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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs

FROM: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs

RE: I. Availability of FY 2018-19 Board of Regents Support Fund Requests for Proposals  
II. FY 2018-19 BoRSF Deadlines  
III. Important Notices



**I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2018-19 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2018-19 are now available on the Sponsored Programs website (<https://web.laregents.org>) for the following Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) competitive grant programs and subprograms: (1) Departmental Enhancement; (2) Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS), including the One-Year RCS; (3) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram, including Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative; (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS); (5) BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative to Promote Student and Faculty Diversity; (6) Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; (7) Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; and (8) Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships. The current policy for non-competitive Endowed Professorships is also available on our website. We would appreciate your disseminating this notice as widely as possible on your campus.

Across all programs, the BoRSF seeks projects that, if funded, are likely to have clearly defined, significant benefits for Louisiana higher education and economic development. In 2016, the Board undertook a major restructuring of the BoRSF to better achieve these Constitutionally defined goals. Program changes implemented beginning with the FY 2017-18 cycle emphasize alignment of limited resources with campus role, scope, mission, and strategic priorities, as well as impact of project activities and plans to sustain or grow project benefits after short-term BoRSF funding has ended. It is critical that potential applicants to all programs carefully read RFPs in their entirety to understand the types of projects solicited and the realigned emphases of each program.

## II. FY 2018-19 DEADLINES

### A. Deadlines for Submission of NoIs/Full Proposals

<b>September 11, 2018</b>	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Industrial Ties Research & Research Competitiveness Subprograms
<b>October 10, 2018</b>	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram
<b>October 24, 2018</b>	Proposals: Departmental Enhancement – Targeted and Comprehensive
<b>October 31, 2018</b>	Proposals: Industrial Ties Research Subprogram
<b>November 7, 2018</b>	Proposals: Research Competitiveness Subprogram
<b>November 14, 2018</b>	Proposals: BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative
<b>November 20, 2018</b>	Proposals: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars
<b>February 1, 2019</b>	Proposals: Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships

### B. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: Wednesday, October 15, 2018

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 15, 2018 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 are available on the Sponsored Programs website ([https://web.laregents.org/downloads\\_page/frequently-asked-question/](https://web.laregents.org/downloads_page/frequently-asked-question/)) and are updated on an ongoing basis until the deadline. Operating in this manner ensures that all potential applicants receive the same information.

## III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

- A. Program Changes: The Board of Regents approved major revisions to BoRSF program offerings for implementation in FY 2017-18 and beyond. See applicable requests for proposals for details about eligible activities and projects, submission requirements, and other information.
- B. Availability of LOGAN Submission Modules: Submission modules for all BoRSF subprograms will be available in LOGAN by **August 15, 2018**. 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.

- C. Endowed Chairs RFP: Provisions in the Endowed Chairs policy to limit eligibility for campuses with high long-term vacancy rates are in effect. Campuses planning to develop proposals should consult the policy for information on how vacancy rates are calculated.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the RFPs, please email the appropriate program manager(s), listed below:

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**BoR/SREB Doctoral Support, ATLAS, and All Endowment Programs/Subprograms:**

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**General Questions:**

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The Board of Regents Sponsored Programs staff greatly appreciates your assistance in disseminating the information in this memorandum and work to ensure proposals are submitted in accordance with BoRSF guidelines. Our staff looks forward to working with you in the upcoming competitive cycle.