

MUSC centers win grants of \$13.5 million

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The program received a \$4 million matching grant, one of six projects across the state funded with lottery money in South Carolina's endowed chairs program. Overall, four new research centers at MUSC received grants worth \$13.5 million. The grants include \$4 million for proteomics, \$2.5 million for brain imaging in a cooperative with the University of South Carolina and \$3 million for neuroscience.

MUSC officials are high on the marine genomics center. The program grew out of a collaboration involving five agencies at the Hollings Marine Lab at Fort Johnson: MUSC, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Institutes of Standards and Technology, the College of Charleston, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

The brain-imaging proposal also is a collaborative effort. Both MUSC and USC got \$2.5 million. Dr. Mark George, an MUSC professor and the institution's project director, said new and powerful brain imaging tools can help researchers understand better how the brain works.