



Louisiana Board of Regents Office of Sponsored Programs Support Fund and EPSCoR

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Sponsored Programs

- Administers both state and federal programs
- State - Board of Regents Support Fund
- Federal - Louisiana EPSCoR (**E**xperimental Program to **S**timulate **C**ompetitive **R**esearch)

BoRSF Programs

- Enhancement
- Research and Development
- Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students
- Endowed Chairs and Professorships



Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

- Federal/state partnership, competitive merit-based program
- Established by NSF in 1978 in response to Congressional concerns over the uneven distribution of federal S&T research funds
- Louisiana joined in 1987
- Expanded to other federal agencies in 1990



Statewide Enhancement Activities

- Research development
 - Grant writing seminars
 - Travel grants for emerging faculty
 - Planning grants for major initiatives
 - SBIR/STTR phase zero grants
 - Pilot funding for new research
 - Links with industry, research centers, and national labs
- Outreach and Human Resource Development
 - State/regional conferences and seminars
 - Speaking of Science (SoS) speakers bureau
- Technology
 - Faculty expertise database and solicitation search

Grant Writing Workshops

- Louisiana EPSCoR supports regional seminars and workshops that feature nationally recognized experts who provide guidance to faculty on the “how to” of creating successful proposals and interacting with funding agencies.

Travel Grants for Emerging Faculty (TGEF)

- **TGEF I** provides up to \$1,000 to untenured faculty to visit a federal funding agency program officer and discuss their research proposals.
- **TGEF II** provides up to \$1,000 to untenured faculty invited to present plenary or major invited talks at national or international meetings

Pursuing Major Center Initiatives

- **Preliminary Planning Grants for Major Initiatives** - Three \$10,000 grants were awarded to teams of researchers planning to submit proposals
- Our new **Planning Grants for Major Initiatives program** offers \$20,000 to teams of researchers invited by a federal agency to prepare a proposal for a major center.

Pilot Funding for New Research

- Maximum award amount: \$10,000
- Proposals reviewed by out-of-state consultants



Links with Industry, Research Centers and National Labs

- Provides faculty, post-docs, and graduate students with \$1,000 travel expenses and \$500 a week for a period of 2 to 12 weeks.

