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

Pilot 4
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

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

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<td>Letters of Intent (LOI) Requirement Opens &amp; Request for Proposals Window Opens</td>
<td>11-1-23</td>
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<td>Mandatory, non-binding LOI Due through InfoReady (no later than 4:45 pm)</td>
<td>11-29-23 (4:45 pm)</td>
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<td>• 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.</td>
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<td>• Submit through Auburn University Competition Space (InfoReady).</td>
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<td>• Request includes PI information, short project description, personnel, and budget if available.</td>
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<td>Full Proposals Due</td>
<td>1-24-24 (4:45 pm)</td>
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<td>• Submit through Auburn University Competition Space (InfoReady).</td>
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<td>• ADR’s review team will complete entire set of ratings/comments, and recommendation.</td>
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<td>• ADR will complete a summary review to include recommendations and yes/no decision to advance.</td>
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<td>Selected Applicants Revision Period</td>
<td>3-14-24 – 3-21-24</td>
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<td>• Selected applicants will be given a link through InfoReady if selected to Phase Two.</td>
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<td>• PI can utilize comments from internal review to make changes/additions as desired.</td>
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<td>• PI must fill out and upload revised application (even if no changes were made) to Phase Two by end of Revision Period.</td>
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<td>External Review Period</td>
<td>3-22-24 – 4-17-24</td>
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<td>ADR Final Review Period</td>
<td>4-18-24 – 4-25-24</td>
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<td>OSVPPRED will finalize and approve funding decisions; final decisions will be emailed to lead PIs.</td>
<td>May 2024</td>
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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.
Step 1
Click “Log In” to the Auburn University Competition Space

Step 2
Use the Auburn University Single Sign On (SSO) Login
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.

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 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)
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
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, 334-844-5929

- Laura Cauthen (InfoReady – electronic submissions) ldc0020@auburn.edu, 334-844-7910