest employers in South Carolina — a state with significant health disparities and chronic health risks — with high demand for college-educated workers. As the state's largest public research university with the most comprehensive set of health sciences degree options, USC is well-positioned to increase the number of qualified health care professionals in the state.

A new health sciences living and learning community is a key part of our **health science initiative** (\$5,401,000) addressing this need. These funds will enable the university to improve programming for undergraduates, enhance advising, boost career development services and assist students in moving more seamlessly to graduate programs. The university must also hire additional health sciences faculty members to meet student demand and decrease the student/faculty ratio.

Renovations to USC Sumter's science building (\$4,500,000) are long overdue. The building's laboratory facilities are more than 50 years old and have to double as lecture rooms. Air quality, health and safety issues are also major areas of concern. While Carolina is a modern, forward-looking university system, repairs and renovations such as this will provide an immediate positive influence on the well-being of our students and visitors.

We make the state more prosperous.

More than ever, good-paying jobs require college degrees, and a large part of our mission is to prepare students with the tools they need to compete in today's rapidly changing job markets. To continue to meet the level of excellence our students have come to expect, we must continue to reinvest in core educational functions that help them succeed in and out of the classroom.

Strategic investments in innovative **student success initiatives** (\$2,505,000) will help us keep the state's best students in state and build a well-educated, high-achieving workforce for South Carolina. Investing in faculty members and advisers for the nation's top-ranked Honors College will allow the program to expand while maintaining its stellar reputation. Additional University 401 classes will improve student retention, progression, achievement, graduation and employability across all of the university's campuses.

A new **Undergraduate Information Technology and Computing Learning Collaborative** (\$5,594,000) will span all existing information and computing programs and majors at USC Columbia and will allow the university to work with area technical schools to increase student diversity and maximize the opportunities for students who are trained to serve the technical needs of our industry partners.

We make the state more vibrant.

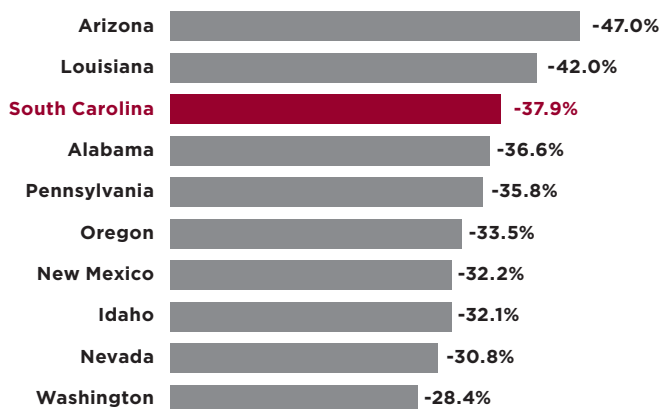
From Native American pottery in Lancaster and contemporary visual arts in Beaufort to world-class special collections in Columbia and lots of team spirit on eight campuses, the USC system offers a treasure trove of exhibits, performances and sports that make the Palmetto State a more vibrant place to call home.

All of the university's campuses play important roles in improving quality of life statewide. **Library renovations and a learning commons** at USC Aiken (\$8,500,000) and an **expansion and renovations to the library** at USC Beaufort (\$8,000,000) will enhance resources not only for students and faculty and staff members but also for local communities.

USC Lancaster's **Gregory Health and Wellness Center** (\$750,000) needs extensive renovations. The center is important to the university because it houses physical education classes, staff offices and athletics programs, but it is also a key location for the Lancaster area because it houses a number of community programs.

TEN STATES WITH BIGGEST HIGHER EDUCATION CUTS

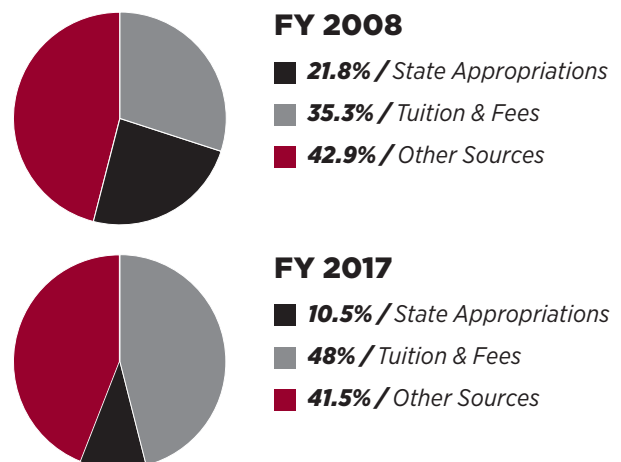
(PERCENT CHANGE IN STATE SPENDING PER STUDENT, INFLATION ADJUSTED, 2008-2015)



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HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING SHIFT FROM STATE TO STUDENTS

(COMPARISON OF 2008 TO 2017 USC SYSTEM REVENUE SOURCES)



BUDGET REQUEST SUMMARY

Recurring Budget Requests

USC COLUMBIA

- Undergraduate Information Technology and Computing Learning Collaborative — \$5,594,000
- Health Science Initiative — \$5,401,000
- Student Success Initiative — \$2,505,000
- School of Medicine New Faculty and Staff Initiative — \$1,750,000

USC AIKEN

- Fortifying and Expanding the Foundations for Success — \$1,200,000

USC BEAUFORT

- Envision USCB2021 Strengthen and Expand Academic Programs — \$2,045,600
- Envision USCB 2021 Student Success Initiative — \$594,600

USC UPSTATE

- Opportunity Meets Excellence: Access, Equity and Stewardship — \$4,862,972

USC PALMETTO COLLEGE CAMPUSES

- College Focus Program and Student Success Initiative — \$2,500,000

Nonrecurring Budget Requests

USC COLUMBIA

- USC School of Medicine Columbia Relocation (Health Sciences Research Campus) — \$50,000,000
- Science and Technology Center (Old Law School Renovation) — \$21,500,000

USC AIKEN

- Library Renovations/Learning Commons — \$8,500,000
- Penland Administration Building — \$3,500,000

USC BEAUFORT

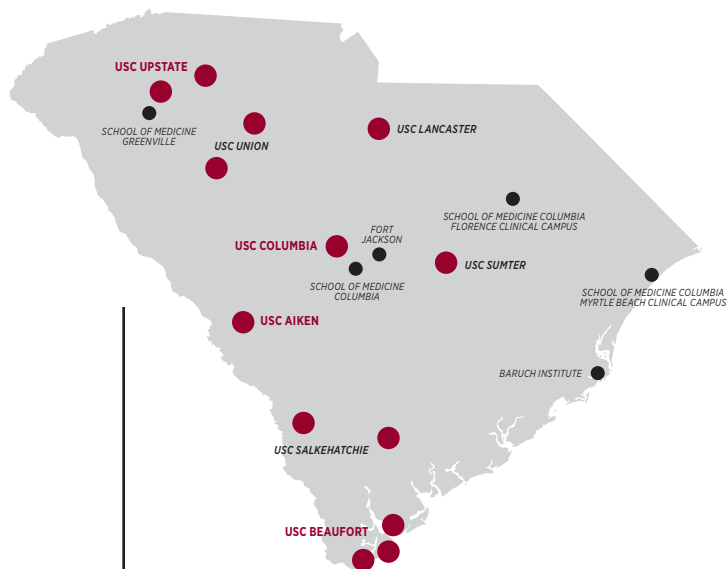
- Classroom Building — \$25,000,000
- Library/Classroom Building Expansion — \$8,000,000

USC UPSTATE

- Addition/Renovation of Existing Library — \$17,000,000
- Smith Science Building Renovation — \$8,250,000

USC PALMETTO COLLEGE CAMPUSES

- USC Sumter Science Building Renovation — \$4,500,000
- Life Cycle Funding for Physical Plant Maintenance on all four campuses — \$3,643,000
- USC Union Truluck Gymnasium Expansion — \$990,000
- USC Lancaster Gregory Health and Wellness Center Renovation — \$750,000



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STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN THE USC SYSTEM
(FALL 2016)

RESEARCH CAMPUS

USC Columbia / 34,009 STUDENTS

COMPREHENSIVE CAMPUSES

USC Aiken / 3,548 STUDENTS

USC Beaufort / 2,005 STUDENTS

USC Upstate / 5,821 STUDENTS

PALMETTO COLLEGE CAMPUSES

USC Lancaster / 1,845 STUDENTS

USC Salkehatchie / 1,137 STUDENTS

USC Sumter / 805 STUDENTS

USC Union / 839 STUDENTS

*Headcount enrollment by campus,
fall 2016*

USC SYSTEM ALUMNI

South Carolina / 180,000

Worldwide / 300,000



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