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USC-Aiken, SRNL Sign University Scholars Agreement

AIKEN, SC (August 12) -- The Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) and the University of South Carolina-Aiken are partnering in a new program to help students prepare for laboratory careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

The agreement, signed August 11, establishes and funds an SRNL University Scholars Program that provides USCA students with both financial aid and greater exposure to the research staff at SRNL.

The objective of the SRNL University Scholars Program is to promote the education and development of the next generation of researchers through financial assistance and opportunities to engage in real-world research and development. The initial funding for USCA will support up to ten scholarships at \$4,000 per student per school year. USCA expects to name the first five University Scholars in the upcoming 2015-16 academic year; recipients must be at least a Junior to be eligible.

A workshop is expected to be held in September to identify research collaboration opportunities between the university and SRNL for the coming year.

The funding is being provided corporately by the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Board of Directors. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is responsible for management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory. The board has authorized \$400,000 in funding; after the USCA launch, plans are to extend this program to Clemson, the University of South Carolina, Georgia Regents University and Georgia Tech.



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“Investment by the SRNS board is making a significant difference in the success and future of the laboratory,” said SRNL Director Dr. Terry Michalske. “It’s critical that we continue to develop a pipeline of talent for the future; this kind of program exposes the next generation to our best scientists, and shows our best and brightest in the region that they can create a challenging career for themselves at SRNL.”

“This is an exciting collaboration between The Savannah River National Laboratory and The University of South Carolina Aiken,” stated USCA Chancellor, Dr. Sandra Jordan. “This program is an endorsement of the future—the bright future of the National Lab, supported by a pipeline of new talent as students have an opportunity to engage in cutting-edge scholarship with SRNL’s world-class researchers. To be the first university in South Carolina and Georgia to launch this University Scholars Program with SRNL and promote S.T.E.M. leaders is truly a proud moment for our students, faculty and campus at large.”

“The three member companies that make up SRNS - Fluor, Huntington Ingalls Industries and Honeywell - are committed to invest in the development and future success of the Savannah River National Laboratory,” said Bruce Stanski, Chairman of the Board of SRNS. “This program is an endorsement of all the progress the lab has made, and a step towards making SRNL an even greater scientific, technical and economic asset to the region.”

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