

Board of Regents Support Fund:

**Proof-of-Concept/Prototype Initiative (P-o-C/P)**

At-A-Glance

**Program Objective:**

Funds science and engineering proposals to enable proof-of-concept activities and/or prototype development with research commercialization and technology transfer potential. All PIs and Co-PIs must be full-time tenured, tenure-track, or research professors.

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| **Eligibility – PI/Co-PI can serve on a maximum of:** | **Project Period:** |
| 2 ITRS  2 P-o-C/P  Or combination of 2 projects at any one time | 1 year (start date June 1, 2025) |
| **Eligible Disciplines:** | **Target Areas:**  Advanced Materials and Manufacturing  Life Sciences and Bioengineering  Digital Media and Enterprise Software  Coastal and Water Management  Clean Technology and Energy |
| All disciplines/focus areas are eligible  Preference will be given to those listed under Target areas |
| **Maximum Funding Request:**  Minimum - $10,000  Maximum - $40,000 |  |

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| **What Can P-o-C/P Funds Support?** | **What F&A Rate Should I Use?** |
| PI salary & fringe benefits (up to 1 academic or summer month)  Student and support personnel  Travel  Supplies  Equipment (must include a 25% cash match)  Publication costs  Other expenses | *Requested Funds\** |
| 25% of SWF |
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| *Matching Funds\** |
| 50% of MTDC for Research |
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\* MTDC = Modified Total Direct Costs; SWF = Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits

**Additional Budgetary Guidelines:** PIs must use the Excel budget spreadsheets provided on [*LSU’s OSP website*](https://www.lsu.edu/osp/proposals/bor_program_2024_2025.php)*.* These spreadsheets contain additional budget information and will automatically calculate fringe benefits, indirect costs and the composite budget page.

**Notes:** If Graduate Assistant (GA) tuition remission is budgeted as institutional match, the GA must be appointed and charged as proposed in order to ensure the tuition remission match is met. Unrecovered tuition remission on graduate assistant academic year salary will be automatically calculated as institutional match.  There will be no unrecovered tuition match on GA summer salary. GA health insurance is not allowed on BOR Support Funds.

If currently holding multiple ITRS/PoC/P contracts, the applicant should note that at least one of the previously awarded ITRS or PoC/P contract must be fully closed out, i.e., all final reporting submitted and approved by BoR including the return of any unobligated funds, before submission of a new notice of intent or proposal.

**Relevant Deadlines**

September 4 Notice of intent uploaded by PI to LOGAN & released to OSP

September 11 Notices of intent due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

October 15 Last day to ask questions about the RFP, questions should be directed to Mr. Bryan Jones, Senior Grant Programs Administrator, via email to [bryan.jones@laregents.edu](mailto:bryan.jones@laregents.edu)

October 17 Budget and justification must be routed to OSP in GeauxGrants

October 31 Proposals due through LOGAN @ 4:30pm

Interested faculty should review the complete RFP available from the Board of Regents website, <https://rsi.laregents.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ITRS-PoCP-RFP-2025.pdf>.

Please contact OSP at [*osp@lsu.edu*](mailto:osp@lsu.edu) or phone 225-578-2760 with any questions.