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Date: September 23, 2021  
To: Chancellors and Provosts  
From: President Tommy Thompson  
Subject: UW System Regent Scholar Program

We are pleased to announce a call for nominations for FY 2021-2022 Regent Scholar grants. These prestigious awards represent the highest level of UW System recognition for faculty innovation, entrepreneurship, and business engagement. Each awardee will be recognized by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents in early 2022 and will receive a \$50,000 grant to support their innovative research.

The Regent Scholar program is open to all UW System institutions with a maximum of two nominations per institution (including branch campuses). The 2021-2022 Regent Scholar grants will be made available for faculty and staff working with undergraduate students, graduate students, and their collaborative business and community partners. Nominees will be considered for awards based on entrepreneurial ideas and innovative initiatives which address these goals:

1. Promoting stellar research experiences for undergraduate students, thus preparing a high-quality workforce;
2. Stimulating research within and outside of UW System universities, ultimately driving regional economic development; and
3. Recognizing superior undergraduate research in all majors and areas of academic discipline including but not limited to STEM and the creative arts fields.

Funding may be used to facilitate these goals, including summer support for faculty to engage in research and other scholarly activities. Nominees should refer to the request for proposals (RFP) materials for further details and submit applications by November 5, 2021.

If you have any questions about the Regent Scholar program, contact David Brukardt at [dbrukardt@uwsa.edu](mailto:dbrukardt@uwsa.edu). WiSys will facilitate the nominations and submission process for this program. Please direct technical questions regarding the forms and submissions to Jennifer Souter at [grants@wisys.org](mailto:grants@wisys.org). Link to program grant application materials may be found at [wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/undergraduate-research-3/](http://wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/undergraduate-research-3/)

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