

**OVERALL GUIDELINES
FOR THE
RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (REP)**

Introduction

The Research Enhancement Program (REP) of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine is an intramural resource that supports the research endeavors of the School's faculty members. REP grants will be awarded to investigators by the Dean of the School of Medicine based on the review and recommendations of the Research Enhancement Program Grant Evaluation Committee.

The objective of the REP is to improve and to enhance research productivity and environment of the School of Medicine. It is intended to assist medical residents in pursuing a research project and bringing it to a conclusion. Although it is not intended solely for the publication costs, publication costs are permitted as part of the project. In order to accomplish these objectives, the REP will be used to support, on a short-term basis, meritorious projects submitted to the Grant Evaluation Committee throughout the calendar year.

Eligibility

All full-time faculty members of the School of Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center are eligible to apply for support from the REP. Four types of applications will be considered: **(1) bridge grants**, **(2) new project grants**, and **(3) clinical research grants**. Support for normal operations of central resources, indirect costs, construction, library, cost overruns, broad institutional planning activities, and administrative travel will be excluded from consideration. Projects repeatedly submitted to extramural agencies, but not funded, are also discouraged.

Application Procedure

Application format and further information regarding the REP may be obtained from the LSUHSC website, or from the Chair of the Grant Evaluation Committee, [Dr. Peter J. Winsauer, PhD](#). Applications will be accepted three times a year with deadline dates of **March 9th**, **July 9th**, and **November 9th**.

A radioisotope license (if applicable) and IACUC/IRB approval are needed prior to awarding an REP grant. Applications must also be signed by the appropriate Departmental Head as part of the routing process before submission. The original application and (8) copies, including supporting material, should be submitted directly to the chair of the REP Grant Evaluation Committee.

Evaluation

Upon receipt, applications will be considered by the Evaluation Committee with emphasis on the (1) scientific merit and significance of the proposed project, (2) qualifications and productivity of the applicant, (3) potential for securing or maintaining support from National agencies, (4) appropriateness of funding by the REP, (5) appropriateness of the budget, and (6) adequacy and availability of time, space, equipment, personnel, and other sources of support. First priority for funding will be given to bridge grants.

Reporting

The principal investigator will be responsible for submitting a report of the utilization of the funds he or she has received from the Research Enhancement Program at the termination of the award period. This report should include a one to two page summary of the progress made on the proposal, a listing of manuscripts published during this time, and a listing of the grant applications submitted and their funding status. This information should be sent electronically to the Associate Dean for Research at [School of Medicine Research](#). It is important for documentation of the success of this program and future requests for funding that we receive any information on grants that were funded with assistance from the REP program, even if the grant is funded after submission of the final REP report. Again, please provide this information to Dr. Wayne L. Backes at [School of Medicine Research](#). Publications resulting, in whole or in part, from an REP award should appropriately acknowledge the support.

Termination

An awardee should promptly notify the Associate Dean for Research of the School of Medicine at [School of Medicine Research](#) of any change in his or her status as a member of the full-time academic staff. The award will terminate on the date of the change to ineligible status. REP awards may not be transferred to other principal investigators or to other institutions. In the event that this project receives extramural support, the Associate Dean for Research should be notified immediately, and the unexpended funds from the REP grant are to be returned.

Reach out to the following for:

[Dr. Peter J. Winsauer](#) - Bridge Grants & New Project Grants

[Dr. Wayne Backes](#) - Clinical Research Grants