

## Pilot Funding for New Initiatives (Pfund)

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions asked in response to the **FY 2014-15 Pfund RFP** as of **June 5, 2014, which was the last day to answer questions about this RFP.**

**Proposal deadline: June 12, 2014**

1. **Q.** *I'm thinking of making a Pfund submission that will be substantially similar to one made in the last round of submissions that was not funded. Do I need to make an entirely new list of suggested reviewers, or can I retain suggested reviewers from the previous list?*

**A.** That decision is up to the proposer. We only require that the reviewers conform to the following conflict of interest criteria:

Reviewers cannot 1) have been a Louisiana faculty member during the previous five years; 2) have collaborated on a publication, funded project, or as a paid consultant with the applicant during the past five years; or 3) have supervised the master's thesis, doctoral candidacy, or post-doctoral work of the applicant.
  
2. **Q.** *We have a faculty member who conducts research in the field of Drug Delivery. He feels that, after looking at the NSF website, this research would fit within the NSF Bioengineering and Chemical Engineering discipline. Can you provide any guidance as to his eligibility to compete in the Pfund competition?*

**A.** Board staff are not allowed to make suggestions or assist proposers regarding the suitability or appropriateness of the themes and scope of proposed projects. It is the proposer's responsibility to make the case that what they are proposing falls into an area that NSF could conceivably support.
  
3. **Q.** *I know that salaries of faculty, postdocs, and research associates are not allowable expenses for Pfund awards. But how about the salaries of undergraduate researchers? Can we request money for hiring a student worker to assist with lab and field work?*

**A.** Support for undergraduate or graduate students participating in research is acceptable.