The Creative Work and Social Impact Scholarship Funding Program (CWSIS) and The Research Support Program (RSP)

Pilot 3

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A Brief History of the CWSIS and RSP Programs

- Discussions on the future of the then existing IGP began in October 2019.
- In March of 2020, the ADR's met to discuss the next steps for the IGP.
  - The participants saw an opportunity to develop a robust program that will demonstrate a return on investment (ROI) and will also be a program that will generate opportunities for faculty to pursue external funding and recognition for the university.
- After a series of meetings and workshops at which input and thoughtful suggestions were provided, the result has been the development of two grant programs that are housed in the OVPRED under **Auburn University Award and Recognition Programs.**
  - The programs are:
    - ➢ **The Creative Work and Social Impact Scholarship Funding Program (CWSIS) and**
    - ➢ The **Research Support Program (RSP)**

- *Pilot 1 of the programs ran from January to March 2021.*
  - *Eight RSP proposals were funded; two CWSIS proposals were funded*
- *Pilot 2 of the programs ran from October to May 2022.*
  - *Nine RSP proposals were funded; two CWSIS proposals were funded*

The Creative Work and Social Impact Scholarship Funding Program

- Disciplines associated with CWSIS include design and the arts, humanities, and applicable areas within business, education, social sciences, and health and well-being.

- The CWSIS program supports scholarship in areas of creative work and social impact that has strong potential to enhance program and university rankings and bring greater visibility and recognition of our faculty and institution

  - CWSIS ROI examples include authorship of books, digital humanities, performances in recognized/prestigious venues, presentations of work in highly regarded professional/disciplinary symposia/conferences and published writings (poems, novels, short stories, etc.).

The Research Support Program

- The RSP is a strategically focused Auburn University investment strategy that promotes promising and impactful new lines of research as well as the growth of collaborative and/or interdisciplinary teams to build the foundations of science, to overcome scientific and societal challenges and to promote and enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities.

- The RSP includes the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines as well as the medical, life, health and social sciences.

  - The primary Return on Investment (ROI) for projects under the RS program is the submission and award of extramurally funded research proposals.

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Overview

Amount of OVPRED funding (For a two-year period)

CWSIS - $2000 up to $20,000 with 1:1 match

RSP - Up to $25,000 with 1:1 match

[CWSIS Information](#)

[RSP Information](#)

Important notes for the Pilot 3 program (Fall 2022):

The OVPRED will fund external reviews for up to five (5) proposals from each constituent college that participates in the intramural award programs (i.e., across CWSIS and RSP combined). In addition, the OVPRED will fund between eight (8)and 12 proposals from both the CWSIS Program and the RSP Program in toto, not per program.

Key Dates

*Letters of Intent (LOI) Requirement Opens & Request for Proposals Window Opens	11-1-22
Mandatory, non-binding LOI Due through InfoReady (no later than 4:45 pm)	11-29-22
LOI review period ends	12-8-22
Full Proposals Due through InfoReady (no later than 4:45 pm)	2-1-23
Internal Proposal Review	2-3-23 – 3-20-23
Selected Applicants Revision Period	3-21-23 – 3-28-23
External Review Period	3-29-23 – 4-20-23
ADR Final Review Period	4-21-23 – 5-1-23
OVPRED will finalize and approve funding decisions; final decisions will be emailed to lead PIs	May 2023

*This is a new component of the program.

Proposal Submission

Application Process
- To apply, go to the [Auburn University Competition Space](#) (InfoReady), scroll down and click on the RSP or CWSIS Application. In the top right column of the page click on "Apply". You will be taken to the AU login screen.

Online Instructions
- Once logged in, you will see that instructions are incorporated into the InfoReady System for each corresponding section. Applicants may complete their applications as time permits and save the information and data entered in draft form prior to completing their submission.

Proposal Review and Selection Process

- A two-tiered review and selection mechanism will be used to advance proposals for competition in the RSP or CWSIS. It is envisioned that each college ADR will form a review and selection advisory group that would only put forward those proposals that are most likely to be competitive and impactful.

- A mix of internal and external cognizant reviewers will be utilized in the RSP and CWSIS proposal selection process. All reviews will be submitted via AU Competition Space (also known as InfoReady). External reviews will only be solicited for proposals down selected to advance to the upper competition level. Both internal and external reviewers will assess proposals using the same Review Criteria .

- Combination of Ratings and Comments

- Scoring system for ratings: 1 is lowest/5 is highest

- Scientific / Technical / Creative Merit and/or Social Impact Value of the Project

- Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach

- Competency of Applicant's Personnel and appropriateness of the budget

- Overall Recommendation

- Should this project be advanced to the next level of review? Yes or No

Pilot 3 Milestones

- **PI Mandatory, non-binding Letter of Intent**   11.1.22 – 11.29.22
  - PIs must submit the LOI through the AU Competition Space (InfoReady) no later than 11-29-22
  - Information requested includes PIs department, short project description, personnel, & budget if available

- **College Review / ADR Summary Review**   2.3.23 – 3.20.23
  - ADR's Review Team will complete the entire set of ratings/comments and recommendation
  - ADR will complete only a summary review to include:
    - Summary of review team comments and recommendations for PI to improve proposal
    - Yes/No decision

- **Applicant Proposal Revision Period**   3.21.23 – 3.28.22 3
  - Selected applicants will have a 1-week proposal revision period
  - Can utilize comments from internal review to make changes/additions as desired
  - Must obtain authorizing signatures on FOP table in the budget form

- **External Review Period**   3.29.23 – 4.20.23

- **Review Comments will be sent through InfoReady**
  - All notifications and review comments (without scores) will be shared with applicants through InfoReady

- **OVPRED selection and funding process**   May 2023

Contacts For More Information

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