

# The Creative Work and Social Impact Scholarship Funding Program (CWSIS) and The Research Support Program (RSP)

## Pilot 4



**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

Office of the Senior Vice President  
Research and Economic Development

## A Brief History of the CWSIS and RSP Programs

Oct  
2019

- Discussions began on the future of the then existing Intramural Grant Program (IGP)

March  
2020

- ADR's met to discuss the next steps for the IGP
- Participants saw an opportunity to develop a robust program that will demonstrate a return on investment (ROI) and will also be a program that will generate opportunities for faculty to pursue external funding and recognition for the university

Pilot 1  
2021

- After a series of meetings and workshops at which input and thoughtful suggestions were provided, the result has been the development of two grant programs that are housed in the OSVPRED under **Auburn University Award and Recognition Programs**
- **The Creative Work and Social Impact Scholarship Funding Program (CWSIS)**
- **The Research Support Program (RSP)**

## The Creative Work and Social Impact Scholarship Funding Program

- Disciplines associated with CWSIS include design and the arts, humanities, and applicable areas within business, education, social sciences, and health and well-being.
- The CWSIS program supports scholarship in areas of creative work and social impact that has strong potential to enhance program and university rankings and bring greater visibility and recognition of our faculty and institution
  - CWSIS ROI examples include authorship of books, digital humanities, performances in recognized/prestigious venues, presentations of work in highly regarded professional/disciplinary symposia/conferences and published writings (poems, novels, short stories, etc.).

## The Research Support Program

- The RSP is a strategically focused Auburn University investment strategy that promotes promising and impactful new lines of research as well as the growth of collaborative and/or interdisciplinary teams to build the foundations of science, to overcome scientific and societal challenges and to promote and enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities.
- The RSP includes the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines as well as the medical, life, health and social sciences.
  - The primary Return on Investment (ROI) for projects under the RS program is the submission and award of extramurally funded research proposals.

## CWSIS and RSP Pilot Comparison Snapshot

Pilot	Applications Submitted	Proposals Awarded	Total Funds Awarded
<b>Pilot One</b>	CWSIS = 7 RSP = 45	CWSIS = 2 RSP = 8	\$239,176
<b>Pilot Two</b>	CWSIS = 8 RSP = 52	CWSIS = 2 RSP = 9	\$255,760
<b>Pilot Three</b>	CWSIS = 9 RSP = 42	CWSIS = 2 RSP = 9	\$248,968
<b>Totals</b>	CWSIS = 24 RSP = 139	CWSIS = 6 RSP = 26	\$743,904

## Pilot 4 Overview

### *Amount of OSVPRED funding (For a two-year period)*

**CWSIS** - \$2,000 up to \$20,000 with 1:1 match

**RSP** - Up to \$25,000 with 1:1 match

[CWSIS Information](#)

[RSP Information](#)

#### ***Important notes for the Pilot 4 program (Fall 2023):***

The OSVPRED will fund external reviews for up to five (5) proposals from each constituent college that participates in the intramural award programs (i.e., across CWSIS and RSP combined). In addition, the OSVPRED will fund between eight (8) and 12 proposals from both the CWSIS Program and the RSP Program in toto, not per program.

# Key Dates

<b>Letters of Intent (LOI) Requirement Opens &amp; Request for Proposals Window Opens</b>	11-1-23
<b>Mandatory, non-binding LOI Due through InfoReady (no later than 4:45 pm)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The LOI is for information purposes and is not part of a selection process. You will not receive a response to your LOI. Continue in the process of working on your full proposal.</i></li> <li><i>Submit through Auburn University Competition Space (InfoReady).</i></li> <li><i>Request includes PI information, short project description, personnel, and budget if available.</i></li> </ul>	11-29-23 (4:45 pm)
<b>Full Proposals Due</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Submit through Auburn University Competition Space (InfoReady).</i></li> </ul>	1-24-24 (4:45 pm)
<b>Internal Proposal Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>ADR's review team will complete entire set of ratings/comments, and recommendation.</i></li> <li><i>ADR will complete a summary review to include recommendations and yes/no decision to advance.</i></li> </ul>	1-25-24 – 3-13-24
<b>Selected Applicants Revision Period</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Selected applicants will be given a link through InfoReady if selected to Phase Two.</i></li> <li><i>PI can utilize comments from internal review to make changes/additions as desired.</i></li> <li><i>PI must fill out and upload revised application (even if no changes were made) to Phase Two by end of Revision Period.</i></li> </ul>	3-14-24 – 3-21-24
<b>External Review Period</b>	3-22-24 – 4-17-24
<b>ADR Final Review Period</b>	4-18-24 – 4-25-24
<b>OSVPRED will finalize and approve funding decisions; final decisions will be emailed to lead PIs.</b>	May 2024

# Proposal Submission

## Application Process

- To apply, go to the [Auburn University Competition Space](#) (InfoReady), scroll down and click on the RSP or CWSIS Application. In the top right column of the page click on “Apply”. You will be taken to the AU login screen.

## Online Instructions

- Once logged in, you will see that instructions are incorporated into the InfoReady System for each corresponding section. Applicants may complete their applications as time permits and save the information and data entered in draft form prior to completing their submission.
- Please see the next few slides for more specific guidance on submitting the LOI and full proposal through the online InfoReady platform.

## For Questions Contact

[Christine Cline](#) (334-844-5929) for programmatic assistance;

[Laura Cauthen](#) (334-844-7910) for InfoReady assistance.

### Auburn University Competition Space



Auburn University's Competition Space is an innovative, online platform that streamlines the process of applying for limited submission funding opportunities and internal funding. Identified opportunities with internal deadlines will appear in Competition Space.

[Click here to view Auburn University's Limited Submission Policy.](#)

The following funding opportunities will now be posted, and can be applied for, through Competition Space:

### About Proposal Services & Faculty Support

The Office of Proposal Services & Faculty Support at Auburn University is constantly striving to enhance the research enterprise, including maintaining an investigator-focused infrastructure, facilitating and diversifying investigators' avenues for funding, and streamlining research processes.

In compliance with the updated Auburn University limited submission policy, all limited submissions, internal funding and internal competitions are now handled through

# Step 1

Click **“Log In”** to the Auburn University Competition Space

### Login for Auburn University Users

Use your Auburn University user name and password to log into InfoReady Review.

[Auburn University Login](#)

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# Step 2

Use the **Auburn University Single Sign On (SSO) Login**



Search:

Title	Due Date	Category	Cycle
		All	All
AU Shuttle Enrollment Request Form	12/31/2023	AU Shuttle Program	Yearly
2023 - 2024 New Venture Accelerator Tiger Cage Business Idea Competition	11/18/2023	College of Business	2024
New Venture Accelerator Application	12/31/2023	College of Business	2023
Pilot 4 2023-2024 CWSIS Letter of Intent	11/29/2023	Intramural Awards Program	2024
Pilot 4 2023-2024 RSP Letter of Intent	11/29/2023	Intramural Awards Program	2024
Pilot 4 2023 - 2024 RSP Intramural Funding Program	01/24/2024	Intramural Awards Program	2024
Pilot 4 2023-2024 CWSIS Intramural Funding Program	01/24/2024	Intramural Awards Program	2024
FY 2024 NASA EPSCoR Rapid Response Research (R3)	11/16/2023	Limited Submissions	2024
NSF: Partnerships for Innovation (PFI)	11/16/2023	Limited Submissions	2024
Collaboration Corner Reservation Request Form	12/31/2023	PSFS	Yearly

Showing 1 to 10 of 10 entries

Select the appropriate **LOI** to which you want to apply  
*\*LOI Deadline is 11.29.23*



Select the appropriate program for your **full proposal submission**  
*\*Full Proposal Deadline is 1.24.24*



# Step 3

Carefully choose the appropriate LOI or Intramural Funding Program to which you want to apply.

For more information about [CWSIS](#) & [RSP](#), click here.

# Step 4

**Click Apply.** Your information will pre-populate.  
**Complete all sections** of the application.

## Format Requirements:

- Margins – 1 inch
- Font – 12 point, Times New Roman
- Single Spaced, 8.5x11 inch paper
- Pages must be numbered


## Proposal Preparation:

- Title
- Applicant Details
- Compliance
- Previous Funding
- Project Abstract

## File Upload Requirements:

- Proposal Narrative – 6 pages max
- References/Citations
- The Budget (form provided)
  - Budget Justification – 2 pages max
  - Cost Share (only if advanced to phase 2)
- Biosketches/CVs – 3 pages per key personnel
- Current & Pending Grants/Contracts
- Extramural Proposal Reviews
- Conflict of Interest (form provided)

HOME CALENDAR

Pilot 4 2023 - 2024 RSP Intramural Funding Program 

▼ Dates  
Internal Submission Deadline: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 4:45 pm  
[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

▼ Details  
Administrator(s): Laura Cauthen (Owner)  
Christine Cline  
Category: Intramural Awards Program  
Cycle: 2024  
Discipline/Subject Area: Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as well as medical, health, and social sciences  
Number of Applications Allowed Per Applicant: 1  
Max Funding Level: \$25,000. A minimum of a 1:1 match to your request is required from your College/Department.  
Supporting Documents: [Pilot 4 RSP COI Form](#)  
[Pilot 4 RSP Budget Form](#)  
[Pilot 4 RSP Checklist](#)  
[Pilot 4 RSP Program Document](#)

▼ Description

Apply

Supporting Documents

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# Reminders

Submit **Supporting Documents** as a [“Flattened PDF”](#)  
(click for how-to link)

RFP contains Proposal Review & Selection Process  
& Review Criteria

Click the **Applicant Acknowledgement**

Save as **draft** to continue working on files

**Submit** your application by the 1.24.24 deadline

## Applicant Acknowledgement

By submitting, I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as set forth in the University's [Principal Investigator Eligibility](#).

Each eligible faculty member may serve as a PI on only one grant (CWSIS or RSP) per year but can serve as a co-I on an unlimited number of grants. The submission of additional proposals from a PI is not allowed while they lead an ongoing CWSIS or RSP project (e.g., if a PI is leading a two-year CWSIS grant, they cannot apply for another CWSIS or RSP grant in the second year of the existing grant, even if all other requirements are met).

PI is eligible to apply for an RSP grant during the upcoming funding cycle if:

- The PI has not received a CWSIS or RSP grant within the last three years or
- The PI has received a CWSIS or RSP grant within the last three years, but that project will be concluded by the start of the upcoming funding cycle, and the PI has submitted one or more grant proposals to an extramural source(s), developed valuable partnerships, and/or has clear evidence of other forms of ROI resulting from the most recent CWSIS or RSP funded project.

Exceptions or modifications to PI eligibility for a specific project will be determined by reviewing ADRs.

• Prior to submission, applicants are requested to review their proposal to see if it contains any information that is subject to export control (see the following link for additional information: <http://www.auburn.edu/administration/oacp/orsc.php>). Proposals containing proprietary information will be evaluated with due consideration for protection of this information to the extent permitted by law. Export control and proprietary information must be clearly identified in the proposal. In addition, an email reminder must be sent to [Christine Cline](#) by the deadline of proposal submission.

### Post Award/Follow Up:

Selected proposals may have a performance period of no more than two years. No cost extensions will only be allowed under extenuating circumstances. It is the responsibility of the principal investigator of an awarded project to provide an annual report (form based), and a final project report.

It is understood that evidence of an ROI is likely to occur within the latter stages of the performance period of the RSP project; however, an ROI seen in the early stages of the performance period is a positive indicator to include in all project reporting. Awardees will be asked to submit ROI information (i.e., list of publications and extramural grants related to the RSP project) for two years after the final report is submitted, and any future RSP proposal submitted by past awardees will require ROI documentation. This information will help measure ROI and substantiate continued program support.

Save as Draft

Submit Application

# Proposal Review and Selection Process

- A two-tiered review and selection mechanism is used to advance proposals for competition in the RSP or CWSIS. Each college ADR will form a review and selection advisory group that would only put forward those proposals that are most likely to be competitive and impactful.
- A mix of internal and external cognizant reviewers will be utilized in the RSP and CWSIS proposal selection process. All reviews will be submitted via Auburn University Competition Space (InfoReady). External reviews will only be solicited for proposals down selected to advance to the upper competition level. Both internal and external reviewers will assess proposals using the same [Review Criteria](#).
- **Combination of Ratings and Comments**
  - Scoring system for ratings: 1 is lowest/5 is highest
  - Scientific / Technical / Creative Merit and/or Social Impact Value of the Project
  - Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach
  - Competency of Applicant's Personnel and appropriateness of the budget
  - Overall Recommendation
  - Should this project be advanced to the next level of review? Yes or No

## Contacts For More Information

- Information on the CWSIS and RSP <https://cws.auburn.edu/OVPR/pm/INTERNAL>
- Christine Cline (programmatic assistance) [clc0165@auburn.edu](mailto:clc0165@auburn.edu), 334-844-5929
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