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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs

FROM: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs

RE: I. Availability of FY 2016-17 Board of Regents Support Fund
Requests for Proposals
II. FY 2016-17 BoRSF Deadlines
III. Important Notices

I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2016-17 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2016-17 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 Enhancement; (2) Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS), including the Pilot Funding for New Research Component; (3) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram, including the Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative; (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS); (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. 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. FY 2016-17 DEADLINES

- A. Deadline for Mandatory Research & Development (RCS & ITRS) Notices of Intent: Monday, September 12, 2016
- B. Deadline for Mandatory Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Notices of Intent: Monday, October 10, 2016

C. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: **Monday, October 17, 2016**

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 17, 2016 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 24, 2016	Traditional Enhancement
October 31, 2016	Industrial Ties Research Subprogram
November 7, 2016	Research Competitiveness Subprogram
November 14, 2016	Traditional Graduate Fellowships; BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity
November 21, 2016	Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars
February 1, 2017	Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program; Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; BoRSF Endowed: Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships

III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

A. Consolidated Subprograms and Components: Due to severe reductions in revenue estimated to be available to the Support Fund in FY 2016-17, budgeted funding levels are significantly lower across the Support Fund and several subprograms have been consolidated, as follows:

1. Undergraduate Enhancement, a subprogram available only to campuses with two or fewer doctoral programs, has been combined with Traditional Enhancement.
2. Pilot Funding for New Research (Pfund), a one-year opportunity for faculty whose research will likely be competitive for federal funds in the immediate future, has been absorbed into the Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS).
3. The Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative, supporting projects with near-term potential for transfer to the marketplace, has been added to the Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS).
4. Supervised Research Experiences for Undergraduates (SURE) activities are now encouraged as part of Traditional Enhancement projects.

See applicable requests for proposals for details about consolidations, eligible activities, and other information.

B. Availability of LOGAN Notice of Intent/Proposal Submission Modules: Submission modules for all programs/subprograms/components will be available in LOGAN by July 26, 2016. 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.

- C. Endowed Chairs RFP: Provisions in the Endowed Chairs policy (revised September 2013) to limit eligibility for campuses with high long-term vacancy rates are in effect. Campuses planning to develop proposals should consult the policy for information on how vacancy rates are calculated.

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

Traditional Enhancement:

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Research and Development (RCS and ITRS):

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Traditional Graduate Fellowships, BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships, ATLAS, and All Endowment Programs/Subprograms:

Ms. Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@regents.la.gov)

General Questions:

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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.