Regent Scholar Program FAQs (FY 2021-22)

When is the Grant Application Deadline?

Applications from campus nominees are due by the **end of the day on November 5, 2021**, and should use the online form found [here](#). Late applications will not be considered.

What is the Minimum/Maximum Funding Request?

This program is open to all UW System institutions with a maximum of two nominations per university (including branch campuses). Three Regent Scholar(s) will be recognized and grant funds awarded will be made available for faculty working with undergraduate students, graduate students, and other collaborative business and community partners.

What are the Program Goals?

Submissions will be considered for these awards based on entrepreneurial ideas and innovative projects accomplishing the following goals:

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

Applications may address one or more goals. There is no requirement to address all three goals.

Are Multiple Grant Applications Allowed?

Yes. Each institution may submit up to two applications (including from its branch campuses). Each application must be approved by the Provost or her/his designee.

Are there Specific Formatting Guidelines?

Font: 12-point, double-spaced. Applications may use different size fonts for section headings, titles, etc.

Citations and CVs: Applications may include citations or CVs (as necessary). Citations should be included in the appropriate section of the structured template for the proposal narrative. CVs should be included in the appendix and are limited to 3 pages.

What is the Application Process?

Application Process and Requirements
Through a competitive process, Regent Scholar awards will be available for faculty, undergraduate students, graduate students, and other collaborative partners to explore entrepreneurial ideas and innovative projects that aim to expand the boundaries of knowledge, enhance research, stimulate new technologies, inspire start-up activity, fuel product development, better prepare the future workforce, and create or retain jobs in Wisconsin.

To be considered for funding, campus nominees must submit a proposal following the application requirements outlined below. Selection committee members will evaluate each proposal and score it using a possible total of 100 points. Possible point totals for each application section are outlined below. Awards will be based upon cumulative point totals.

To be considered, applicants must submit the following required documents using the online submission form found here:

1. **Cover Page.** Please use the blank form available on the Regent Scholar application website. The signed Cover Page should be submitted as a PDF document.

2. **Structured Template for Proposal Narrative containing the following sections** (the Structured Template should be submitted as a Word document and applicants are requested to use the blank form available on the Regent Scholar application website):

   a. **Abstract.** Maximum length: One page, double-spaced 12-point font.

   b. **Description of the project and its innovativeness (*see program description above) (35 points).** Maximum length: Three pages, double-spaced 12-point font.

      - Nature of the research

      - Innovative aspects/intellectual property

      - Entrepreneurial aspects/start-up potential

      - New technologies/product development

   c. **Project significance and impact (*see program description above) (30 points).** Maximum length: Three pages, double-spaced 12-point font.

      - Job creation or retention, workforce development

      - Student undergraduate research opportunities/involvement

      - Other collaborators/sponsors

      - Businesses involvement/match grants

      - Organizations/agencies/economic development

   d. **Roles and responsibilities of faculty investigator and students and collaborators, if any. (20 points).** Maximum length: One page, double-spaced 12-point font.

   e. **Budget Narrative (15 points).** Maximum length: One page, double-spaced 12-point font.

   f. **Scientific References.** Maximum length: One page, single-spaced 12-point font.

3. **Budget Spreadsheet** (The Budget Spreadsheet should be submitted as an Excel document and applicants are requested to use the blank form available on the Regent Scholar application website).

4. **Appendix** (Applicants are requested to use this section to upload a combined PDF document containing the primary faculty investigators CV (3-page limit), if submitted, any letters of reference from individuals within the business community and/or letters of commitment from collaborators.)

Budget Requirements and Guidelines

The detailed budget shown in the budget spreadsheet, should itemize proposed expenses along the lines of salary, student stipends, equipment and travel, along with other eligible expenses. Funds may be used for many purposes, such as salaries (including course release with institutional approval), wages, consultants, equipment, materials, supplies, and travel. Fringe Benefits are provided for UW System employees listed in the budget spreadsheet. If awarded, Fringe Benefits will be covered by the GPR Fringe Benefit Pool and will be automatically transferred by UW System directly. Therefore, funds for Fringe Benefit should NOT be included in the salary requested column nor should they be included within the $50,000 budget. It is expected that students will be compensated to a level that allows them to participate fully in the summer project. Indirect costs are not allowed. Funding is for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023. All projects should be completed no later than August 31, 2023.

What is the Selection Process?

Selection Timeline
1. For the 2021-2022, the application deadline will be **November 5.**

2. Applications will be reviewed upon submission to ensure completeness. Completed applications will be forwarded to the selection committee for review by **November** 12.

3. The selection committee will review and discuss (in-person and/or via teleconference) applications in early December.

4. The selection committee will make final award decisions **before year end**.

5. UW System will distribute award funding to recipients beginning **in January, 2022**.

Selection Committee and Process

The selection committee includes individuals from both the public and private sectors. One of the members will be a Regent or Regent Emeritus; two members will be employees of UW System; and three non-UW System members will be from Wisconsin businesses and organizations experienced with economic development, workforce development, STEM, and arts and humanities education.

Selection committee members will evaluate each proposal and score it using a possible total of 100 points. Possible point totals and guidelines for each application section are outlined below.

Awards will be made based upon cumulative point totals.

1. **Description of the project and its innovativeness (35 points)**

2. **Project significance and impact (30 points)**

3. **Roles and responsibilities of faculty and students (20 points)**

4. **Detailed Budget and Budget Narrative (15 points)**

Is there an Appeals Process?

No. All decisions by the Selection Committee will be final.

Will review comments from rejected proposals be made available?

No. Applicants will be informed of Selection Committee recommendations by electronic notification to the principal contact person. While no further information concerning the selection process or results will be made available, the Office of Corporate Relations and Economic Engagement, upon request, will work with applicants who seek additional suggestions and pathways for developing or expanding outreach and collaboration with partners to enrich the student learning experience.

May Funding be carried over?

Funding is for FY 2021-22 and 2022-23. All projects should be completed no later than August 31, 2023.

Are there any Fiscal Constraints?

The funding for the Regent Scholar Program for FY 2021-22 will come from Systemwide balances.

Please refer to the budget requirements and guidelines for more information.

Indirect costs are the only explicitly prohibited fiscal constraint. Applications must clearly demonstrate in the project description and budget narrative how funds will be used and how these activities will advance the stated objective of the program.