COVID-19 Research Initiative Grant Terms and Conditions

Grant Period: The project period will begin immediately and end 4/30/2021.

Account Set-Up: These accounts will be established by the Controller's Office as N accounts. If any additional information is required, the Controller's Office will contact departments directly. The accounts/projects will be created, and the project IDs will be provided to the departments.

Expenditures: You must follow established University procedures in expending the funds for your project, including any guidelines put in place as a result of the University's shutdown or as a result of any orders issued by state government. Pay special attention to policies and procedures relating to such items as purchasing, travel, participant incentives, graduate student tuition requirements, and personnel. Should any cost overruns occur, they will be charged to your department/campus. Accounting of your expenditures may be requested by the Office of Research at any point during the project period or after completion of the project. If at the end of your project period you have unexpended funds of more than $150 remaining in your account (s), these funds will be transferred back to the Office of Research. If you leave the University prior to the end of your award, and you have funds remaining, these must be returned to the Office of Research.

The following are not allowable expenditures:

- Laptops or desktop computers
- Food

Compliance Issues: If your project includes the use of humans as research subjects, you are responsible for ensuring that the use of these subjects is approved by the IRB. If vertebrate animals are used in your project, you must have a valid IACUC approval number. *You may not expend funds related to human subjects or animal care until you have your IRB or IACUC approval*; please forward your approvals from either the IRB or IACUC to Beth Herron at bherron@mailbox.sc.edu. Projects will be audited for compliance with this condition.

Publications or Presentations: Any publications produced or presentations given as a result of this award should contain an acknowledgement of support such as, "This work is partially supported by a COVID-19 Research Initiative grant from the Office of the Vice President for Research at the University of South Carolina."

Extensions and Budget Revisions: Because these are meant to be rapid-use funds, extensions will not be granted. Changes in budget categories of more than 10% and/or changes to key project personnel also must be sent to Beth for approval by the VPR's office or the ASPIRE funds may be forfeited.

Abstract Publication: The abstracts for all funded projects will be published on the Office of the Vice President for Research's website to facilitate possible collaborations and information exchange among investigators with complementary studies.

Reporting: A final report in a format of your choosing must be sent to bherron@mailbox.sc.edu 30 days after the end date of your project (May 31, 2021). Failure to submit these reports will preclude you from receiving funding from the VPR's office in the future. The final report should include the following information:

1. A brief summary of activities performed
2. A budget statement describing how funds have been spent
3. A list of all external funding requests (i.e. proposals) developed and submitted as well as those that received funding as a result of your COVID-19 grant.
4. Any publications and other scholarly activities resulting from this funding.