

**Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
School of Medicine Research Enhancement Fund
LABORATORY SUPPORT SUPPLEMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE RESEARCH
PROPOSALS**

The goal of this aspect of the REF Program is to provide direct laboratory supplements for any investigator who receives a competitively scored research grant from NIH, NSF, DOD, or other Federal funding source. *On receipt of a qualifying grant, all the investigator will need to do is to submit documentation to the REF Committee. The email must also include the statement that they intend to resubmit this grant application within 18 month of receipt of the laboratory supplement.* The investigator will then receive \$12,500 of institutional support for their laboratory. Once the investigator receives a notice that this grant is funded, they will be eligible for an additional \$12,500 of laboratory support. The PI will simply submit their notice of award to the REF committee. In the event that an investigator has a new grant or a competing renewal funded on the first round, the investigator will receive \$25,000 for their laboratory. Laboratory Support Supplements are intended for major research grants (greater than \$500,000 of direct costs over the life of the grant that generate full F&A) – non-competing renewals, predoctoral and postdoctoral awards, small research grants such as R03, R21, and grant supplements are not eligible. A competitively scored grant is defined as a research grant that is ranked better than the 35th percentile. In the event that the grant does not receive a percentile ranking, it must receive a priority score of 2.0 or better. A grant that cannot be revised (e.g., an A2 submission or a submission of a non-recurring RFA) is not eligible for the laboratory supplement unless it is funded. **All laboratory supplements will be deducted from any Bridge Grant or New Project awards received by the investigator.** For example, an investigator who receives a bridge grant of \$75,000 for 2 years will not be eligible for the \$25,000 in laboratory supplements. An investigator who receives a laboratory supplement, and then is awarded bridge funding, will have the amount of the supplement deducted from the final bridge grant award. Requests for laboratory supplements should be directed to Wayne L. Backes (wbacke@lsuhsc.edu).