

The Research Support Program (RSP) Pilot 4 Call for Proposals

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Research Support Program is a strategically focused 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.

This program is intended to be an annual cycle funding program to foster the development and growth of innovative and transformational research activities. The RSP builds on faculty expertise, stimulates interdisciplinary collaborations, and strengthens seed research activities. Research activities supported by the RSP will enhance the visibility and recognition of Auburn University as well as have a strong potential to attract extramural funding for sustained research efforts. Investing in RSP supports the University's strategic plan by elevating scholarly impact, investing in outstanding people who advance the university's mission, and providing an elevated Auburn experience for our students.

The RSP funding opportunity includes the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines as well as the medical, life, health, and social sciences. However, collaborative roles with creative work and social impact scholarship disciplines are also strongly encouraged. Teams developing these types of submissions should determine whether the proposal fits more with RSP or with CWSIS and submit to the best fitting program area. Interdisciplinary research proposals submitted to the RSP may have funding/resource needs outside of typical RSP proposals. Collaborative teams should consult with the ADR's associated with their colleges for input and guidance.

* With this background it is important to note that The OSVPRED will fund external reviews for up to five (5) proposals from each constituent college that participates in the intramural funding programs (i.e., across RSP and CWSIS combined). In addition, the OSVPRED will fund ten (10) proposals from both the CWSIS Program and the RSP Program in toto, not per program.

Project Budget Information: Proposers may request up to \$25,000 from the OSVPRED with a 1:1 anticipated matching contribution between the OSVPRED and the College(s)/Department(s). For example, if \$25,000 is requested from the OSVPRED, a \$25,000 match is required for a proposed total project cost of \$50,000.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility follows the [University's Statement of Principal Investigator Eligibility.](#)

Each eligible faculty member may serve as a PI on only one grant (CWSIS or RSP) per year but can serve as a co-I on an unlimited number of grants. The submission of additional proposals from a PI is not allowed while they lead an ongoing CWSIS or RSP project (e.g., PI leading a two-year RSP grant cannot apply for another CWSIS or RSP grant in the second year of the existing grant, even if all other requirements are met).

A PI is eligible to apply for an RSP or CWSIS Grant during the upcoming funding cycle if:

- the PI has not received an RSP or CWSIS grant within the last three years or
- the PI has received an RSP or CWSIS grant within the last three years, but that project will be concluded by the start of the upcoming funding cycle, and PI has submitted one or more grant proposals to an extramural source(s), developed valuable partnerships, and/or has clear evidence of other forms of ROI from the most recent CWSIS or RSP funded project.

Exceptions or modifications to PI eligibility for a specific project will be determined by reviewing ADRs.

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November 1, 2023

The Office of the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development (OSVPRED) announces the Fall 2023 call for proposals for the RSP Pilot 4 Program.

- **Mandatory, non-binding Letters of Intent (LOI) are due by 4:45 p.m. on November 29, 2023.**
- **Full Proposals are due by 4:45 p.m. on January 24, 2024.**

Full proposals will undergo a thorough internal evaluation conducted by ADRs and their faculty review teams. Applicants recommended to proceed to the external review phase will have a 1-week revision period before proposals are forwarded to the external reviewers.

Funding for all RSP grants is for a two-year period. Successful awards are contingent upon a 1:1 required match from the college/department.

Click here for [RSP](#) information.

For additional assistance, please contact Christine Cline (programmatic assistance; clc0165@auburn.edu, 4-5929).

KEY DATES

Letters of Intent (LOI) Requirement Opens & Request for Proposals Window Opens	11-1-23
Mandatory, non-binding LOI Due (no later than 4:45 pm) <i>**The LOI is for information purposes and is not part of a selection process. You will not receive a response to your LOI. Continue in the process of working on your full proposal.</i>	11-29-23
Full Proposals Due (no later than 4:45 pm)	1-24-24
Internal Proposal Review	1-26-24 – 3-13-24
Selected Applicants Revision Period <i>**Applicants will be given a link through InfoReady if selected to Phase Two. PI must fill out & upload revised application (even if no changes were made) to Phase Two by end of Revision Period.</i>	3-14-24 – 3-21-24
External Review Period	3-22-24 – 4-17-24
ADR Final Review Period	4-18-24 – 4-25-24
OSVPRED will finalize and approve funding decisions; final decisions will be emailed to lead PIs	May 2024