



## **SEACSM First-Time Attendee Award**

### **2026 Application**

The purpose of this program is to broaden participation and increase access for first-time attendees to the Southeastern Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) annual meeting. This initiative provides hotel support for first-time attendees of the 2026 SEACSM conference in Greenville, SC. This program is funded by the American College of Sports Medicine to support investments in early student training to cultivate and enhance a workforce dedicated to meeting the nation's needs in exercise science, sports medicine, and translational health research.

#### **Eligibility:**

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a first-time attendee at the 2026 SEACSM Annual Meeting
2. Be a member of the Southeast ACSM Chapter by the start of the 2026 Annual Meeting.
3. Be currently enrolled in a program in kinesiology, exercise science, sports medicine, epidemiology, or a related field.
4. Be a citizen, citizen national or permanent resident of the U.S.

#### **Application instructions:**

All application materials must be submitted by December 8, 2025 by 5:00 pm ET. The application includes a cover page, a written personal statement, current resume or CV, and a faculty recommendation.

All parts of the application should be submitted as a single PDF document and emailed to [jruizramie@augusta.edu](mailto:jruizramie@augusta.edu) with the subject line: First Time Attendee application

## 1. Cover Page

Applicants must include a professionally formatted cover page containing the following information:

- Name
- Mailing address
- Telephone number:
- Email address
- University/Institution and Program
- Areas of Academic or Research Interest
- Projected Graduation Date
- Signed declaration that, if selected for the award, that they agree to:
  - 1) Visit the student information booth to learn more about participation in SEACSM and ACSM.
  - 2) Actively participate in the following events:
    - a. Student Pre-Conference
    - b. Mentoring Breakfast
    - c. Health Research Special Interest Group Meeting
    - d. SEACSM Mentoring Program

## 2. Personal Statement

Describe how you plan to utilize this support at the upcoming conference, as well as in the future regarding your goals within the activities of SEACSM. Discuss your goals within SEACSM and how participation in the conference aligns with your long-term professional objectives. (500 word maximum)

## 3. Current resume or CV

Include a current, well-formatted CV or resume highlighting your academic achievements, relevant experiences, and professional activities. We will be looking at your ability to present yourself professionally on paper as well as a list of your academic achievements.

## 4. Faculty Recommendation

Each application must include a letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the applicant's institution. The letter should be written on institutional letterhead and should include the following information:

1. Applicant's Name
2. Faculty Member's Name, Title, Position, Institution
3. Whether the recommender is a SEACSM member and/or ACSM Fellow
4. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
5. Describe the applicant's academic performance, professionalism, and engagement.
6. Evaluate the applicant's potential for future contribution to SEACSM and ACSM activities.
7. Explain how this opportunity may help your institution support or mentor future student attendees.

### **Review process**

1. Your application will be reviewed by a panel of SEACSM professional members.
2. Evaluation is based on
  - a. meeting the application criteria
  - b. the completeness and professionalism of your application
  - c. demonstrating your reasons and goals for the award in your personal statement
  - d. the support of your faculty reference
  - e. submission of all application materials by the deadline
3. Decisions will be communicated to applicants in January 2026.