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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs 

FROM: Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration

RE: I. Availability of FY 2015-16 Board of Regents Support Fund
Requests for Proposals
II. Important Deadlines
III. Important Notices

**I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2015-16 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2015-16 are now available on the Sponsored Programs website (<https://web.laregents.org>) for the following Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) competitive grants programs and subprograms: (1) Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement; (2) Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS) with Pfund Component; (4) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) with PoC/P Initiative; (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars; (5) Traditional Graduate Fellowships; (6) BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity; (7) Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; (8) Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; and (9) BoRSF Endowed: Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships. An additional RFP, for the Supervised Undergraduate Research Experiences subprogram, will be released in early spring 2016. We would appreciate your disseminating this notice as widely as possible on your campus. Across all programs, the BoRSF is particularly interested in encouraging the development of projects that have statewide implications and benefits.

II. IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- A. Deadline for Mandatory Research & Development (RCS, Pfund, ITRS, PoC/P)
Notices of Intent: Friday, September 11, 2015
- B. Deadline for Mandatory Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Notices
of Intent: Monday, October 12, 2015

C. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: **Thursday, October 15, 2015**

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 15, 2015 has been established for receipt of questions related to these RFPs. After this date, no further inquiries can be accepted. All questions posed and answers provided by Board staff will be posted on the Sponsored Programs website as soon as possible after the deadline. Operating in this manner ensures that all potential applicants receive the same information.

D. Deadlines for Submission of Full Proposals

October 26, 2015	Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement
November 2, 2015	Industrial Ties Research Subprogram with PoC/P Initiative
November 9, 2015	Research Competitiveness Subprogram with Pfund Component
November 16, 2015	Traditional Graduate Fellowships; BoR/SREB Doctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity
November 23, 2015	Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars
February 1, 2016	Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program; Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; BoRSF Endowed: Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships

III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

- A. New Subprograms and Components: The BoRSF is releasing RFPs for two new subprograms – Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships and BoRSF Endowed: Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships – and two new components of existing R&D subprograms – Pilot Funding for New Initiatives (Pfund), a component of RCS for STEM research projects with prospects of federal funding within a short timeframe, and the Proof-of-Concept/Prototype Initiative (PoC/P), a component of ITRS supporting proof-of-concept and prototyping projects. An additional new subprogram, Supervised Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE), to support summer research experiences for undergraduate students, will be implemented in FY 2015-16, with the RFP to be released in early spring 2016.
- B. Replacement of the Enhancement Subprogram for Two-Year Institutions: The new BoRSF Endowed: Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships subprogram was approved by the Board of Regents at its December 2014 meeting to replace the Enhancement Subprogram for Two-Year Institutions beginning FY 2015-16.
- C. Elimination of the Graduate Fellowships for Teachers Subprogram: At its meeting of September 2015, the Board of Regents unanimously acted to terminate the Graduate Fellowships for Teachers subprogram, effective FY 2015-16. No new proposals may be submitted through this subprogram.

- D. Availability of LOGAN Notice of Intent/Proposal Submission Modules: Submission modules for all programs/subprograms/components will be available in LOGAN by August 8, 2015. Potential applicants should consult the appropriate RFP(s) for instructions to access the system. Note that LOGAN submission modules will close immediately following the appropriate deadlines published in the RFPs. No submissions may be completed or changes made after published deadlines, and no extensions may be granted.
- D. Endowed Chairs RFP: Provisions in the Endowed Chairs policy (revised September 2013) to limit eligibility for campuses with high long-term vacancy rates are now in effect. Interested campuses should consult the policy for information on how vacancy rates will be calculated.
- E. Research & Development RFPs (RCS with Pfund, ITRS with PoC/P):
1. All Applicants

Equipment requests under RCS with Pfund and ITRS with PoC/P must show, on the appropriate budget page(s), a 25% or greater cash match. For RCS proposals, the required equipment match must be provided by the applicant's employing institution.
 2. ITRS Applicants Only

At the time of proposal submission, all ITRS applicants are required to have a matching commitment in writing from the private/federal sector for at least the first year of the request. A plan to secure subsequent-year matching commitments must be addressed in the budget section of the proposal. Applicants should note that although the exact level of the commitment is not specified in the RFP, in previous years the Board has adopted the recommendations of the final review panel that very specific matching requirements be met as conditions of funding by the Board.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the RFPs, please email or call at (225) 342-4253 staff members listed below:

Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement:

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Research and Development (RCS with Pfund, ITRS with PoC/P):

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Your cooperation and assistance in disseminating the information in this memorandum is greatly appreciated. Our staff looks forward to working with you in the upcoming competitive cycle.