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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs

FROM: Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration 

RE: I. Availability of FY 2014-15 Board of Regents Support Fund
Requests for Proposals
II. Important Deadlines
III. Important Notices

**I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2014-15 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2014-15 are now available on the Sponsored Programs website (<https://web.laregents.org>) for the following Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) competitive grants programs and subprograms: (1) Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement; (2) Enhancement for Two-Year Institutions; (3) Research and Development (RCS and ITRS); (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars; (5) Traditional Graduate Fellowships and Graduate Fellowships for Teachers; (6) BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity; and (7) Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars. We would appreciate your disseminating this notice as widely as possible on your campus. Across all programs, the BoRSF is particularly interested in encouraging the development of projects that have statewide implications and benefits.

II. IMPORTANT DEADLINES

A. Deadline for Research & Development (RCS and ITRS) Notices of Intent:
Thursday, September 11, 2014

Applicants who wish to submit proposals under either the Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS) or the Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) must first submit a notice of intent in accordance with guidelines in the R&D RFP.

B. Deadline for Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Notices of Intent: **Friday, October 10, 2014**

Applicants who wish to submit proposals under the ATLAS Subprogram must first submit a notice of intent in accordance with guidelines in the ATLAS RFP.

C. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: **Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 15, 2014 has been established for receipt of questions related to these RFPs. After this date, no further inquiries can be accepted. All questions posed and answers provided by Board staff will be posted on the Sponsored Programs website as soon as possible after the deadline. Operating in this manner ensures that all potential applicants receive the same information.

D. Deadlines for Submission of Full Proposals

October 24, 2014	Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement and Enhancement Subprogram for Two-Year Institutions
October 31, 2014	Industrial Ties Research Subprogram
November 7, 2014	Research Competitiveness Subprogram
November 14, 2014	Traditional Graduate Fellowships, Graduate Fellowships for Teachers, and BoR/SREB Doctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity Subprograms
November 21, 2014	Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram
February 2, 2015	Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program

III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

A. Availability of LOGAN Notice of Intent/Proposal Submission Modules: Submission modules for all affected programs are available now in LOGAN. Potential applicants should consult the appropriate RFP(s) for instructions to access the system. Note that LOGAN submission modules will close immediately following the appropriate deadlines published in the RFPs. No submissions may be completed or changes made after published deadlines, and no extensions may be granted.

B. Graduate Fellows, Research & Development, and Enhancement RFPs: Considerations relative to the eligibility of faculty/staff to serve as principal investigators now include the following: "Principal investigators who are delinquent in submitting contractually required reports for prior or existing Board of Regents Support Fund and/or Federal awards managed by the Board of Regents Sponsored Programs Section are precluded

from submitting a proposal in response to this RFP until the required report(s) has been received and accepted by the Board.”

- C. Traditional Graduate Fellows and Graduate Fellowships for Teachers RFP: The Board emphasizes that the RFP establishes the eligibility of master’s-level degree programs of critical importance to the State’s economic development and diversification. Moreover, in January 1993, the Board of Regents established a 20% set-aside subprogram designated Graduate Fellowships for Teachers (GFT), a one-year, master’s-level fellowship opportunity targeting in-service K-12 teachers of science and mathematics. Applicants for master’s-level awards in either the Traditional Graduate Fellowships or GFT should keep in mind that the burden of proof is on them to develop a persuasive and compelling case for why proposed fellows are likely to make significant contributions to Louisiana’s economic development and diversification.
- D. Endowed Chairs RFP: Provisions in the Endowed Chairs policy (revised September 2013) to limit eligibility for campuses with high long-term vacancy rates are now in effect. Interested campuses should consult the policy for information on how vacancy rates will be calculated.

E. Research & Development RFP:

1. RCS and ITRS Applicants

All equipment requests under the R&D program must show, on the appropriate budget page(s), a 25% or greater cash match. For RCS proposals, the required equipment match must be provided by the applicant’s employing institution.

2. ITRS Applicants ONLY

At the time of proposal submission, all ITRS applicants are required to have a matching commitment in writing from the private/federal sector for at least the first year of the request. A plan to secure subsequent-year matching commitments must be addressed in the budget section of the proposal. Applicants should note that although the exact level of the commitment is not specified in the RFP, in previous years the Board has adopted the recommendations of the final review panel that very specific matching requirements be met as conditions of funding by the Board.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the RFPs, please email or call at (225) 342-4253 staff members listed below:

Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement:

Ms. Noreen Lackett (noreen.lackett@la.gov) or Mr. Bryan Jones (bryan.jones@la.gov)

Enhancement Subprogram for Two-Year Institutions:

Ms. Noreen Lackett (noreen.lackett@la.gov)

Research and Development (RCS and ITRS):

Ms. Zenovia Simmons (zenovia.simmons@la.gov)

**Traditional Graduate Fellowships, Graduate Fellowships for Teachers, BoR/SREB
Doctoral Fellowships, Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars, and ATLAS:**

Ms. Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@la.gov)

General Questions:

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Your cooperation and assistance in disseminating the information in this memorandum is greatly appreciated. Our staff looks forward to working with you in the upcoming competitive cycle.