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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 2017-18 Board of Regents Support Fund
Requests for Proposals
II. FY 2017-18 BoRSF Deadlines
III. Important Notices

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I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2017-18 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2017-18 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) Departmental Enhancement; (2) Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS), including the One-Year RCS; (3) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram, including the 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 for the current 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 2017-18 DEADLINES

A. Deadlines for Submission of NoIs/Full Proposals

September 11, 2017	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Industrial Ties Research & Research Competitiveness Subprograms
October 10, 2017	Mandatory Notices of Intent: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram
October 31, 2017	Proposals: Industrial Ties Research Subprogram
November 7, 2017	Proposals: Research Competitiveness Subprogram
November 14, 2017	Proposals: Departmental Enhancement; BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative
November 21, 2017	Proposals: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars
February 1, 2018	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, November 1, 2017

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503 and assuming a need for additional time for potential applicants to fully understand the revised programs, a deadline of November 1, 2017 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.

III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

- A. Program Changes: The Board of Regents approved major revisions to BoRSF program offerings for implementation in FY 2017-18. 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 R&D and Endowed Scholarship (Graduate and Workforce) subprograms will be available in LOGAN by July 24, 2017. Modules for Department Enhancement, BoR/SREB Doctoral Support, and Endowed Chairs will be available by August 18. 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:

Departmental Enhancement:

Mr. Bryan Jones (bryan.jones@regents.la.gov)

Research and Development (RCS and ITRS):

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

Ms. Carrie Robison (carrie.robison@regents.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.