Graduate Student Supplements (GRASS)

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response
to the GRASS Request for Proposals (RFP) as of **September 22, 2025**, which was the
last day to answer questions.

Proposals Due: October 27, 2025

Question:

1. Can a PI submit only one application per GRASS RFP per year, or is it possible to have multiple active applications in different years?

2. Are international graduate students (MS) eligible for GRASS funding?

3. I understand the student is expected to work up to 20 hours as an RA can they also take on other work simultaneously?

4. If a student has already worked for six months on a different tole but the research is relevant to S&T, would they still be eligible for GRASS support.

Answer:

1. Per the RFP, "each PI is limited to 1 application." This is per cycle of GRASS so multiple applications in different years is possible.

2. International students are eligible for GRASS.

3. Per the RFP, the student cannot be funded by fellowships or hold teaching duties. The student is required to be a full-time GA (20 hours of work). This is a supplement to their existing stipend.

4. Yes, if the research is relevant to the S&T plan, and the student is pursuing a graduate degree (Ph.D. preferred), they are eligible for GRASS.

Question:

1. Does the graduate student have to be US citizen?

2. Does the mentor have to have an active BoRSF or EPSCoR grant to apply for this grant.

Answer:

1.   No, there is no citizenship requirement.

2.   No. Any tenure or tenure-track faculty at a four-year institution of higher education in Louisiana which offers graduate degrees in STEM disciplines is eligible.

Question: 1.

In the Student Information Form, should I provide details about my undergraduate research experience from my home country Brazil), or would it be more appropriate to include only my recent graduate-level research experience conducted in the U.S.? Alternatively, would a combination of both be acceptable?

Regarding the budget, aside from the $2,000 that may be used for travel, should the remaining funds be allocated entirely as supplemental salary for the graduate student?

Answer:

It is appropriate to include a combination of your undergraduate and graduate level research experience.

Per the RFA, "Funds not allocated for travel should go directly to augment the compensation of the graduate student."

Question:

1. The B.8 C section of the requires us to submit the proposal via LOGAN system. However, when I log into my LOGAN, I don't see this grant available, as seen from the screenshot below.

2. In the B.3 section of the RFP, it says: "It is expected that the recipients will not be assigned teaching duties so that their work hours can be devoted entirely to conducting research under the guidance of the mentor. The supplements are limited to $10,000 per year." Of course, $10,000 is insufficient to support a graduate student for 1 year. Does this mean that if I get the GRASS grant, I must use other grants (it cannot be TA money?) to cover the rest of the student's salary?

3. What is the minimum font size for the proposal? 11 or 12 point? The B.8 section of the RFP did not specify.

Answer:

1.)   The proposals will be submitted in the Board of Regents LOGAN system. IT will make the program opportunity available in LOGAN shortly.

2.)   GRASS is intended as supplemental funding to the already existing source of funding for the student. It is not intended to fully support the student for one year.

3.)   Please use a minimum of 11 font size for the proposal.

Question:

First, does the graduate student or faculty mentor need to have preexisting EPSCOR or NSF or BOR funding in order to apply? That is, if the PI and/or the graduate student does not have any current support for the student and also does not have any current EPSCOR, NSF, or BOR funding, are the PI and graduate student still eligible?

Second, in the RFA, the GRASS application says it should be submitted through LOGAN, but I do not currently see the option to access the application. Is there another place the GRASS application should be hosted or is it only available to PI's with specific types of funding?

Answer:

No previous support from NSF, EPSCoR or BoR is needed to apply for GRASS. However, note GRASS is intended as supplemental funding to the already existing source of funding for the student.

The proposals will be submitted in the Board of Regents LOGAN system. IT will make the program opportunity available in LOGAN shortly. There is no prerequisite for submitting a GRASS application.