

MEMORANDUM

TO: South Carolina Institutions of Higher Education

FROM: Dr. Abbey S. Duggins, Deputy Superintendent
Division of College, Career & Military Readiness

DATE: December 16, 2025

RE: 2026 Advanced Placement (AP) Teacher Institutes Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2026 Request for Proposals for the Advanced Placement (AP) Teacher Institutes grant is now available [online](#). Approximately \$190,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis for approximately 10 Arts Teacher Institutes. The deadline to apply is **January 23, 2026**.

The purpose of the AP Teacher Institutes is to provide South Carolina public school teachers with the special endorsement to teach an AP course as required in S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 43-258.1 (2017). Teachers who successfully complete an AP Teacher Institute will be awarded special AP endorsement in the specific AP content area.

For this competition, the SCDE will award funds to any of South Carolina's public or private institutions of higher education (IHEs), or any school district working in collaboration with a state public or private IHE, to provide initial training for newly assigned AP teachers specifically in the content of the subject area. The institutes should prepare teachers to implement the AP class effectively according to College Board requirements, provide a depth of content knowledge in the specific subject area, and provide effective instructional strategies for teaching AP students.

The Office of Assessment and Standards will offer a pre-application technical assistance session via [Adobe Connect](#) on **December 17, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.** No password is required to join the session. While participation is not mandatory to submit an application, it is *highly recommended*.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about the AP Teacher Institutes grant, contact Jennifer Holliday at 803-734-0163 jnholliday@ed.sc.gov or Stephen Stokes at 803-734-3461 [sstokes@ed.sc.gov](mailto:ssstokes@ed.sc.gov).