

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF)
OPPORTUNITIES:

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

BoRSF STRUCTURE

CONSTITUTIONAL DEFINITION & REQUIREMENTS

Two Postsecondary Education Goals Framed as Equal:

Improve the Quality of Higher Education

Enhance Economic Development in Louisiana

Expenditures Permitted for “Any or All” of the Following:

Carefully Defined Research Efforts

Endowment of Chairs for Eminent Scholars

Enhancement of the Quality of Academic, Research or Agricultural Departments or Units Within a Post-Secondary Institution

Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students

BoRSF FUNDING PROGRAMS

Endowed Chairs

Recruiting and retaining game-changing faculty – matches private contributions to establish chairs in increments of \$1 million

Recruitment of Superior Grad Students

(Endowed Grad Scholarships)

Attracting the highest quality students to Louisiana for research & study in key programs – establishes permanent endowed scholarship funds for superior students in departments with existing or prospective eminence

Research & Development

(Research Competitiveness Industrial Ties/Proof-of-Concept Awards to LA Artists & Scholars)

Building competitiveness & partnerships to contribute to fundamental knowledge and economic development – funds summer research time, student support, travel, supplies, market research studies, and equipment/supplies

Enhancement

(Departmental BoR/SREB Professorship & Two-Yr. Workforce Scholarship Endowments Federal Matching)

Foundational support for academic & research programs/units – funds instructional and research equipment and supplies, curricular redesign efforts, student experiences, visiting speakers, endowment matching, and other academic support activities.

BoRSF OPPORTUNITIES: R&D

BoRSF supports all academic and workforce disciplines, and many types of activities

- Approximately \$175M invested in grant support via R&D programs over the life of the BoRSF
- Other BoRSF programs provide equipment, supplies, faculty and student support, with significant impact on research activities

Grant programs with dedicated support:

- Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)
- Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS)
- Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping (PoC/P)
- Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS)

RESEARCH COMPETITIVENESS (RCS)

Program Goal: Help faculty near competitiveness for federal research dollars overcome barriers and secure federal funding

Eligibility: STEM disciplines, including Social Sciences; faculty not yet competitive for federal research funding or changing research directions (lesser priority)

Funding/Duration: up to \$200,000 for three-year research project; up to \$20,000 for one-year award with near-term federal promise; match required for equipment requests (25% of total equipment cost in cash)

Project Types: Basic and applied research linked to federal priorities for funding

FY 2021-22 RCS COMPETITION PROFILE

92 Proposals Received

- \$4,620,672 requested

30 Projects Funded

- Total Awarded: \$1,322,183 (29% of requested)

Success Rate: 33%

INDUSTRIAL TIES (ITRS)

Program Goal: Build researcher partnerships with business and industry related to LA economic development

Eligibility: Advanced Manufacturing & Materials, Clean Technology & Energy, Coastal & Water Management, Digital Media & Enterprise Software, Life Sciences & Bioengineering, any other area with strong promise for short-term economic impact in LA

Funding/Duration: up to \$250,000 for three-year research project; industry partner match required (in-cash or in-kind) and equipment matching provision is the same as RCS

Project Types: Basic or applied research related to industry needs and contributing to economic development

FY 2021-22 ITRS COMPETITION PROFILE

26 Proposals Received

- \$2,361,543 requested

6 Projects Funded

- Total Awarded: \$480,342 (20% of requested)

Success Rate: 23%

PROOF-OF-CONCEPT/PROTOYPING (PoC/P)

Program Goal: Support faculty working on commercializing research in the near term

Eligibility: Advanced Manufacturing & Materials, Clean Technology & Energy, Coastal & Water Management, Digital Media & Enterprise Software, Life Sciences & Bioengineering, any other area with strong promise for short-term economic impact in LA

Funding/Duration: up to \$40,000 for one year; equipment matching is the same as RCS

Project Types: Proof-of-concept and prototype development with commercialization/tech transfer potential

FY 2021-22 PoC/P COMPETITION PROFILE

12 Proposals Received

- \$473,906 requested

3 Projects Funded

- Total Awarded: \$119,998 (25% of requested)

Success Rate: 25%

AWARDS TO LA ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS (ATLAS)

Program Goal: Near-term completion of major scholarly and artistic works likely to have a significant impact on the field of study or general public

Eligibility: Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences

Funding/Duration: up to \$50,000 for one-year project

Project Types: Scholarly monographs, major journal articles (primarily so0.6-0.8 lonog sen2Di1 (s)2(e)18 .96 DiS)pgleryibitic

FY 2021-22 ATLAS COMPETITION PROFILE

50 Proposals Received

- \$2,128,102 requested

9 Projects Funded

- Total Awarded: \$395,550 (19% of requested)

Success Rate: 18%

BoRSF COMPETITIVE PROCESS

1. Requests for Proposals publicly released: guidelines for submission, criteria for review, and scoring rubrics
2. Q&A Period: Webinar, Staff/Campus/PI sessions, individual questions
3. Proposal Submission
4. External Reviews: All out-of-state readers with relevant expertise and no conflicts of interest
5. Consultant reports: Assessment of proposals and funding recommendations
6. Report publication/Board action
7. Contracting (successful projects) and debriefing (unsuccessful projects)

July

January

May/June

SUCCESSING IN BoRSF COMPETITIONS

APPROACHING A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE PROCESS

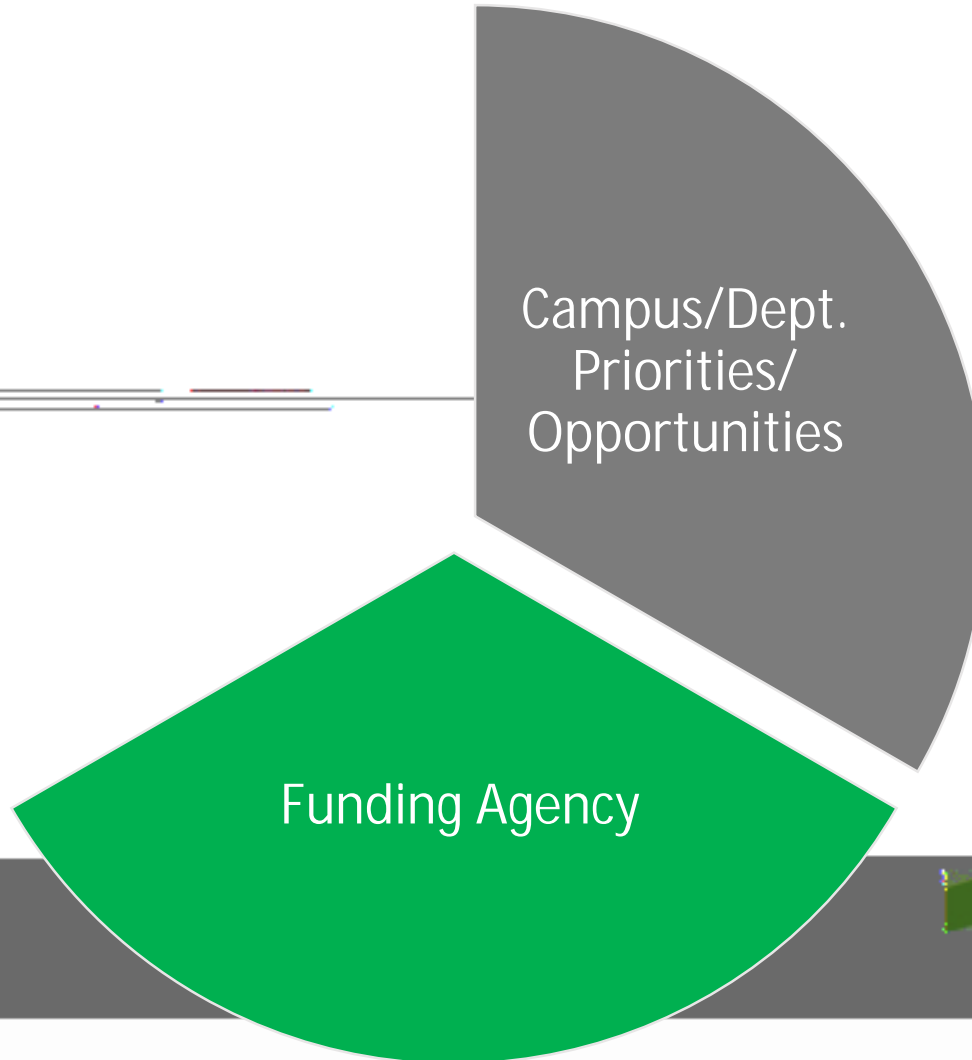
Persistence – Apply early and often, learn from experience, listen to reviewer comments even when you disagree

Awareness – Know what opportunities are out there, how competitive they are, what kinds of projects work; ask questions to program managers

Obedience – Follow the rules

Empathy – Understand what every party to the transaction wants and needs

BALANCE AMONG THE ELEMENTS



THREE COMPONENTS OF A GOOD PROPOSAL & WORK PLAN

Before Funding:

Align your Idea

Department/unit strategic priorities

Campus role, scope, mission & priorities

Funding source goals

Document the Need for and Value of the Work

During the Project: Document work completed and impact and what success will look like

After the Project: Define importance of/plans for completion, sustainability (concrete, realistic, detailed plans)

WRITING FOR EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Awareness of program goal, program guidelines, & scoring rubric

Strong arguments rooted in the purposes, goals, & objectives of the funding

Explanations of specific campus/dept./professional contexts

Alignment with campus and department/unit role, scope, mission, & strategic priorities

A plan for completion at a high level of quality and/or a clear, concrete sustainability plan (when appropriate)

All significant data with appropriate context to show need, impact, and long-term value of the investment

WINNING THE COMPETITIONS

Show clear and meaningful alignment with the RFP and campus/unit priorities

Emphasize need, impact, quality, and sustainability (if appropriate)

Anticipate questions, concerns, and challenges

RFPs, POLICIES & MORE INFORMATION (RFPs for FY 2022-23 released early July)

<https://web.laregents.org>

<https://web.laregents.org/programs>

https://web.laregents.org/downloads_page/rfps-policies-forms

If you have questions:

- All Grant Programs: Bryan Jones (bryan.jones@laregents.edu)
- General Questions and Requests for Proposal Copies: Ticket System (rsi@laregents.edu) or Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@laregents.edu)
- Regents Phone: (225) 342-4253

Q&As (updated throughout the question period, ending Oct. 15):

https://web.laregents.org/downloads_page/frequently-asked-question/

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