

## **The Distinguished Scientist Program (DSP)**

The South Carolina Distinguished Scientist Program was developed as an outgrowth of the participation of three research Universities (the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and the Medical University of South Carolina) in the South Carolina Universities Research and Education Foundation (SCUREF). In conjunction with the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC), the program is designed to enhance the quality of science, education, and industrial development in the state and to further strengthen the interaction of the research Universities and WSRC at the highest levels of competence. The program provides for the appointment of a total of eight Distinguished Scientists and is intended to attract persons of national and international stature to the South Carolina research community in fields of interest to the Universities and in areas of research currently conducted for DOE by WSRC. It is expected that the disciplines considered for selection by program participants will include most basic sciences and engineering, information and computer sciences, energy policy and analysis, environmental sciences, and related fields of study.

DOE will provide matching funds for three positions to be created in each of FY 90/91 and FY 91/92, and two in FY 92/93. Under the supervision of policy committees, and after approval of research areas from WSRC, three joint search committees (one associated with each university) will locate, interview, and recommend candidates for appointment to the positions. Individuals selected as Distinguished Scientists will carry a dual appointment as Professor with tenure reporting to a Department Chair at one of the Universities and as a Distinguished Scientist at WSRC.

DOE, through SCUREF, will annually provide \$125,000 (in FY 90 dollars) for each DS position created. The Universities will match this amount. The funds will provide compensation for the DS, support of graduate assistants, post-doctoral research associates, secretaries, equipment costs, supplies, fringe benefits, and travel at the discretion of each DS. The funds may be carried over fiscal years.