



Research Enhancement Awards (REA) Program

INSTRUCTIONS

ABOUT

The SU-RDI Research Enhancement Awards (REA) Program provides seed funding for faculty and students at Southern University and A&M College (SUBR), Baton Rouge, LA. The program is designed to support:

- Emerging researchers, and
- Established researchers who wish to pursue new research directions.

REA funds are intended to help develop projects and collaborations that position SU researchers to compete more effectively for federal research funding, particularly in the aerospace R&D, Health Science and Environmental policy marketplace.

The REA Program is supported by the SU-RDI award through U.S. Department of Education Research Development and Infrastructure funds. Awards are meant to build expertise, research capabilities, and competitiveness—they are not intended solely to support faculty salaries or student stipends.

Student involvement is strongly encouraged, but the primary goal is to strengthen SU's research capacity and infrastructure so that SU researchers can better contribute to the nation's science and technology enterprise. In this regard, contacts and collaborations with federal agencies—including DOE centers, NASA centers, NASA researchers, and other federal labs—are strongly encouraged.

AMOUNT

Support is offered for a maximum of 10 grants of up to \$50K each.

ELIGIBILITY

Preference is given to support proposals from first-time researchers (assistant and associate professors) who will engage grad/undergrad students in research projects. Eligibility is limited to students currently enrolled and faculty with appointment in the following SUBR units:

- College of Agricultural, Human and Environmental Science
- Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences
- College of Nursing and Allied Health
- College of Sciences and Engineering

APPLYING

Eligible faculty and/or students may apply [here](#) to the REA Program. For deadlines and other details, see the official request for proposals (RFP) for this program. Submit the completed REA application (and required documentation) to the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) at osp@subr.edu by **11:59 pm on February 15, 2026**.

Review of proposal will not begin until the **complete application** is received.

Warning: The following is considered application non-compliance:

- a.) failing to follow REA guidelines
- b.) failing to provide proposed agency formatted vitae (if submitting larger proposal to NSF, an NSF-formatted biosketch should be submitted with REA application)
- c.) proceeding with research and committing University funds before obtaining final notification of award status

***NOTE:** The RED Faculty grant program is not a mini-grant program. Awards will **NOT** be made to proposals that:

- do not describe plans for obtaining external funding
- poorly justify the proposed budget
- request funding support for faculty training or conference attendance

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