Board of Regents Support Fund Programs

Fall 2015 Workshop Series
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Workshop Agenda

• Overview of Board of Regents Support Fund programs (RCS, PFUND, ITRS, P-o-C/P, ENH, ATLAS)
• Applicable deadlines
• Available resources
• Submission procedures
• Question and answer session
Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS) and Pilot Funding for New Research (Pfund)

• Build/strengthen fundamental research base and competitiveness of Louisiana’s universities.

• RCS is a stimulus program for those at the threshold of becoming competitive for federal funding.

• Pfund provides short-term pilot awards to support the exploration of novel science and engineering research leading to federal support.
RCS and Pfund Eligibility

- Only tenured or tenure-track faculty employed on a full-time basis by an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education may act as PI or co-PIs.
- RCS – preference is given to junior researchers.
- An eligible faculty member may serve as a PI or co-PI on a maximum of one RCS or one Pfund grant at any one time.
- Individuals who received RCS or Pfund awards in last year’s competition (i.e., RCS contracts with a start date of 6/1/2015 or Pfund contracts with a start date of 1/1/2015) are not eligible for this round of funding.
RCS and Pfund Eligible Disciplines

GROUP I - ELIGIBLE EVERY YEAR
• Biological Sciences I (Cell/Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Microbiology)
• Biological Sciences II (Ecology, Nutrition, Natural Biology, Toxicology, Pharmacology, Neurosciences, Anatomy,
• Genetics [Physiology-Phenotype])
• Computer and Information Sciences
• Earth/Environmental Sciences

GROUP II - ELIGIBLE IN FY 2015-16
• Agricultural Sciences
• Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, etc.)
• Mathematics
• Physics/Astronomy
• Social Sciences
RCS and Pfund Budget Requirements

• RCS: Maximum of $200,000 over a three-year period. (Average first-year RCS award in FY 2014-15 was $43,275.)
• May request support for salary up to 25% academic year plus two months’ summer support, students and other personnel, travel, supplies, etc.

• Pfund: Maximum of $20,000 for a one-year period.
• Investigator salary support is not allowed on Pfund.

The Support Fund R & D program is not an equipment grants program. Equipment may be requested only in the context of the particular research initiative proposed and the request must contain, at a minimum, a cash match equal to or greater than 25% of the total cost of the requested equipment and must be provided by the applicant’s employing institution.
RCS and Pfund Budget Requirements, con’t.

- In calculating the Support Fund request, an indirect cost rate of 25% will be permitted only on salaries, wages, and fringe benefits (SWF).
- If provided as institutional match, indirect costs may be calculated using the submitting institution’s federally negotiated rate (48% MTDC for Research projects).
- Reviewers may at their discretion recommend that a project not be funded or be funded at a reduced level based on the amount of its matching commitments. Therefore voluntary cost sharing up to 1:1 match is allowed on support fund programs without special approvals.
Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) and Proof-of-Concept/Prototype (P-o-C/P) Initiative

- ITRS funds research projects with significant near-term potential for development and diversification of Louisiana's economic base.

- All proposals submitted in the ITRS subprogram should show evidence of involvement of the private sector.

- P-o-C/P funds science and engineering proposals that enable proof-of-concept activities and/or prototype development with research commercialization and technology transfer potential.
ITRS and P-o-C/P Eligibility

• Tenured, tenure-track or research professors employed on a full-time basis by an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education.

• May serve as a PI or co-PI on a maximum of two ITRS, two P-o-C/P, or a combination of two projects at any one time.
ITRS and P-o-C/P Eligible Disciplines

All disciplines/focus areas are eligible provided the project meets subprogram/component goals.

Preference will be given to those applications that are submitted in areas that have been identified as **targeted industry sectors:**

- Advanced Materials and Manufacturing
- Life Sciences and Bioengineering
- Digital Media and Enterprise Software
- Coastal and Water Management
- Clean Technology and Energy
ITRS and P-o-C/P Budget Requirements

• ITRS: Maximum of $350,000 over a three-year period. The total request for the first year may not exceed $150,000, and the total request for each successive year may not exceed $100,000. (The average first-year ITRS award in FY 2014-15 was $62,114.)

• May request support for salary up to 25% academic year plus two months’ summer support, students and other personnel, travel, supplies, etc.

• P-o-C/P: No applicant may seek less than $10,000 or more than $40,000 for a one-year period.

• May request salary support not to exceed 1 month academic year or summer support, students and other personnel, travel, supplies, etc.
ITRS and P-o-C/P Budget Requirements, con’t.

• ITRS: required to have an “up front” matching commitment from the private/federal sector for at least the first year of the request.
• In the case of proposals in non-science and non-engineering areas (e.g., tourism), private-sector involvement is not necessarily a requirement, if the applicant can justify the reason for lack of involvement.
• For all equipment requests, require a cash match equal to or greater than 25% of the total cost of the requested equipment.
• Must use BoR indirect cost rate of 25% SWF on requested funds. (48% MTDC for Research allowed on institutional match.)
• P-o-C/P: requires a letter of support from the PI’s Department Chair, College Dean, or Center Director that reflects commitment of the necessary time and effort to achieve the goals of the project is required.
Traditional Enhancement (ENH)

• The Traditional Enhancement program funds projects that enhance the infrastructure of academic, research, or agricultural departments/units and promote economic development.

• Any activity is eligible as long as the applicant can argue convincingly that it will enhance the infrastructure of the particular academic, research, or agricultural department(s) or unit(s) involved.
ENH Eligibility

- Only those individuals employed by an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education may act as PI or co-PIs.
ENH Eligible Disciplines

GROUP I – ELIGIBLE FY 2015-16

• Agricultural Sciences
• Arts
• Earth/Environmental Sciences
• Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, etc.)
• Health and Medical Sciences
ENH Budget Requirements

- Applicants may request no less than $5,000 and no more than $1 million for up to 2 years of support. (The average award in the FY 2014-15 competition was approximately $103,647 in Traditional Enhancement.)
- Equipment may only be purchased in the first year and no project may request more than $50,000 in the second year.

- Predominately supports equipment and/or supplies.
- Faculty and/or staff salary support is strongly discouraged.
Additional support for ENH equipment proposals

LSU Shared Instrumentation Facility
http://sif126.wix.com/sif-iam-lsu

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Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS)

- Provides support for major scholarly and artistic productions with potential to have a broad impact on a regional and/or national level.
- Proposed activities should enable the applicant to seek publication and/or public presentation of the supported work within a limited period of time.
ATLAS Eligibility

• Open to faculty members employed by an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education may apply.

• All projects in Creative Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences are eligible.
ATLAS Budget Requirements

- Maximum of $50,000 over a one-year period. (A proposal from multiple eligible faculty members completing a single cohesive project may request support of not more than $50,000 per participating faculty member.)
- Academic-year salary requests may not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the applicant’s academic-year salary plus fringe benefits, and leave equivalent to the salary requested must be guaranteed by the institution for all projects requesting salary support from the Board (letter required from Dean).
- In addition, the submitting institution is required to match on a 1:1 basis any request for salary support from the ATLAS subprogram. (In some cases, match for ATLAS may exceed the 1:1 ratio.)
- Summer salary support for $\frac{1}{2}$ of summer salary may be requested provided institutional matching requirements are met.
- Funds for expenses such as student assistants, publication costs, travel, and supplies are also allowed.
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Available Resources

• Board of Regents Website (RFPs, FAQs, Consultant’s Reports, LOGAN)
  https://web.laregents.org/
• Request copies of up to 5 previously funded proposals. Requests should include the following information: Full Proposal Number, Proposal Program/Subprogram, Proposal submission cycle, Proposal Title, PI First Name and Last Name, Proposal Institution.
• Contact the program officer (last date to ask questions is Oct 15)
• LSU Office of Sponsored Programs Website (At-a-Glance program overviews, deadlines, Budget Worksheets)
  http://www.lsu.edu/osp/index.php
First Step – Submitting the Notice of Intent (NOI)

• NOIs are submitted via LOGAN (Board of Regents Proposal Submission System)

• They are not routed through SPS (LSU Sponsored Programs System)

• OSP Contacts for NOI submissions
  ➢ Purple Team – Chad Treadaway
  ➢ Gold Team – Gina Billiot
Second Step – Submitting the Proposal

• LOGAN – Board of Regents Proposal Submission System

• SPS – LSU Sponsored Programs System
• Enables electronic review and approval of proposal documents by:
  • Departments/units
  • College
  • Special approvals (IRB, IACUC, HR, etc.)
• OSP
• Accessed through MyLSU
SPS Elements

On the SPS Home screen, the following tabs will appear:

- Coversheet
- Investigators
- Attachments
- Routing

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Questions?

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