Program Objective: The objectives of Enhancement programs are to enhance the infrastructure of academic, research, or agricultural departments/units and to promote economic development. Projects should thus be designed to propel departments forward to enhance existing offerings and foci in accordance with the role, scope, mission, and strategic priorities of the institution and current and prospective direction(s) of the affected department(s)/unit(s). Proposals should clearly indicate how project objectives are linked to the highest academic, research or training priorities of the affected department(s) and institution(s) as well as how Support Fund investments, necessarily limited in scope and duration, will increase the capacity and quality of research, education, and/or training available to faculty and students.

PROJECT TYPES AND FUNDING LIMITS
1. COMPREHENSIVE ENHANCEMENT: These projects provide significant enhancement to address multiple departmental priorities or holistic departmental approaches and support the institutional role, scope and mission through a variety of means. The maximum request is $1,000,000, not to exceed $300,000 in year one and $200,000 in subsequent years, for projects lasting up to five years. Each eligible department/academic unit is limited to one submission, though it may also participate with other units in up to one campus-wide proposal submitted under the Multidisciplinary category. Departments with an active Comprehensive Enhancement award may not submit a Comprehensive Enhancement proposal until the active contract has terminated and a final report has been submitted and approved. Based on budgeted funds, the expectation is for two to three Comprehensive Enhancement proposals to be awarded.

2. TARGETED ENHANCEMENT: These projects provide focused enhancement that addresses a critical departmental priority and reflects the institutional role, scope and mission through a concentrated but tangibly effective effort (e.g., purchase of major equipment), with a maximum request of $200,000 for projects lasting one year. An academic unit is not limited in number of proposals.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES
1. RESEARCH: This category is for proposals that primarily seek to enhance faculty/student research in departments and institutions for which this is a defining priority.
2. EDUCATION: This category is for proposals that primarily seek to enhance graduate and/or undergraduate education in departments and institutions for which this is a defining priority.
3. WORKFORCE: This category is for proposals seeking to enhance specific programs directly associated with workforce priorities and needs in Louisiana identified, if appropriate, by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Louisiana Workforce Commission, Workforce Investment Council, and/or other regional economic development entities. The instate need driving proposal objectives must be clearly documented.

ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS
1. DISCIPLINE ROTATION
Disciplines are eligible on an annually rotating basis. Proposals will be submitted to a single competition and the majority of the enhancement provided must be to an institutional division associated with an eligible discipline in the appropriate year (see DENH RFP for discipline rotation).

Office of Research Budgetary Guidelines
PIs must use the EXCEL budget spreadsheets provided on the Office of Research’s website. These spreadsheets contain additional budget information and will automatically calculate the correct fringe benefits, indirect costs, and the composite budget page.
Relevant Deadlines:
Monday, September 29  UNO Grant Services Request Form due by 4:30pm in SharePoint
Monday, September 26  UNO Routing Form due by 4:30pm in SharePoint
Thursday, October 15  BoR Questions Final Date by 4:30pm via email or phone
Monday, October 26  BoR Proposal due by 4:30pm in LOGAN

For more information, you can access the DENH RFP here.

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DENH Checklist

1. Confirm Eligibility
   - [ ] Faculty member of an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education
   - [ ] Any activity is eligible as long as the applicant can argue convincingly that it is strongly linked to the submitting unit’s strategic priorities and will substantially enhance academic, research, or agricultural activities of the particular department(s) or unit(s) involved

2. Administrative
   - [ ] LOGAN account created
   - [ ] Grant Services request form submitted
   - [ ] Routing form submitted

3. Proposal
   - [ ] Cover Page form completed in LOGAN
   - [ ] Project Summary (250 words max) entered in LOGAN
   - [ ] Single PDF Narrative and Bibliography document (15/25 pages max)
   - [ ] Previous BoR Support Fund Awards
   - [ ] Current and Pending Support
   - [ ] Biosketch
   - [ ] Budget and Budget Justification
     - [ ] Budget Template
     - [ ] Budget Narrative
     - [ ] Budget review with Kendy Martinez in UNO Office of Research (kbmarti1@uno.edu)