





# Agenda

Overview of Board of Regents Support Fund programs

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## Available Funding Programs

- Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS/RCS 1-YR)
- Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS)
- Proof-of-Concept/Prototype (P-o-C/P)
- Departmental Enhancement (ENH)
- Awards to Louisiana Artists & Scholars (ATLAS)



## Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)

### 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



## RCS and RCS One-Year - Eligible Disciplines

- Biological Sciences
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Chemistry
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Engineering B: Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.



## RCS & RCS 1-YR Eligibility

- Only full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty may act as PI or co-PIs
- RCS – preference is given to junior researchers.
- Faculty may serve as a PI or co-PI on one RCS or RCS 1-YR grant at any time.
  - This limit includes current RCS or RCS 1-YR awards.
  - Individuals whose RCS or RCS 1-YR ended 6/30/2024 must ensure the award is fully closed out prior to submission of an NOI.
  - Contact Sponsored Program Accounting for early close-out.



## RCS & RCS 1-YR Budget Requirements

- RCS: Maximum of \$200,000 over a three-year period.
  - May request support for salary up to 25% academic year plus two months summer support, students and other personnel, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.
  - Requests for years 2 and 3 must be equal to or less than year 1.
- RCS 1-YR: Maximum of \$20,000 for a one-year period.
  - Investigator salary support is not allowed on RCS 1-YR.
  - May request student personnel, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.
- Indirect Costs
  - Indirect cost rate of 25% will be permitted only on salaries, wages, and fringe benefits (SWF).



## RCS & RCS 1-YR Budget Requirements (cont.)

- 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.







## ITRS and P-o-C/P - Targeted Industry Sectors

Targeted Industry Sectors (preference given):

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



## ITRS & P-o-C/P Eligibility

- Full-time tenured, tenure-track or research professors can apply as PI/co-PI.
- 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 limits includes current ITRS and P-o-C/P awards and awards that ended 6/30/2024.
  - Individuals with multiple awards must ensure one award is fully closed out prior to submission of an NOI.
  - Contact Sponsored Program Accounting for early close-out.



## ITRS & 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.
  - May request support for PI salary up to 25% academic year plus two months summer support, students and support personnel, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.
  - Applicants may not request increasing amounts of funding in years two and three;





## Departmental Enhancement (ENH)

- Funds projects that enhance the infrastructure of academic, research, or agricultural departments/units and promote economic development.
- **Comprehensive 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)



## Enhancement - Eligible Disciplines

- Engineering A: Chemical, Civil, Electrical, etc.
- Chemistry
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Arts
- Mathematics
- Non-Disciplinary Workforce



## Comp. ENH & Targeted ENH Eligibility (cont.)

- Proposals may be submitted in the category of Research, Education, or Workforce.
- Administrative, support and athletic units are not eligible to submit.
- Proposals must include academic unit's mission statement, data on the unit's current situation, and previous BOR support fund awards for the Principal Investigator for past 5 years is required.





## Comp. ENH & Targeted ENH Budget Requirements

- Comprehensive ENH
  - Maximum of \$1 Million 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**.
  - Partial salary support may be requested and may not exceed 25% of academic-year salary plus two months of summer support.



## Comp. ENH & Targeted ENH Eligibility

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## Comp. ENH & 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 if it is aligned with project goals and objectives.
  - Discuss fellowship/scholarships with OSP early in the process.
- Indirect costs are **not** allowed.



## 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.
- **Eligibility**
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## ATLAS - Eligible Disciplines

- Creative Arts • Humanities • Social Sciences



## ATLAS Budget Requirements

- Maximum of \$50,000 over a one-year period.
- Academic-year salary requests may not exceed 50% of the PI's academic-year salary
- 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.)

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## Special Budgetary Considerations

- Cost sharing is a review criteria, so **cost sharing is allowed** on support fund programs without special approvals.
  - If provided as institutional match, indirect costs are calculated at LSU's federally negotiated rate (50% MTDC for research. 49% MTDC for instruction).
- Required Budget spreadsheets for each program are available on the OSP website
- Enhancement spreadsheet includes an additional worksheet to complete when requesting Other Costs
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(e.g. salaries, travel Seqcs)





## Special Budgetary Considerations for Graduate Assistants

- Graduate assistant support must be maintained as proposed. Prior approval is required to decrease support and is highly scrutinized by BOR.
- BoRSF disallows GA tuition remission as requested funds but allows it as match. If support for a GA is requested, the spreadsheet will automatically calculate unrecovered GA tuition remission as institutional match on academic salary only.
  - We do not propose summer tuition remission as cost sharing.
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## Step One – 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 LSU's GeauxGrants.
- An internal NOI Form is required for Comprehensive and Targeted ENH.



## Step Two – Submitting the Proposal

1. Route budget and budget justification in LSU's GeauxGrants\*.
  - Enables electronic review and approval of proposal documents by:
    - Departments/units and Colleges
    - Special approvals (IRB, IACUC, HRM, etc.)
    - OSP
2. Submit Significant Financial Interest Disclosure in GeauxGrants, if needed
3. Upload final proposal in Board of Regents LOGAN\* system for submission

\* Note these are separate systems.





## BOR – Webinar and One-on-One Sessions with Senior Grant Programs Administrator

- <https://rsi.laregents.edu/borsf-informational-sessions-fy-2024-25-competitions/>
- September 3 @ 10am Zoom General Information Webinar hosted by BOR – registration required
- Ask the Program Manager
  - September 4, 9:00-11:00 am
  - September 12, 1:00-3:00 pm
  - September 17, 10:00am-noon
  - September 23, 1:00-3:00 pm
  - Must sign-up for time slot on website



## Available Resources – Office of Sponsored Programs

[https://www.lsu.edu/osp/proposals/bor\\_program\\_2024\\_2025.php](https://www.lsu.edu/osp/proposals/bor_program_2024_2025.php)

- GeauxGrants Board of Regents Support Fund Proposal Help Guide
- At-a-Glance program overviews
- Notice of Intent instructions
- Enhancement Notice of Intent forms and timeline
- Deadlines
- Budget Worksheets
- Budget Justification templates
- BOR Biosketch templates
- BOR Current and Pending Support templates
- Template letters
- Links to BOR RFPs and FAQs



## NOI/Proposal Deadlines

Program	NOI Deadlines	OSP Proposal Routing Deadline	BoR/LOGAN Proposal Submission Deadline
Comprehensive ENH & Targeted ENH	Internal NOI form to be submitted to <a href="mailto:osp@lsu.edu">osp@lsu.edu</a> : 9/4	October 10	October 24 at 4:30pm
ITRS & P-o-C/P	NOI uploaded to LOGAN and released to OSP: 9/4 BoR submission: 9/11 at 4:30pm	October 17	October 31 at 4:30pm

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## Questions ?

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