

**ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND
RESEARCH COMPETITIVENESS SUBPROGRAM (RCS)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21**

Due to extensive statewide closures resulting from Hurricane Laura, the deadline for submission of proposals to the Research Competitiveness Subprogram has been changed from Friday, September 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Central to **Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Central**. All other requirements contained in the RFP remain as previously published. The affected sections of the RFP are cited below, with the revised deadline noted in red.

III. THE RESEARCH COMPETITIVENESS SUBPROGRAM with ONE-YEAR RESEARCH COMPONENT

K. TIMETABLE

Contingent upon Board and Legislative action, the following schedule for submission, assessment, and approval of grants through the Support Fund R & D program will apply for FY 2020-21. **If the following date(s) falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the deadline(s) will be extended until 4:30 P.M. Central time of the next working weekday:**

July 2020	Request for Proposals Issued
September 30, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Central	Mandatory RCS Notices of Intent Due through LOGAN
October 15, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Central	Last Day that Potential Applicants May Ask Questions About the RFP
November 7, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Central	Deadline for Receipt of RCS Proposals through LOGAN
November 2020 – March 2021	Proposals Transmitted to and Reviewed by Out-of-State Experts
April 2021	Reports and Recommendations of Out-of-State Experts Forwarded to Institutions of Higher Education
April 2021	Final Action by the Board
May – June 2021	Contracts Negotiated and Executed
July 2021	Dissemination of Debriefing Information

IV. PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOTICES OF INTENT & PROPOSALS

A. NOTICES OF INTENT

Before a full RCS proposal will be accepted, the applicant must first submit a completed notice of intent form for the research proposal to be submitted. The notice of intent must be submitted via LOGAN to the Board of Regents by 4:30 p.m. Central, September 30, 2020 or, if that day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, on the following working weekday by 4:30 p.m. Central. One of the primary purposes of the notice of intent is to assist the Support Fund R & D Program staff in identifying potential reviewers in the event an expert in a particular research field is needed. Failure to provide the required information on potential reviewers as described in the instructions in LOGAN, including email addresses, may result in disqualification of the notice of intent. In this event, the full proposal for which the notice of intent was filed will not be accepted.

NOTE: All rules, regulations, and limitations in the RFP for RCS research proposals (e.g., limitations on the maximum amount of funds that may be requested per annum, the number of proposals that may be submitted) also hold true for the RCS notice of intent. Note that both notice of intent and proposal submission processes include two steps: submission by the PI to the campus, and campus approval with submission to the Board or Regents; a proposal cannot be accepted by the Board until both steps are completed.