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Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)

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 1 RCS or RCS One-Year project at any one time (This includes RCS or RCS One-Year Funding in last year's competition).
- ✦ Project period of 1 to 3 years (start date June 1, 2025).
- ✦ Maximum total project funding request of \$200,000 over a three-year period.
- ✦ Eligible disciplines:
 - * Biological Sciences
 - * Chemistry
 - * Computer & Information Sciences
 - * Health and Medical Sciences
 - * Earth and Environmental 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 (must include a 25% cash match)
- ✦ 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, indirect costs, and the composite budget page.

Relevant Deadlines

- ✦ September 3rd – NOI uploaded by PI to LOGAN & released to ORSP
- ✦ September 11th – NOI submitted to BoR by ORSP
- ✦ October 9th – 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 16th – PI docs to ORSP for 2nd review by 9 a.m.
- ✦ October 30th – PI docs to ORSP for routing by 9 a.m. Budgets must be FINAL!
- ✦ November 7th – Proposals submitted by ORSP to BoR via LOGAN

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.