**LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS: UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY and DEADLINES**

The RFP for the **FY 2025-26** Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) **RCS** program has been posted. **The BoRSF seeks projects that, if funded, are likely to have clearly defined, significant benefits for Louisiana higher education and economic development. It is critical that applicants carefully read the RFP in its entirety to understand new requirements.**

## Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)

The specific objective of the RCS is to solicit research proposals designed to build and strengthen the fundamental research base and competitiveness of Louisiana's universities. The proposed research must include fundamental (basic) research contributions rather than simply the application of existing knowledge. The RCS is a stimulus program directed toward researchers who are at the threshold of becoming competitive on a consistent basis in the Federal and other external R&D marketplaces, or those seeking to maintain competitive status, and who--with some assistance from the Support Fund to implement their plans to overcome whatever barriers they have identified which have stood in their way--clearly have a strong potential for enhancing their competitive status within a limited time span.

**ELIGIBLE FACULTY**: Tenured or tenure-track faculty of either senior or junior status, and with or without a history of external research funding, who are employed on a full-time basis by an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education may act as principal or co-principal investigators.

The applicant must identify barriers to competitiveness that one year of RCS funding will address. An eligible faculty member may serve as a principal or co-principal investigator on a maximum of one RCS grant at any one time.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**: Both basic and applied research proposals will be considered. Potential applicants should be aware, however, that R & D program funds must be used for research. For example, proposals will not be considered that are designed only to: (1) keep museums and/or laboratories open; (2) add to collections; (3) fund conferences or workshops; (4) provide services; (5) support ongoing operating costs of existing or proposed programs, entities, or projects; or (6) conduct literature reviews and/or develop protocols.

**An applicant may seek a maximum of $200,000 through RCS.**

**No applicant may seek more than one year of support under RCS.**

The project activation date is June 1, 2026, and the termination date is no later than June 30, 2027.

**Note that in FY 2025-26 no institutional matching is required for equipment purchases.**

**MANDATORY NOTICES OF INTENT DUE:  September 11, 2025**

**PROPOSALS DUE:  October 17, 2025**

RFP can be found at: <https://rsi.laregents.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/RCS_RFP_FY26-FINAL.pdf>

**NOTE: Refer to the attached chart for the FY2025-26 eligible discipline rotations for this program and also to the detailed taxonomy in Appendix A of the RFP**.

**BORSF ELIGIBLE DISCIPLINES FY 2025-26**

**Research Competitiveness Subprogram**

**ELIGIBLE EVERY YEAR**

Biological Sciences I (Cell/Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Microbiology)

Biological Sciences II (Ecology, Nutrition, Natural Biology, Toxicology, Pharmacology, Neurosciences, Anatomy, Genetics [Physiology-Phenotype])

Computer and Information Sciences

Earth/Environmental Sciences

**ELIGIBLE IN FY 2025-26:**

Chemistry

Health and Medical Sciences Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)