Program objective
The RCS program targets junior researchers on the threshold of becoming nationally competitive. All PIs and Co-PIs must be full-time tenure or tenure-track research professors.

Eligibility
Individual may serve as PI/Co-PI on a maximum of one RCS or one Pfund project at any one time (includes RCS or Pfund funding in FY2014-15).

Eligible disciplines
(The topic of the proposal determines eligibility, not the academic training of the applicant)
- Biological Sciences
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Agricultural Sciences
- Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, etc.)
- Mathematics
- Physics /Astronomy
- Social Sciences

Project period
1 to 3 years (start date is June 1, 2016)

Maximum funding request
$200,000

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% 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, 49% MTDC for instruction, or 35% MTDC for public service

Additional budgetary guidelines
PIs must use the Excel budget spreadsheets provided at 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 4 Notice of intent uploaded by PI into LOGAN and released to OSP
- September 11 Notices of intent due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm
- October 15 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
- October 26 Budget and justification must be routed in SPS
- November 9 Proposals due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

Interested faculty should review the complete RFP available on the Board of Regents website at https://web.laregents.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/RCS-Pfund-RFP-2015.pdf
Please contact OSP at osp@lsu.edu or phone 225-578-2760 with any questions.