Workshop Agenda

• Overview of Board of Regents Support Fund programs (RCS, RCS 1-YR, ITRS, P-o-C/P, ENH, ATLAS)
• Applicable deadlines
• Available resources
• Submission procedures
• Question and answer session
Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS) and RCS One-Year Research Component (RCS 1-YR)

- 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.

- RCS 1-YR provides short-term pilot awards to support faculty on a limited basis in their exploration of novel science and engineering research leading to federal support.
RCS and RCS 1-YR 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 RCS 1-YR grant at any one time.
- Individuals who received RCS or RCS 1-YR awards in last year’s competition (i.e., Contracts with a start date of 6/1/2018) are not eligible for this round of funding.
RCS and RCS 1-YR 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 2018-19
- Agricultural Sciences
- Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical)
- Mathematics
- Physics/Astronomy
- Social Sciences
RCS and RCS 1-YR Budget Requirements

• RCS: Maximum of $200,000 over a three-year period. (Average first-year RCS award in FY 2017-18 was $47,633.)
• May request support for salary up to 25% academic year plus two months summer support, students and other personnel, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.

• RCS 1-YR: Maximum of $20,000 for a one-year period. (Average RCS 1-YR award in FY 2017-18 was $18,375.)
• Investigator salary support is not allowed on RCS 1-YR.
• May request student personnel, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.

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 RCS 1-YR Budget Requirements, cont.

- 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).

- 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 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 act as PI or co-PIs.

• 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.

• This limit also applies to active ITRS and P-o-C/P contracts.
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 2017-18 was $60,532.)

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

• P-o-C/P: No applicant may seek less than $10,000 or more than $40,000 for a one-year period. (The average P-o-C/P award in FY 2017-18 was $39,012.)

• May request PI 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, cont..

- ITRS: required to have an “up front” matching commitment from the private/federal sector for at least the first year of the request. A plan for subsequent-year matching must be addressed in the budget.
- 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 allowed on institutional match.)
ITRS and P-o-C/P Budget Requirements, cont..

- 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.

- P-o-C/P: PI’s should meet with Andy Maas in Innovation and Technology Commercialization (ITC) prior to proposal submission.
Departmental Enhancement (ENH)

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

- Projects should be designed to propel departments forward and enhance existing offerings and foci in accordance with the role, scope, mission, and strategic priorities of the institution and current and prospective direction(s) of the affected department(s)/unit(s).

- Proposals should clearly indicate how project objectives are linked to the highest academic, research or training priorities of the affected department(s) and institution as well as how BoRSF funds will increase the capacity and quality of research, education, and/or training available to faculty and students.
Departmental Enhancement (ENH)

• Project Types: Comprehensive Enhancement and Targeted Enhancement

• ENH Program was revised in 2017-18.

• Academic unit’s mission statement, data on the unit’s current situation, and previous BOR support fund awards for academic unit for past 5 years is required.
Comprehensive Enhancement (Comp. ENH) and Targeted Enhancement (Targeted ENH)

• Comp. ENH proposals provide significant enhancement to address multiple departmental priorities or holistic departmental approaches and support the institutional role, scope and mission through a variety of means.

• Targeted ENH proposals provide focused enhancement that addresses a critical departmental priority and reflects the institutional role, scope and mission through a concentrated but tangibly effective effort (e.g., purchase of major equipment).

• Proposals may be submitted in the category of Research, Education, or Workforce.

• Administrative, support and athletic units are not eligible to submit.
Departmental ENH Eligibility

- Only faculty members employed by an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education may act as PI or co-PIs.

- Comprehensive ENH:
  - Each eligible department/academic unit is limited to one Single Discipline submission
  - Each eligible department/academic unit may also participate with other units in up to one campus-wide proposal submitted under the Multidisciplinary category
  - Academic units with active Comprehensive ENH may not apply.

- Targeted ENH:
  - An academic unit is not limited in number of proposals, but must provide a rank-order list of all proposals submitted on its behalf (Institutional Review Committee)
ENH Eligible Disciplines

CYCLE II – ELIGIBLE FY 2018-19
• Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical)
• Chemistry
• Computer and Information Sciences
• Business
• Education
• Earth and Environmental Sciences
• Arts
• Mathematics
• Targeted Workforce
Comprehensive and Targeted ENH Budget Requirements

• Comp. ENH: Maximum of $1Million for projects lasting up to five years. The total request for the first year may not exceed $300,000, and the total request for each subsequent year may not exceed $200,000.

• Targeted ENH: Maximum of $200,000 for one year.

• Predominately supports equipment and/or supplies.

• Faculty and/or staff salary support is strongly discouraged.
  • If PI feels strongly that it is warranted, partial salary support may be requested, and may not exceed 25% of academic-year salary plus two months of summer support.
Comprehensive and Targeted ENH Budget Requirements, cont.

- Graduate and/or undergraduate student support may be provided as graduate assistantship or student workers when working on the project. Student support can also be provided in the form of fellowship or scholarship support aligned if it is aligned with project goals and objectives.
  - Discuss fellowship/scholarships with OSP early in the process.

- In calculating the Support Fund request, indirect costs are not allowed.

- If provided as institutional match, indirect costs may be calculated using the submitting institution’s federally negotiated rate (48% MTDC for research, 49% MTDC for instruction).

- New internal budget spreadsheet now captures details on Other Costs line item of ENH budget.
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 50% of the PI’s academic-year salary, and leave equivalent to the salary requested must be guaranteed by the institution for all projects requesting salary support from the Board.

• A letter from the Dean/Director and OSP Executive Director detailing and pledging time to be provided as faculty release or leave with pay must accompany the proposal.
ATLAS Budget Requirements (cont.)

• In addition, the submitting institution is required to match on a 1:1 basis any request for salary support from the ATLAS subprogram.

• Summer salary support (50%) may be requested provided institutional matching requirements are met.

• Funds for expenses such as student assistants, publication costs, travel, and supplies are also allowed.
Special Budgetary Considerations

• Budget spreadsheets for each program are available on the OSP website.

• Since BoR limits F&A on Support Fund programs, the spreadsheets will automatically calculate unrecovered F&A as institutional match.

• BoRSF disallows GA tuition as requested funds but allows as match. If support for a GA is requested, the spreadsheet will automatically calculate unrecovered GA tuition as institutional match.

• Enhancement spreadsheet includes an additional worksheet to complete when requesting Other Costs (e.g. salaries, travel, consultants, etc.)
# NOI / Proposal Routing Deadlines

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*Please check the official LSU website for the most up-to-date information.*
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.

• LSU Office of Sponsored Programs Website (At-a-Glance program overviews, Notice of Intent instructions and forms, Deadlines, Budget Worksheets)
Contact the Board of Regents

• Contact the program officer (last date to ask questions is Oct. 15)

• See BOR Frequently Asked Questions page:
  • https://web.laregents.org/downloads_page/frequently-asked-question/
First Step – Submitting the Notice of Intent (NOI)

• NOIs for ITRS, P-o-C/P, RCS, RCS 1-YR, and ATLAS are submitted via LOGAN (Board of Regents Proposal Submission System)
  • They are not routed through SPS (LSU Sponsored Programs System)

• An internal NOI Form will be required for Comprehensive and Targeted ENH.

• OSP Contacts for NOI submissions
  • Alexandra Garcia: ITRS and P-o-C/P (alexandrag@lsu.edu)
  • Danielle Cintron: RCS, RCS 1-YR, and ATLAS (dcintron@lsu.edu)
  • Rebecca Trahan: Comprehensive ENH and Targeted ENH (rtrahan@lsu.edu)
Second Step – Submitting the Proposal

1) Route budget and justification in LSU’s Sponsored Programs System (SPS)
2) Upload final proposal in Board of Regents LOGAN system for submission
* Note these are two separate systems.

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

• LOGAN – Board of Regents Proposal Submission System
  • Proposal is loaded in this system for submission
SPS Elements

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

- Coversheet
- Investigators
- Attachments
- Routing

The currently active tab that you are working on will appear in white. All inactive tabs will appear grayed. Inactive tabs are not accessible. Gray text indicates elements cannot be edited.

White background indicates current element (active tab)
BOR LOGAN System

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Guidelines for Completing Annual Interim and Final Reports (PDF)
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