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July 9, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs

FROM: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Research and Sponsored Initiatives 

RE: I. Availability of FY 2025-26 Board of Regents Support Fund Requests for Proposals
II. FY 2025-26 BoRSF Deadlines
III. Important Notices

I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2025-26 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2025-26 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) Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS); (2) Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; (3) Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; and (4) 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.

Please note that [Act 222 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature](#) repeals the Kevin P. Reilly Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund and all subfunds, including the Board of Regents Support Fund. Similar to the proposed repeal passed in November 2024 during the Third Extraordinary Session, a majority vote of the people is required on this constitutional amendment for this repeal to be enacted; the vote will take place on April 18, 2026. Upon passage of the amendment all Support Fund programs will be terminated and funds swept for other purposes as defined by the Legislature and the Governor, meaning all programs will be permanently repealed in FY 2025-26.

Based on this legislation, at its meeting on June 18th Regents adjusted the approved FY 2025-26 BoRSF budget, adopted in House Bill 1, to prioritize match for a portion of the outstanding endowment requests and a final competitive cycle of the Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS). These competitions will be operated on an expedited schedule (see RFPs for timelines), to ensure all funding is obligated prior to repeal of the BoRSF. Competitions for new awards in all other BoRSF competitive grant programs/subprograms (Departmental Enhancement, Industrial Ties Research, Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping, Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars, and BoR/SREB Doctoral Support) are not offered in FY 2025-26.

RCS has been substantially revised based on the current circumstances, so please ensure potential applicants are aware to read the RFP in its entirety. Several significant changes are included: only one-year awards are available, eligibility has been expanded to include any faculty applicant at an eligible institution who is facing barriers to competitiveness

for federal or other external funding, the requirement of institutional matching for equipment purchases has been removed, and the one-year funding limit has been increased to \$200,000.

No major changes have been made to the competitive endowment programs, with the exception of significantly earlier submission deadlines.

II. FY 2025-26 DEADLINES

A. Deadlines for Submission of NoIs/Full Proposals

September 11, 2025	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Research Competitiveness Subprogram
October 17, 2025	Proposals: Research Competitiveness Subprogram
November 14, 2025	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 1, 2025

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 1, 2025 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. Availability of LOGAN Submission Modules: Submission modules for available BoRSF programs/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.**
- B. 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:

Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS): Mr. Bryan Jones (bryan.jones@laregents.edu), Senior Grant Programs Administrator

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

General Questions: Ms. Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@laregents.edu), Deputy Commissioner for Research and Sponsored Initiatives, or the Research and Sponsored Initiatives Helpdesk (rsi@laregents.edu)