



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)
Nonprofit Organizations with an arts focus working in partnership with an IHE
South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture
South Carolina Governor's School for Arts and Humanities
South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

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RE: Arts Curricular Innovation Grants—2025 Arts Teacher Institutes Grant

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2025 Request for Proposals for the Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)—**Arts Teacher Institutes** grant is now available [online](#). Approximately \$519,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis for 15 Arts Teacher Institutes. The deadline to apply is **November 15, 2024**.

For this competition, the SCDE will fund South Carolina public or private institutions of higher education (IHEs); nonprofit organizations with an arts focus working in partnership with a state, public, or private IHE; the SC Governor's School for Agriculture, the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities; and the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. The purpose of the ACIG Arts Teacher Institutes program is to provide support to eligible organizations for administering summer arts institutes to provide professional development in arts content to South Carolina arts teachers, classroom teachers, and arts administrators. Grant awards are to provide Arts Teacher Institutes as tuition-free graduate courses or professional development that directly support quality arts education programs to significantly improve student achievement in the arts.

The Office of Assessment and Standards will offer a pre-application technical assistance session via [Adobe Connect](#) on **October 24, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.** No password is required to join the session. While participation is not mandatory in order to submit an application, it is *highly recommended*.