**Program objective**
The RCS program targets junior researchers on the threshold of becoming nationally competitive to build and strengthen their fundamental research base. All PIs and Co-PIs must be full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty.

**Eligibility**
Eligible Faculty may serve as PI/Co-PI on a maximum of one RCS or RCS One-Year Component project at any one time (includes RCS or RCS One-Year funding in FY2016-17).

**Eligible disciplines**
(The topic of the proposal determines eligibility, not the academic training of the applicant)
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)
- Health and Medical Sciences

**What can RCS funds support?**
- PI salary and fringe benefits (25% academic year plus 2 summer months)
- Student and support personnel
- Travel
- Supplies
- Equipment (must include a 25% cash match)
- Publication costs
- Other expenses

**What F&A rate should I use?**
Requested funds – 25% of SWF (Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits)
Matching funds – 48% of MTDC (Modified Total Direct Costs) for Research

**Project period**
1 to 3 years (start date is June 1, 2018)

**Maximum funding request**
$200,000

**Additional budgetary guidelines**
PIs must use the Excel budget spreadsheets provided at [www.lsu.edu/osp](http://www.lsu.edu/osp). These spreadsheets contain additional budget information and will automatically calculate fringe benefits, indirect costs and the composite budget page.

**Relevant deadlines**
- September 1: Notice of intent uploaded by PI into LOGAN and released to OSP
- September 11: Notices of intent due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm
- October 24: Budget and justification must be routed in SPS
- November 1: Last day to ask questions about the RFP, questions should be directed to Ms. Zenovia Simmons, R&D Program Manager, via email to zenovia.simmons@la.gov or call 225-342-4253
- November 7: Proposals due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

Please contact OSP at osp@lsu.edu or phone 225-578-2760 with any questions.