

Board of Regents Support Fund  
**Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)**  
At-A-Glance

**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).

**Project period**

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

**Maximum funding request**

\$200,000

**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

**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](mailto:zenovia.simmons@la.gov) or call 225-342-4253

November 7 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/2017/07/RD-RCS-RFP-2018.pdf>

Please contact OSP at [osp@lsu.edu](mailto:osp@lsu.edu) or phone 225-578-2760 with any questions.