

The Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) sponsors the Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Program. This program provides support to faculty members in arts, humanities, and social sciences disciplines to complete major scholarly and artistic productions with the potential to have a broad impact on a regional, national, and/or international level. The primary focus of ATLAS is the scholarly or artistic merit of the proposed work. Projects are assessed based on their necessity, importance, originality, and likelihood to have an impact on a broad academic and/or artistic community. Applicants may seek not more than \$50,000 over a one-year period. For more information, see the ATLAS RFP http://web.laregents.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/ATLAS_RFP_10.pdf.

The BoRSF should release a new ATLAS RFP in late September or early October. ATLAS proposals are usually due in mid to late November. I am sending you this grant opportunity so that interested faculty can plan and develop proposals by the due date. Please attend the SLA grant writing workshop on February 3 in the Race Conference room from 2:30 pm- 5:00 for more information about the ATLAS and other funding opportunities. Per my email from January 11, please RSVP with Tara Hamburg to let us know you will be attending the workshop.

SLA views the ATLAS grants as a way for us to extend a 1/2 year paid sabbatical to a full year paid sabbatical. We encourage all SLA faculty who are eligible for a sabbatical to consider the ATLAS grant. If you receive the ATLAS and you have been approved for a sabbatical, then we will pay one semester at full pay and ATLAS will pay for the other semester at full pay. The point is that you would get a full-year of paid leave if you get an ATLAS award. Given our limited resources, the only way we can support ATLAS, which requires a 1:1 match, is for people to apply for them during their sabbatical year.

If you are applying for a one semester (unpaid) research leave, then you must alert us before you apply for the ATLAS grant or any grant to supplement your salary (see p. 29 of the Faculty Handbook, http://tulane.edu/liberal-arts/upload/New_Faculty_Members_Guide_to_SLA-September_2010-2011.pdf). The dean's office will not provide the entire salary for an unpaid grant if it does not fall during a sabbatical. In short, faculty must alert the dean's office and gain the approval of the dean for a supplement before applying for the grant.

Please remember that all Principal Investigators (PI) must submit their grant proposals to the SLA Dean's Office with the SPA routing form. We will not sign off on routing forms without the proposal. We want to make sure that proposals coming out of SLA involve consistent treatment of costs and are compliant with SLA and Tulane rules regarding fiscal management and accountability of research awards. We also want to see the proposal so that we know what kinds of research activities our faculty members are planning to undertake so that we can help identify other funding opportunities. We want to assist faculty members in identifying funding sources in order to advance their research and education goals.

Please send your proposal to us at least two days in advance of the due date to allow time to review and sign.