News & Announcements

ORSP announces the following information sessions for each BORSF program, giving in-depth information on the keys to success, budget tips, and more! Call ORSP at 337-482-5811 or email orsp@louisiana.edu to reserve your spot today! Please note: Meetings with Program Managers are by appointment only. See more at: http://vpresearch.louisiana.edu/pre-award/board-regents-support-fund-borsf

**Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) Info Session**
Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 10am-11am • Dupre Library, Room D-102 • RSVP by 8/27/2013

**Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS) Info Session**
Thursday, August 29, 2013, 2pm-3pm • Dupre Library, Room D-102 • RSVP by 8/28/2013

**Traditional Enhancement Info Session**
Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 2:30pm-3:30pm • Dupre Library, D-102 • RSVP by 9/3/2013

**One-on-One with the BoR Program Managers - Enhancement Program***
Thursday, September 12, 2013, 2pm-4pm • Dupre Library, D-102 • RSVP by 9/5/2013

**Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Info Session**
Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 2:30pm-3:30pm • Dupre Library, D-102 • RSVP by 9/24/2013

**One-on-One with the BOR Program Managers - RCS & ITRS Programs***
Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 1pm-3pm • Dupre Library, D-102 • RSVP by 9/24/2013

**One-on-One with the BOR Program Managers - ATLAS & Graduate Fellows Programs***
Monday, October 7, 2013, 3pm-4:30pm • Dupre Library, D-102 • RSVP by 9/30/2013

Funding Opportunities of the Week

**Board of Regents Support Fund FY 2013-2014**

**Louisiana Board of Regents: Traditional Enhancement.** Provides funds to develop the infrastructure of academic, research, or agricultural units and promote the State’s economic development. A spectrum of enhancement activities, from equipment purchases to curricular redesign, are allowed and encouraged. **Eligible Disciplines for 2013-2014 Cycle:** Business, Chemistry, Education, Mathematics, Physics/Astronomy. Link: [http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/enhancement/](http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/enhancement/) Due: 09/06/2013 - Recommended Internal Notice of Intent to Apply due to ORSP (email to
Funding Notice
August 7, 2013

orsp@louisiana.edu); 10/04/2013 - Proposal due to ORSP with routing form signed by dean and department head; 10/24/2013 - Proposals due to BOR via LOGAN.

**Louisiana Board of Regents: Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS).** ITRS supports research efforts that show significant potential for contributing to the development and diversification of Louisiana’s economy in the near term. Funded projects are required to involve significant private sector or Federal funding or, at a minimum, include a plan to leverage substantial Federal or private sector funding in the near future; and link research efforts to establishment of a new or enhancement of an existing Louisiana business or industry. **Target Areas:** Medical and Biomedical, Micromanufacturing, Data and Telecommunications, Environmental Technologies, Food Technologies, Materials, Existing Principal Industries, such as petrochemicals and agribusiness, Louisiana Culture and History. Link: [http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/research-development/](http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/research-development/). Due: 09/06/2013 - Required Notice of Intent to be uploaded on LOGAN and sent via email to orsp@louisiana.edu; 09/11/2013 - Required Notice of Intent due to BOR via LOGAN; 10/11/2013 - Proposal due to ORSP with routing form signed by dean and department head; 10/31/2013 - Proposal due to BOR via LOGAN.

**Louisiana Board of Regents: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS).** Provides support to faculty members in arts, humanities, and social sciences disciplines to complete major scholarly and artistic productions with the potential to have a broad impact on a regional, national, and/or international level. The primary focus of ATLAS is the scholarly or artistic merit of the proposed work. Projects are assessed based on their necessity, importance, originality, and likelihood to have an impact on a broad academic and/or artistic community. Link: [http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/research-development/](http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/research-development/) Due: 10/04/2013 - Required Notice of Intent to be uploaded on LOGAN and sent via email to orsp@louisiana.edu; 10/10/2013 - Required Notice of Intent due to BOR via LOGAN; November 1, 2013 - Proposal due to ORSP with routing form signed by dean and department head; November 21, 2013 - Proposal due to BOR via LOGAN.

**Louisiana Board of Regents: Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS).** This subprogram funds projects that strengthen the fundamental research base and competitiveness of Louisiana’s public and private universities. The RCS is a stimulus program available to researchers who are currently not competitive for federal support but show strong potential for achieving national research competitiveness in an area funded by the federal government within a limited span of time. Research funded through this subprogram must make fundamental contributions to knowledge in eligible scientific and engineering disciplines rather than simply seek to apply existing knowledge. **Eligible Disciplines for 2012-2013 Cycle:** Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Engineering (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical), Health and Medical Sciences. Link: [http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/research-development/](http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/research-development/) Due: 09/06/2013 - Required Notice of Intent to be uploaded on LOGAN and sent via email to orsp@louisiana.edu; 09/11/2013 - Required Notice of Intent due to BOR via LOGAN; 10/18/2013 - Proposal due to ORSP with routing form signed by dean and department head; 11/07/2013 - Proposal due to BOR via LOGAN.

**Education, Health, Social Science, & Service**

**Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research/NIAID/DHHS:** Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities. NIH participating Institutes and Centers invite applications for behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U. S. population. Health disparities between, on the one hand, racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents and, on the other hand, the overall U.S. population are major public health concerns. Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to...
reducing health gaps among groups. Applications that utilize an interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as systems science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged. Due: N/A. Link: http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-292.html

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: 2014 RFA-Focus on Short-term Risk for Suicide. AFSP is proud to announce a new research award for innovative, high-risk, potentially high-yield proposals that focus on short-term risk for suicide. The project’s focus should include identification and/or intervention strategies for short-term risk for suicide. The outcome measures for baseline and follow-up must include suicidal behavior. The assessments should include multi-modal, clinically relevant measures. We encourage collaborative projects with investigators who have experience and expertise in suicide research and areas under investigation in the grant application. Matching funds or partnering with a large healthcare system is encouraged. The grant award amount can be up to $500,000 per year for up to three years. The study must be U.S.-based so that the results are applicable to the U.S health care system. Due: Letter of Intent due 08/30/2013. Application Due: 12/16/2013. Link: http://www.afsp.org/research/research-grant-information/2014-rfa-focus-on-short-term-risk-for-suicide

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

National Science Foundation/Louisiana Board of Regents (LA EPSCOR): FY2013-14 Request for Proposals for the Pilot Funding for New Research (Pfund). Louisiana EPSCoR solicits seed-grant research proposals from the State’s tenured and tenure-track science and engineering (S&E) faculty members seeking funding to demonstrate an innovative or novel concept that can result in attracting federal funds. Louisiana EPSCoR has designed the Pfund program to stimulate and support science and engineering faculty in their exploration of novel research. The Pfund program provides opportunities for both tenured and tenure-track faculty. 1) Untenured, but tenure-track faculty can use the seed funding made available by this program to sharpen their research focus and develop cutting-edge techniques; or 2) Tenured faculty can use award funds to demonstrate an innovative or novel concept and become more competitive by investigating new areas that require a shift in their current research direction. The ultimate goal of the Pfund program is to enable faculty to submit more competitive federal proposals, particularly to NSF. As such, this program is limited to the science and engineering research disciplines supported by NSF. Due: 09/25/2013. Link: https://web.laregents.org/2013/08/05/fy-2013-14-pilot-funding-for-new-research-pfund-rfp/

National Institutes of Health/DHHS: NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program. The Exploratory/Developmental Grant mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research. This FOA will use the NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant award mechanism. Due: Applications may be submitted on or after 08/07/2013. The deadlines for receipt of standard applications under this announcement are: February 16, June 16, and October 16 annually. Link: http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/PA-13-303.html
NASA EPScOR/Louisiana Board of Regents: This Request for Pre-Proposals (RFP) is being issued in anticipation of the release of the FY2014 NASA EPScOR Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN). The FY2014 CAN is expected to be similar to last year’s FY2013 CAN, number NNH13ZHA001C, which is available at (you may have to copy and paste the link into your browser): http://goo.gl/ILHp1H. One potential difference in the FY2014 CAN is the question of whether each of twenty-eight EPScOR jurisdictions will be eligible to submit only one proposal as in FY2013 or if it will return to two proposals per jurisdiction as in past competitions. In any event, the proposal(s) from Louisiana will be submitted by the Board of Regents (BOR). This solicitation seeks pre-proposals which will be reviewed by an external panel. The panel will recommend the one (possibly two) most meritorious pre-proposal(s), which will then be further developed in collaboration with the LaSPACE/EPScOR Management team and then submitted to NASA. It is expected that NASA will issue the FY2014 CAN sometime during September 2014 with proposals due 90 days after issuance. Therefore, this RFP has been issued with a timeline for proposal submission that, while compressed, will allow as much time as possible for proposers to prepare applications and for the BOR’s subsequent review process. Proposers should be aware that NASA’s issuance of the CAN is not guaranteed. The BOR reserves the right to make adjustments to the timeline and other changes to the requirements contained in this RFP as needed to accommodate the instructions contained in the FY2014 CAN, if and when the solicitation is released. NASA EPScOR proposals are expected to establish research programs that will make significant contributions to the strategic research and technology priorities of one or more of the four NASA Mission Directorates and/or one or more of the ten NASA field centers, and contribute to the overall research infrastructure, science and technology capabilities, higher education, and economic development of the State. Due: Notice of Intent (required) due: 09/09/2013; Pre-proposals due 10/11/2013. Link: https://web.laregents.org/2013/08/05/nasa-epscor-fy2014-request-for-pre-proposals/  

Directorate for Engineering/NSF: Chemical and Biological Separations Program. These processes are central to the chemical, biochemical, materials, energy, and pharmaceutical industries. A fundamental understanding of the interfacial, transport, and thermodynamic behavior of multiphase chemical systems as well as quantitative descriptions of processing characteristics in the process-oriented industries is critical for efficient resource management and effective environmental protection. The program encourages proposals that address emerging research areas and technologies, have a high degree of interdisciplinary thought coupled with knowledge creation, and integrate education and research. Research topics OF PARTICULAR INTEREST in CBS include fundamental molecular-level work on: Nanostructured materials for separations; Bio renewable resource separation processes; Purification of drinking water; Field (flow, magnetic, electrical) induced separations; and Separation of molecular constituents from blood. Due: 10/29/2013. Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13363