

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.

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| **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 **last year’s** (start date of 06/01/2024) competition are not eligible) | 1 to 3 years (start date June 1, 2025) |
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| **Eligible Disciplines\*:** | **Maximum Funding Request:**  |
| Biological Sciences Computer and Information SciencesEarth and Environmental SciencesChemistryHealth and Medical SciencesEngineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical) | $200,000 |
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 \*Any previously awarded RCS or RCS One-Year 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.

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| **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 personnelTravelSuppliesEquipment (must include a 25% cash match)Publication costsOther expenses | *Requested Funds\**  |
| 25% of SWF  |
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| *Matching Funds\** |
| 50% 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*.](https://www.lsu.edu/osp/proposals/bor_program_2024_2025.php) 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. Unrecovered tuition remission on graduate assistant academic year salary will be automatically calculated as institutional match. There will be no unrecovered tuition match on GA summer salary. GA health insurance is not allowed on BOR Support Funds.

**Relevant Deadlines**

September 4 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 Mr. Bryan Jones, Senior Grants Program Manager, via email to bryan.jones@laregents.edu

October 24 Budget and justification must be routed to OSP in GeauxGrants

November 7 Proposals due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

Interested faculty should review the complete RFP available from the Board of Regents website, <https://rsi.laregents.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/RCS-RFP-2025.pdf>

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