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 – Faculty may serve as PI/Co-PI on a maximum of:

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<td>1 RCS or RCS One-Year project at any one time (Individuals who received RCS or RCS One-Year in FY 2018-19 are not eligible)</td>
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Eligible Disciplines*:

- Agricultural Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, etc.)
- Mathematics
- Physics/Astronomy
- Social Science

Maximum Funding Request:

$200,000

What Can RCS 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

Additional Budgetary Guidelines: 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.

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 mailto:zenovia.simmons@laregents.edu or call 225-342-4253
- October 24: Budget and justification must be routed to OSP in LSU’s proposal routing system.
- November 7: Proposals due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

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

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