Program Objective:
ITRS funds research proposals that include private sector involvement and have potential for contributing to the state's economic development. All PIs and Co-PIs must be full-time tenured, tenure-track, or research professors.

Eligibility
- PI/Co-PI can serve on a maximum of:
  - 2 ITRS
  - 2 P-o-C/P
  - Or combination of 2 projects at any one time

- Target Areas:
  - Advanced Materials and Manufacturing
  - Life Sciences and Bioengineering
  - Digital Media and Enterprise Software
  - Coastal and Water Management
  - Clean Technology and Energy

Maximum Funding Request:
- $350,000 total
- Total request for first year may not exceed $150,000
- Total requests for years 2 & 3 may not exceed $100,000

What can ITRS Funds Support?
- PI salary & fringe benefits (25% academic year + 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
- Matching Funds*
  - 48% of MTDC for Research

*MTDC = Modified Total Direct Costs; SWF = Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits

Additional Budgetary Guidelines: All ITRS applicants are required to have an “up front” matching commitment from the private sector for at least the first year of the project. A plan to secure subsequent-year matching commitments must be addressed in the budget. PIs must use the Excel budget spreadsheets provided at LSU’s OSP website. These spreadsheets contain additional budget information and will automatically calculate fringe benefits, indirect costs and the composite budget page.

Notes: If Graduate Assistant (GA) tuition remission is budgeted as institutional match, the GA must be appointed and charged as proposed in order to ensure the tuition remission match is met.

If currently holding multiple ITRS/PoCP contracts, the PI should note that at least one of the previously awarded ITRS or PoC/P contracts must be fully closed out, i.e., all final reporting submitted and approved by BoR including the return of any unobligated funds, before submission of a new notice of intent or proposal.

Relevant Deadlines
- **September 4**: Notice of intent uploaded by PI to LOGAN & 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@laregents.edu or call 225-342-4253
- **October 17**: Budget and justification must be routed to OSP in LSU’s proposal routing system
- **October 31**: Proposals due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

Interested faculty should review the complete RFP available here from the Board of Regents.

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