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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 2023-24 Board of Regents Support Fund
Requests for Proposals
II. FY 2023-24 BoRSF Deadlines
III. Important Notices

I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2023-24 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2023-24 are now available on the Research and Sponsored Initiatives website (<https://rsi.laregents.edu>) 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 2023-24 DEADLINES

A. Deadlines for Submission of NoIs/Full Proposals

September 11, 2023	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Research Competitiveness and Industrial Ties Research (including Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative) Subprograms
October 10, 2023	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram
October 24, 2023	Proposals: Departmental Enhancement – Targeted & Comprehensive
October 31, 2023	Proposals: Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (including Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative)
November 2, 2023	Proposals: BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative*
November 7, 2023	Proposals: Research Competitiveness Subprogram
November 21, 2023	Proposals: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars
February 1, 2024	Proposals: Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships

B. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: October 16, 2023

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 16, 2023 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://rsi.laregents.edu/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 second week of August**. 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. General Information and Meetings with Program Managers: BoRSF staff will continue to provide opportunities for potential applicants to receive a general overview of the BoRSF and meet one-on-one with program managers. A general session on BoRSF funding opportunities will be held in late August via Zoom. In addition, virtual sessions with individual program managers will be available to potential applicants in September. Institutions may invite staff for on-campus sessions with faculty, though availability is limited so campuses hosting in-person sessions must make efforts to invite faculty and staff from other institutions within the region to participate.

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

Grant Programs (R&D and Enhancement):

Mr. Bryan Jones (bryan.jones@laregents.edu), Senior Grant Programs Administrator

BoR/SREB Doctoral Support:

Ms. Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@laregents.edu), Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs

Endowment Programs/Subprograms (Chairs, Grad Scholarships, Workforce Scholarships, and Professorships/First-Generation Scholarships):

Mr. Chris Mestayer (chris.mestayer@laregents.edu), Senior Endowment Programs Administrator

General Questions:

Ms. Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@laregents.edu) or the Board of Regents Helpdesk (rsi@laregents.edu)

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. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming competitive cycle.