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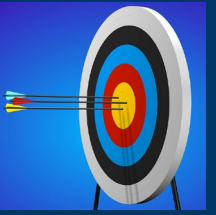
# 2025-2026 LA Board of Regents Support Fund

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you require accessibility  
accommodations.

# DISCLAIMER:

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A constitutional amendment to **repeal the BoRSF** is pending a popular **vote in April 2026**; if passed, **this repeal will liquidate the Support Fund in FY 2025-26**. The uncertainty of funding beyond the current fiscal year requires that all Support Fund programs and subprograms be adjusted. Please read this request for proposals carefully as eligibility provisions, budget guidance, and timelines, including submission deadlines, have changed.



# Programs Offered

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1. Research **Competitiveness** Subprogram (RCS)
2. **Industrial** Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) with Proof of Concept/Prototyping (PoC/P) Initiative *Program not available FY26*
3. **Departmental** Enhancement (DENH) *Program not available FY26*
4. Awards to Louisiana **Artists and Scholars** (ATLAS) Subprogram *Program not available FY26*

# 2025-2026 Board of Regents Deadlines

September		October	
11	RCS NOI due	17	RCS proposals due

► **9/11/25:**  
RCS notice of intent due

► **10/17/25:**  
RCS proposals due

Complete all submissions by  
**noon.**

# Submit early! Submit by **noon!**

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The Office of Research must review and submit *all proposals for the University* by the listed deadlines.

Proposals will be **processed** in the order they are **received**.

Proposals received on the day of the deadline may **not** be submitted to the Board of Regents **at all**.



# General Tips for Success

*In short?  
Start early!*



# Ask questions!

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All questions about the RCS BoRSF program is due to the Board of Regents by 4:30 PM on **Tuesday, October 1.**

You may ask questions of us or the BoR program officer by email or by phone.

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# Service Teams



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College of Business Administration	Burt Neal	Jesse Sherrell
College of Engineering	Burt Neal	Charles Chaisson
College of Liberal Arts, Education, & Human Development	Burt Neal	Jesse Sherrell
College of Sciences	Burt Neal	Bing Leng
Dept. of Computer Science	Burt Neal	Charles Chaisson
All other units	Burt Neal	Charles Chaisson



# Ask to see funded proposals!

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Contact Board of Regents to request proposals **funded** in previous cycles.

Use the funded proposals to learn what does and does not interest the **reviewers**.

# Be persuasive!

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- ▶ **Respond** directly to RFP; show the **need**, **impact**, and long-term value/**sustainability**
- ▶ Proactively **anticipate** and answer questions
- ▶ Align with campus **priorities**
- ▶ Include relevant **data** to support arguments
- ▶ Be **specific** when describing work plans and what **success** will look like

# Resubmit!

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- ▶ Be **persistent**—don't get discouraged
- ▶ Listen to reviewer **feedback**

# Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)

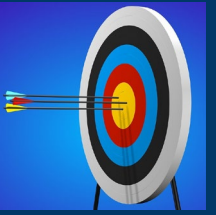
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# RCS: Overview

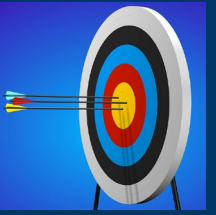
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- ▶ RCS is a program directed toward Tenured or tenure-track faculty of **either senior or junior** status, and **with or without** a **history** of external research funding, who are employed on a full-time basis by an eligible Louisiana institution of higher education. These faculty may act as principal or co-principal investigators
- ▶ Regardless of faculty status and history of external funding, the **applicant must identify barriers to competitiveness** that one year of RCS funding will address
- ▶ Proposed research must include **fundamental** (basic) research **contributions** rather than simply the application of existing knowledge.

# RCS: Program

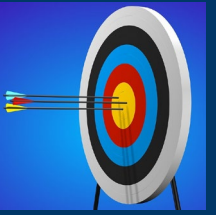
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## RCS

- ▶ No applicant may seek more than **one year** of support
- ▶ Max request is **\$200,000**
- ▶ **Start Date:** June 1, 2026
- ▶ **End Date:** no later than June 30, 2027

# RCS: Eligibility

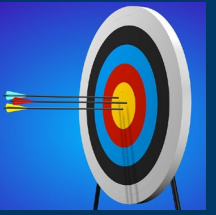


- ▶ You may only serve as PI or Co-PI on **one** RCS grant at a time
- ▶ If you are currently benefitting from RCS funding or received funding **last year** (start date 6/1/25), you are **not** eligible
- ▶ If you received RCS funding in **prior years, those contracts must be fully closed** out before submission of NOI or proposal. This includes approval of final PI reports by BoR.

## Disciplines

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| ▶ Biological Sciences             | ▶ Chemistry  |
| ▶ Computer & Information Sciences | ▶ Health & Medical Sciences                                      |
| ▶ Earth/Environmental Sciences    | ▶ Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, Naval, etc.) |

# RCS: Budgets



## F&A (Indirect) Costs

- ▶ 25% of salary, wages, and payroll benefits

## Salary Limitations

- ▶ 25% of academic salary + 2 summer months

## Equipment

- ▶ For FY 2025-26 **NO** match required

**Take advantage of BoR resources!**

The Office of Research maintains a [webpage](#) dedicated to Board of Regents funding—including a **budget generator** that will *automatically* calculate the correct F&A costs, payroll benefits, and more!



# RCS: In Summary



- ▶ Geared toward researchers who need support becoming competitive in the federal R&D marketplace
- ▶ Program Type
  - ▶ RCS: up to \$200,000 for 1 year

Get the  
RFP

Deliverable	Where	Deadline
BoR Notice of Intent	LOGAN	Thurs., September 11, 2025 by <b>NOON</b>
UNO Proposal Routing form	UNO Website	Fri., September 26, 2025 by <b>NOON</b>
BoR Proposal	LOGAN	Fri., October 17, 2025 by <b>NOON</b>

# Proposal Routing Form

How to submit your award  
proposal to the Office of Research  
for review, approval, and  
assistance!

Use this form to obtain the necessary approvals before submitting proposals to an agency.

You may save your progress at any time by clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of the form.

A help guide for this form is currently being developed.

For a visual representation of the automated workflow in this form, [click here](#).

This form automatically routes to the initiator, PI, Co-PIs, their supervisors, and the Office of Research.

Form ID

Form Status

Incomplete

### Principal Investigator

Only UNO faculty and staff members are eligible to be PIs at UNO as outlined in [UNO 85.003 PI Eligibility](#). To learn more about verifying PI eligibility, read our [policy overview and instructions](#).

Select the PI to AUTO-POPULATE contact information...

If the PI is not yet listed, you can [fill out a faculty/staff profile](#) and refresh!

First Name \*

Last Name \*

UNO Email Address \*

Phone Number \*

College \*

Department \*

Update as necessary—e.g. if proposal is for a Center/Institute.

Workday Employee ID

If you are NOT the PI, provide your email address.

# What is the UNO Proposal Routing form?

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The Proposal Routing form is a Cognito Form that notifies the Office of Research of your intent to apply for funding from an internal or external source.

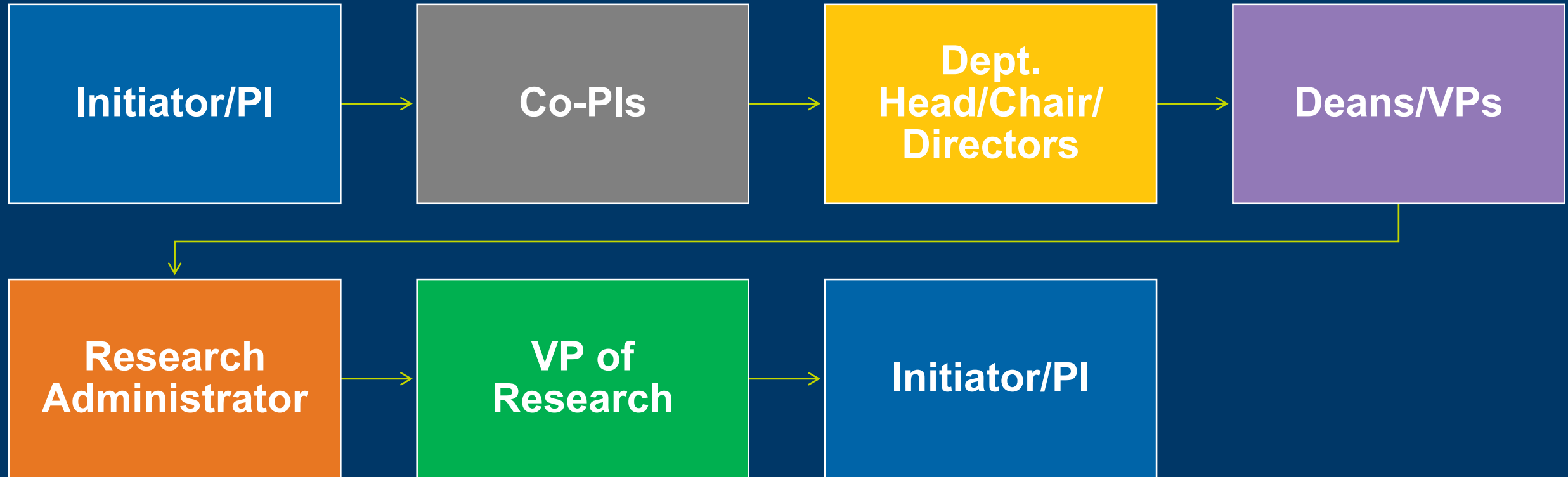
Your investigative team and supervisors **must all sign off** on your proposal routing form.

The Office of Research must **approve** your proposal before it is submitted to the sponsor.



# Proposal Routing Form

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# UNO Budget Generator & Templates

- ▶ Every proposal routing form must include a budget!
- ▶ UNO's budget tools help you present an accurate account of your project's financial needs.
- ▶ The Budget Generator even helps write your justification.

The screenshot displays the 'Budget Generator' interface for 'THE UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF RESEARCH'. The top navigation bar includes 'Project Information', 'Salaries & Wages', 'Direct Costs' (which is the active tab), and 'Indirect Costs & Totals'.

**Direct Costs**

**Budget Categories: Descriptions & Instructions**  
Descriptions available in greater detail on our [website](#).  
+ Show descriptions

**Year 1**

Budget Category	Agency Requested
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
+ Add Item	

**Year 1 Totals**

Totals	Agency Requested
Direct & Indirect Costs	\$0.00

**Year 2**

Budget Category	Agency Requested
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
+ Add Item	

**Year 2 Totals**

Totals	Agency Requested
Direct & Indirect Costs	\$0.00

# Turnitin: Checking Your Proposal

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- ▶ All internal and external proposals **MUST** be submitted to Turnitin through the Canvas course **c\_Grant Submission Check**.
- ▶ You may submit your proposal to Turnitin as a **test**—this allows you to pre-check the results **before** uploading your official submission for review by the Office of Research.
- ▶ Contact your **Pre-Award Team** for assistance.

# Pre-Award Staff

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