



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.

Eligibility – Faculty may serve as PI/Co-PI on a maximum of:	Project Period:
1 RCS or RCS One-Year project at any one time (Individuals who received RCS or RCS One-Year in FY 2019-20 are not eligible)	1 to 3 years (start date June 1, 2021)
Eligible Disciplines*:	Maximum Funding Request:
Biological Sciences Computer and Information Sciences Earth and Environmental Sciences Chemistry Health and Medical Sciences Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)	\$200,000

*Any previously awarded RCS contract must be fully closed out, i.e., all formal reporting submitted and approved by BoR including the return of any unobligated funds, before applicant can submit a new notice of intent or proposal.

**The topic of the research proposal, not the academic training of the applicant, should be used to determine eligibility.

What Can RCS Funds Support?	What F&A Rate Should I Use?
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	<i>Requested Funds*</i> 25% of SWF <i>Matching Funds*</i> 48% of MTDC for Research

*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.

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 3	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 26	Budget and justification must be routed to OSP in GeauxGrants
November 9	Proposals due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

Interested faculty should review the complete RFP available from the Board of Regents website, <https://web.laregents.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/RCS-RFP-2021.pdf>

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