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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs

FROM: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs 

RE: I. Availability of FY 2020-21 Board of Regents Support Fund Requests for Proposals
II. FY 2020-21 BoRSF Deadlines
III. Important Notices

I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2020-21 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2020-21 are now available on the Research and Sponsored Initiatives website (<https://web.laregents.org>) for the following Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) competitive grant programs and subprograms: (1) Departmental Enhancement; (2) Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS), including One-Year RCS; (3) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS), including Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping (PoC/P) Initiative; (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS); (5) BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative to Promote Student and Faculty Diversity; (6) Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; (7) Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; and (8) Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships. Current pre- and post-match policies for non-competitive Endowed Professorships/First-Generation Scholarships, including requirements for submission of match requests, are also available on our website. We would appreciate your disseminating this notice as widely as possible on your campus.

Across all programs, the BoRSF seeks projects that, if funded, are likely to have clearly defined, significant benefits for Louisiana higher education and economic development. All grant programs emphasize alignment of limited resources with campus role, scope, mission, and strategic priorities, as well as impact of project activities and plans to sustain or grow project benefits after short-term BoRSF funding has ended. It is critical that potential applicants to all programs carefully read RFPs in their entirety to understand the types of projects solicited and the goals and objectives of each program.

II. FY 2020-21 DEADLINES

A. Deadlines for Submission of NoIs/Full Proposals

September 11, 2020	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Research Competitiveness and Industrial Ties Research (including Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative) Subprograms
October 12, 2020	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram
October 26, 2020	Proposals: Departmental Enhancement – Targeted & Comprehensive
November 2, 2020	Proposals: Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (including Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative); BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative*
November 9, 2020	Proposals: Research Competitiveness Subprogram
November 23, 2020	Proposals: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars
February 1, 2021	Proposals: Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships

* Note that the BoR/SREB proposal due date has changed. To assist campuses in timely recruitment of students for these awards, proposals will be reviewed in late fall and results released in February. For further information, see the RFP.

B. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: Thursday, October 15, 2020

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 15, 2020 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 are available on the Research and Sponsored Initiatives website (https://web.laregents.org/downloads_page/frequently-asked-question/) and are updated on an ongoing basis until the deadline. Operating in this manner ensures that all potential applicants receive the same information.

III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

- A. Program Changes: Program changes implemented in FY 2017-18 are in effect. Potential applicants, particularly those who have previously submitted proposals to BoRSF programs, should carefully review RFPs for current guidance about program priorities, eligible activities and projects, and submission requirements.
- B. Availability of LOGAN Submission Modules: Submission modules for all BoRSF subprograms will be available in LOGAN **by the end of July**. Potential applicants should consult the appropriate RFP(s) for instructions to access the system. Note that LOGAN submission modules will close immediately following 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 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.
- D. Regional Meetings with Program Managers: In fall 2019, BoRSF program managers held six sessions in regions across the state to provide overviews of BoRSF funding opportunities and meet with potential applicants. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the uncertainty of business travel for state employees, regional meetings will be conducted via Zoom in 2020, but will continue to include opportunities for potential applicants to receive a general overview of the BoRSF and meet one-on-one with program managers. Additional information will be provided in early August.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the RFPs, please email the appropriate program manager(s), listed below:

Departmental Enhancement:

Mr. Bryan Jones (bryan.jones@laregents.edu)

Research and Development (RCS and ITRS):

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BoR/SREB Doctoral Support, ATLAS, and All Endowment Programs/Subprograms:

Ms. Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@laregents.edu)

General Questions:

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The Board of Regents Support Fund staff greatly appreciates your assistance in disseminating the information in this memorandum and work to ensure proposals are submitted in accordance with BoRSF guidelines. Our staff looks forward to working with you in the upcoming competitive cycle.