

Board of Regents Support Fund

Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)



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Program Objectives:

- * 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 1 RCS or RCS One-Year project at any one time (This includes RCS or RCS One-Year Funding in FY 19-20.)
- * Project period of 1 to 3 years (start date June 1, 2021)
- * Maximum total project funding request of \$200,000 over a three-year period. (Note: the average first-year RCS award for FY 19-20 was \$41,846, with a range from \$35,699 to \$65,266.)
- * Eligible disciplines:
 - * Chemistry
 - * Health & Medical Sciences
 - * Biological Sciences
 - * Computer & Information Sciences
 - * Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)
 - * Earth and Environmental Sciences

NOTE: The topic of the proposal determines eligibility, not the academic background of the applicant.

RCS FUNDING GUIDELINES

- * 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
- * "High-end" budgets are cautioned

ORSP BUDGETARY GUIDELINES

PIs must use the EXCEL budget spreadsheets provided on [ORSP's website](#). These spreadsheets contain additional budget information and will automatically calculate the correct fringe benefits, indirect costs, and the composite budget page.

Relevant Deadlines

- * September 2nd - NOI uploaded by PI to LOGAN & released to ORSP
- * September 11th - NOI submitted to BoR by ORSP
- * October 14th - PI docs to ORSP for 1st review by 9 a.m.
- * October 15th - Last day to ask questions about the RFP to BoR, see RFP
- * October 20th - PI docs to ORSP for 2nd review by 9 a.m.
- * October 27th - PI docs to ORSP for routing by 9 a.m. Budgets must be FINAL!
- * November 9th - Proposals submitted to BoR by ORSP

Interested faculty should review the complete RFP available [here](#) at the Board of Regents website.

If, after reviewing the full RFP and provided ORSP materials, you have remaining questions, please do not hesitate to contact [your assigned ORSP Staff Member](#) or the ORSP office at 482-5811.