

2020-2021
Louisiana Board of Regents
Support Fund
Virtual Workshop

OFFICE OF RESEARCH



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Programs Offered

- ▶ Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)
- ▶ Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) with Proof of Concept/Prototyping (PoC/P) Initiative
- ▶ Departmental Enhancement
- ▶ Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram (ATLAS)



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Research Competiveness (RCS)

▶ Overview

- ▶ The proposed research must include fundamental (basic) research contributions rather than simply the application of existing knowledge. **The RCS is a stimulus program directed only toward those researchers who are at the threshold of becoming competitive on a consistent basis in the Federal R & D marketplace.**

▶ Proposal Limit

- ▶ Only 1 proposal or active award as PI or Co-PI.
- ▶ PI or Co-PI awarded an RCS in 2019-2020 are not eligible for 2020-2021.

▶ Eligible Disciplines

- ▶ Biological Sciences I and II
- ▶ Computer and Information Sciences
- ▶ Earth/Environmental Sciences
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Health and Medical Sciences
- ▶ Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)



RCS Budget Information

- ▶ **Monetary & Time Limitations**
 - ▶ **RCS – up \$200,000 over 3 years**
 - ▶ Average first-year RCS award in FY 2019-20 was \$41,846
 - ▶ **RCS One-Year – up to \$20,000**
 - ▶ Average one-year award in FY 2019-20 was \$18,245
- ▶ **F&A (Indirect Cost) Rate**
 - ▶ 25% of salary, wages and benefits
- ▶ **Salary Limitations – RCS 2-3 year proposals**
 - ▶ 25% of academic salary
 - ▶ 2 months of summer support
- ▶ **Equipment**
 - ▶ Institution must cover 25% of cost
- ▶ **Startup funds can be used for cost share**
- ▶ **Office of Research will not cost share GA tuition**

Did you know?

The Office of Research has a webpage dedicated to Board of Regents funding including resources for budgetary information. Access it [here!](#)

RCS Summary

- ▶ Funding opportunity geared towards researchers who need support to become competitive on the federal R&D marketplace.
- ▶ Two types of RCS programs
 - ▶ RCS – up to \$200,000 over 3 years
 - ▶ RCS One Year – up to \$20,000



Item Due	Date
Mandatory Notice of Intent finalized in LOGAN by PI and signed by Office of Research before 4:30 pm Central time	September 30, 2020
Grant Writing Services Request Form to Office of Research	October 10, 2020
Routing Form to Office of Research	October 10, 2020
Questions about RFP to BoR	October 15, 2020
Proposal finalized in LOGAN by PI and signed by Office of Research before 4:30 pm Central time	November 9, 2020



Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) w/ Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping (PoC/P)

- ▶ Overview
 - ▶ **ITRS** funds research proposals with significant near-term potential for development and diversification of Louisiana's economic base. *Accordingly, all proposals submitted in this subprogram must show evidence of involvement of the private sector.*
 - ▶ **PoC/P** solicits science and engineering (S&E) proposals seeking funding to enable proof-of-concept activities and/or prototype development with research commercialization and technology transfer potential.
- ▶ Eligibility
 - ▶ Tenured, tenure-track, or research professor
 - ▶ Only 2 proposals or active awards as PI or Co-PI
- ▶ All disciplines/focus areas are eligible for funding , **but preference** will be given to targeted industry sectors:
 - ▶ Advanced Materials & Manufacturing
 - ▶ Life Sciences & Bioengineering
 - ▶ Digital Media and Enterprise Software
 - ▶ Coastal and Water Management
 - ▶ Clean Technology and Energy



ITRS with PoC/P Budget

- ▶ Monetary & Time Limitations
 - ▶ ITRS – up to \$350,000 over 3 years
 - ▶ Average first-year ITRS award in FY 2019-20 was \$69,978
 - ▶ PoC/P – between \$10,000 and \$40,000 for 1 year
 - ▶ Average one-year award in FY 2019- 20 was \$39,957
- ▶ F&A (Indirect Cost) Rate
 - ▶ 25% of salary, wages and benefits
- ▶ Equipment
 - ▶ Institution must cover 25% of cost
- ▶ Salary Limitations
 - ▶ ITRS
 - ▶ 25% of academic salaries, 2 months of summer support
 - ▶ PoC/P
 - ▶ 1 month of academic or summer support
- ▶ Office of Research will not cost share GA tuition

**Want to partner with
the private sector, but
not sure how or have
concerns?**

The Office of Research
has staff devoted to
working with private
sector including
establishing
relationships and
managing sub-
contracts.

ITRS with PoC/P Summary

- ▶ ITRS proposals must have matching commitment from private/federal sector for 1st year
- ▶ All disciplines are eligible for ITRS with PoC/P but preference for:
 - ▶ Advanced Materials & Manufacturing
 - ▶ Life Sciences & Bioengineering
 - ▶ Digital Media and Enterprise Software
 - ▶ Coastal and Water Management
 - ▶ Clean Technology and Energy



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Mandatory Notice of Intent finalized in LOGAN by PI and signed by Office of Research before 4:30 pm Central time	September 30, 2020
Routing Form to Office of Research	October 5, 2020
Grant Writing Services Request Form to Office of Research	October 5, 2020
Questions about RFP to BoR	October 15, 2020
Proposal finalized in LOGAN by PI and signed by Office of Research before 4:30 pm Central time	November 2, 2020



Departmental Enhancement

- ▶ Overview: The objectives of Enhancement programs are to enhance the infrastructure of academic, research, or agricultural departments/units and to promote economic development.

- ▶ Two primary project types:
 - ▶ Comprehensive: provide significant enhancement to address multiple department priorities or holistic department approaches and support institutional role, scope & mission
 - ▶ Up to \$1 million for up to 5 years, not to exceed \$300,000 in 1st year and \$200,000 in subsequent years
 - ▶ Targeted: focused enhancement that address a critical department priority
 - ▶ Up to \$200,000 for one year

- ▶ Three competition categories:
 - ▶ Research – enhance faculty/student research
 - ▶ Education – enhance education for graduate and/or undergraduate program
 - ▶ Workforce – enhance specific programs directly associated with workforce priorities and needs in Louisiana



Departmental Enhancement

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- ▶ Eligible Disciplines:
 - ▶ Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical)
 - ▶ Chemistry
 - ▶ Computer and Information Sciences
 - ▶ Business
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Earth and Environmental Sciences
 - ▶ Art
 - ▶ Mathematics
 - ▶ Targeted Workforce*
- ▶ Proposal Limit
 - ▶ **Comprehensive:** One submission per academic unit that does not have an active Comprehensive Fund
 - ▶ **Targeted:** Academic unit has no limit *but if there is more than 1 proposal per unit, proposals must be ranked by leadership*

**Don't see your
discipline listed?
Find a colleague.**

Multidisciplinary proposals are allowed, but the project must be rooted in at least one discipline eligible in the funding cycle.



Departmental Enhancement Budget

- ▶ Disallowed budgetary items:
 - ▶ Ongoing operational costs of existing programs or projects
 - ▶ Maintenance or repair or equipment even if purchased through a previous Support Fund grant
 - ▶ Routine renovation or upgrading of facilities
- ▶ Generally, salary is **not allowed** for faculty or staff
 - ▶ If warranted, 25% of academic year and 2 months summer support
- ▶ Students may be supported
 - ▶ Support fund may not be requested to pay tuition or fringe benefits for students
 - ▶ **Office of Research will not cost share tuition**

Every BoR RFP mentions cost sharing, so what exactly is it?

Cost sharing simply is an amount of money that UNO can pledge to support the funds granted by BoR. Cost sharing is binding for BoR Funds and **not recommended**. If you are interested in cost sharing you need the approval of your department head and the Office of Research.

Departmental Enhancement Summary

- ▶ Two project types:
 - ▶ Comprehensive: up to \$1 million for 5 years
 - ▶ Targeted: up to \$200,000 for 1 year
- ▶ Three competition categories: research, education, and workforce
- ▶ Certain disciplines are eligible, but multidisciplinary proposals are accepted if rooted in at least one eligible discipline.



Proposal Item	Due Date
Routing Form to Office of Research	September 28, 2020
Grant Services Request Form to Office of Research	September 28, 2020
Questions on RFP to BoR	October 15, 2020
Proposal finalized in LOGAN by PI and signed by Office of Research before 4:30 pm CT	October 26, 2020

Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS)

- ▶ Overview: The Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) subprogram provides support for major scholarly and artistic productions with potential to have a broad impact on a regional and/or national level.
 - ▶ Proposed activities should enable the applicant to seek publication and/or public presentation of the supported work within a limited period of time.
 - ▶ Applicants should describe their projects in terms of their necessity, importance, originality, and likelihood to have an impact on a broad academic and/or artistic community.
- ▶ Proposal Limit
 - ▶ PI may only submit one Notice of Intent and Proposal per competition
- ▶ Eligible Disciplines
 - ▶ Arts
 - ▶ Humanities
 - ▶ Social Sciences



ATLAS Budget

- ▶ Monetary and Time Limitations
 - ▶ An eligible applicant may not seek more than \$50,000 over a one-year period.
 - ▶ A proposal from multiple eligible faculty members completing a single cohesive project may request support of not more than \$50,000 per eligible faculty member.
- ▶ No F&A (indirect cost) allowed
- ▶ Salary Limitations
 - ▶ 50% of academic salary with 1:1 match
 - ▶ 50% of summer support with 1:1 match
- ▶ Must submit sample of work and prospectus and/or chapter list describing completed work as planned
- ▶ Guarantee of faculty release time from chair/dean
- ▶ Office of Research will not cost share GA tuition

What else can the ATLAS budget be used for?

- Travel related to presentations of ATLAS-funded work
- Out-of-state consultants to travel to Louisiana to assist in project work

ATLAS Summary

- ▶ Support activities related to the completion of an original important artistic or scholarly work such as major fine art exhibitions, major works of literature and drama, and scholarly monographs.
- ▶ Eligible Disciplines: Arts, Humanities, Social Science
- ▶ An eligible applicant may seek not more than \$50,000 over a one-year period.



Proposal Item	Due Date
Mandatory Notice of Intent finalized in LOGAN by PI and signed by Office of Research before 4:30 pm Central time	October 12, 2020
Questions on RFP to BoR	October 15, 2020
Grant Services Request Form to Office of Research	October 24, 2020
Routing Form to Office of Research	October 24, 2020
Proposal finalized in LOGAN by PI and signed by Office of Research before 4:30 pm CT	November 23, 2020

Additional Resources

▶ Contacts

- ▶ Budget: Kendy Martinez, kbmarti1@uno.edu, 280-6837
- ▶ Grant Writer, **College of Science**: John Bishop, jbbishop@uno.edu, 280-4744
- ▶ Grant Writer, **All Other Colleges**: Bekah Cossaboom, rmcossab@uno.edu, 280-4752

▶ Examples of funded proposals

- ▶ Ask John, Kendy, Bekah
- ▶ Or request them from the [Board of Regents](#)

▶ [UNO Information on Board of Regents Support Fund](#)

▶ [Board of Regents Webinar on 2020-2021 Programs](#)

▶ [Board of Regents Website](#)

▶ [UNO Budget Development](#)

▶ [UNO Proposal Development](#)

Program Specific Workshops

RCS

- Thursday, September 24 at 2 pm
- Register [here](#)

Departmental Enhancement

- Monday, September 28 at 2 pm
- Register [here](#)

ATLAS

- Thursday, October 1 at 2 pm
- Register [here](#)

Questions?

Thanks for coming!

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