



# Board of Regents Support Fund

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## ***Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)***

Key updates to the RCS for 2025-2026 Cycle **highlighted below**.

### **Program Objective:**

- ✿ The RCS program supports Louisiana university researchers, fostering fundamental research to strengthen competitiveness, overcome barriers, and achieve sustained success in external funding.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✿ Expanded eligibility: Open to faculty at any rank (*either senior or junior status*) who face identifiable barriers to securing federal or other external research funding
  - ✿ All PIs and Co-PIs must be full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty.
  - ✿ Faculty may serve as PI/co-PI on a maximum of 1 RCS project at any one time.
  - ✿ **One-year award period: Project period of 1 year (start date June 1, 2026 and end date June 30, 2027).**
  - ✿ **Maximum funding request of \$200,000. Increased budget limits: Reflects shorter award period and inclusion of higher-cost equipment.**
  - ✿ Eligible disciplines:
    - \* Biological Sciences
    - \* Computer & Information Sciences
    - \* Earth and Environmental Sciences
    - \* Chemistry
    - \* Health and Medical Sciences
    - \* Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)
- 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 (Fully allowable as a budget item; institutional match requirement removed)**
- ✿ Publication Costs
- ✿ Other expenses

### **ORSP Budgetary Guidelines**

PIs must use the EXCEL budget spreadsheets provided on the [ORSP BoRSF webpage](#). These spreadsheets contain additional budget information and will automatically calculate the correct fringe benefits and indirect costs

### **Relevant Deadlines**

- ✿ September 2nd – NOI uploaded by PI to LOGAN & released to ORSP
- ✿ September 11<sup>th</sup> – NOI submitted to BoR by ORSP
- ✿ September 24<sup>th</sup> – PI docs to ORSP for 1st review by 9 a.m.
- ✿ October 1st – Last day to ask questions about the RFP to BoR, see RFP
- ✿ October 1st – PI docs to ORSP for 2nd review by 9 a.m.
- ✿ October 8th – PI docs to ORSP for routing by 9 a.m. All documents must be FINAL!
- ✿ October 13th – Proposals submitted to BoR by ORSP

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

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact [your assigned ORSP Pre-Award Grant Specialist](#) or the ORSP office at 482-5811.