



Office of Sponsored Programs

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.

<b>Eligibility – Faculty may serve as PI/Co-PI on a maximum of:</b> 1 RCS or RCS One-Year project at any one time (Includes RCS or RCS One-Year Funding in FY2017-18)	<b>Project Period:</b> 1 to 3 years (start date June 1, 2019)
<b>Eligible Disciplines:</b> Agricultural Sciences Biological Sciences Computer and Information Sciences Earth and Environmental Sciences Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, etc.) Mathematics Physics/Astronomy Social Science	<b>Maximum Funding Request:</b> \$200,000

Note: The topic of the proposal determines eligibility, not the academic training of the applicant.

<b>What Can RCS Funds Support?</b> 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	<b>What F&amp;A Rate Should I Use?</b> <i>Requested Funds*</i> 25% of SWF  <i>Matching Funds*</i> 48% of MTDC for Research
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\*MTDC = Modified Total Direct Costs; SWF = Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits

**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.

**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@la.gov](mailto:zenovia.simmons@la.gov) or call 225-342-4253
- October 24* Budget and justification must be routed in SPS
- 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](mailto:osp@lsu.edu) or phone 225-578-2760 with any questions.