

ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCHING FUND GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority is empowered by Arkansas statute (A.C.A. Sections 15-3-201 through 15-3-206) to administer the Arkansas Research Matching Fund. The Arkansas Research Matching Fund provides cost-sharing matches for specific federal research awards to investigators in science and technology at institutions of higher education in Arkansas. Administration of the Fund is delegated by statute to the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority.

The following guidelines address only proposals for matching funds from the Arkansas Research Matching Fund. Additionally, the guidelines delineate the Board interpretation of federal matching requirements.

FEDERAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Funds from the Arkansas Research Matching Fund shall be used for the purposes of matching an approved grant from an eligible federal agency, as defined in the statute.

According to section 15-3-205 of the Arkansas Code Annotated,

- (A) “Proposals for federal funds that **contain a specific state or federal match requirement**, for the purposes of this subchapter, shall not be matched at a rate of more than fifty percent (50%), except that any portion of the match over fifty percent (50%) may be borne by the college or university,” and
- (B) “Proposals for federal funds that **do not contain a specific state or federal match requirement**, for the purposes of this subchapter, shall not be matched at a rate of more than ten percent (10%), provided that the state share is matched dollar for dollar by the college or university for a combined match of not more than twenty percent (20%), except that any portion of the match over twenty percent (20%) may be borne by the college or university.”

Furthermore, the Board has determined that:

- (C) Proposals for federal funds that **require a state match, but the amount required for match is not stated**, for the purpose of the Fund, shall not be matched at a rate of more than fifty percent (50%) with the total state match being shared equally between the Fund and the institution receiving the award.
- (D) Proposals for federal funds that **encourage a state match, but the amount is not stated**, (i.e. the Defense University Instrumentation Program or DURIP), for the purpose of the

Fund, shall be considered for recommendation on a case by case basis by the Authority's Research Committee.

AWARDS

The Research Committee is committed to recommending to the Board of Directors for funding only those proposals that comply with the statute. The final decision to commit funds to an applicant will be made by the Board of Directors of the Authority. The decision to fund will be based on information derived from the review process, its accompanying criteria and the Board's own interpretation of the information. The decision of the Board is final. Awards will be announced at the meeting of the Board of Directors following proposal review and evaluation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

All publications or presentations that result from an award must acknowledge the financial assistance provided by the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority. Reprints or photocopies of publications related to the grant should be forwarded to the Authority.

MAILING INFORMATION

Proposals and award information must be sent to the attention of Vice President Research, Arkansas Science & Technology Authority, 900 West Capitol, Suite 320, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Receipt of the award information will be acknowledged promptly and each institution will be advised of any action taken by the Authority.

Approved by the Board of Directors
on this 19th day of January, 2001

Melinda Saunders
Secretary
Board of Directors