GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Round 14 Applications
DUE DATE: March 8, 2019, 4:00 pm CST

Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Auburn University
Tuskegee University
The University of Alabama
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of South Alabama

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Overview

Graduate students who represent the next generation of researchers and innovators are critical to the advancement of Alabama's high-tech human resource capacity. To assist our institutions of higher education in training this next generation of scientists and engineers, investments are required to attract the brightest and best scholars who will contribute to the state's vision of economic growth and prosperity. The Graduate Research Scholars Program (GRSP) is designed to strengthen and enhance the research capacity of member institutions of the Alabama Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

The specific goals of the GRSP are: 1) To position Alabama's research institutions to be more competitive in attracting eminent senior faculty; 2) To encourage interdisciplinary training and research; 3) To establish a resource base for attracting distinguished faculty and researchers; and, most importantly, 4) To address the economic need for a highly trained workforce to ensure the growth of emerging technology companies. Funds are appropriated by the legislature to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) and allocated through the eight EPSCoR research institutions to qualified graduate students.

The Alabama EPSCoR GRSP was established in 2006 with funding through the Alabama State Legislature to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE). Initially the funding was targeted to support graduate students contributing to the research of the four (4) Centers of Excellence funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Infrastructure Improvement Award (RII). Due to the initial success of the program and with continued legislative funding in FY 2007-2008, the program was expanded to include qualified students at all Alabama EPSCoR universities whose research and field of study were part of EPSCoR research programs funded by NSF, the Department of Energy (DOE), the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Currently, Alabama is not eligible for EPSCoR related programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) because of Alabama's success in attracting non-EPSCoR NIH funding to the state.

While the GRSP is an investment in Alabama EPSCoR universities, students who receive support through the GRSP do not incur employment obligations by the State of Alabama. Alabama is best served, however, if graduates from the program pursue further studies or careers in this state within disciplines relevant to EPSCoR funded science and technology programs.   For this reason, an applicant's commitment to a career in science and technology in Alabama is one important criterion in the EPSCoR evaluation process.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Alabama EPSCoR invites all students _**who meet the eligibility requirements**_ to submit applications for Round 14 GRSP Awards. This program supports study at the eight EPSCoR member institutions: Alabama A&M University, Alabama State University, Auburn University, Tuskegee University, The University of Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville, and the University of South Alabama. Proposals must have the GRSP Scholar engaging in research supported with NSF, DOE, NASA, or USDA EPSCoR funding.

Guidelines for GRSP applications are provided below, and any additional inquiries regarding the GRSP should be addressed to each institution's GRSP Campus Coordinator (See Page 9).

Eligibility Requirements for Round 14 GRSP Awards

To be eligible for GRSP funding, a student must satisfy three criteria: EPSCoR Relevance Criteria, Institutional Criteria, and Academic Criteria.

1) **EPSCoR Relevance Criteria:** The proposed research must be directly related to a current EPSCoR federally funded project, and the GRSP advisor must currently be receiving federal EPSCoR funds from one of the following: NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) grants, NSF EPSCoR co-funding, DOE EPSCoR grants, NASA EPSCoR grants, or USDA (AFRI) EPSCoR grants.

2) **Institutional Criteria**: The student must be:

   a) A full-time graduate student who remains eligible (i.e., remains in good standing over the course of the funding period) enrolled at an Alabama EPSCoR voting member institution.

   b) Working with a Faculty Advisor receiving federal EPSCoR funds as described above who is also in full compliance with previous final reporting requirements. See "Duties and Responsibilities of GRSP Recipients" on page 7; the "Responsibilities of Faculty Advisors" and "Responsibilities of the Campus Coordinators" on page 8.

3) **Academic Criteria:** An applicant must be a graduate student with a graduate GPA of 3.0 on the 4.0 scale.

Grant Application

Applications for the GRSP may be submitted at any stage of the applicant's graduate career or upon acceptance to a participating school's graduate program. Applications are submitted to the Campus Coordinator of the Alabama EPSCoR institution of choice. See Appendices A and B on pages 13-15 for Content and Format of Proposals.

Grant Renewal Applications

Grant renewals are not automatic. A request for renewal is submitted to the appropriate Campus Coordinator by completing the GRSP renewal application and reinitiating the competitive proposal review process. A student who is making an application for renewal may be eligible for a partial award in order to complete graduation requirements.

Application Deadline

Deadline for submission of an application to the Campus Coordinator is <u>March 8, 2019</u> at 4:00 p.m. CST   *Late submissions are not accepted.*

Awards

Each institution is required to provide final accounting of each GRSP Round 12 student recipient by March 29, 2019 to be eligible for funding during Round 14. The Round 12 Final Expenditure Report should be sent to Charlotte Nix at cnix@ua.edu.

The <u>maximum</u> GRSP award to the student is $25,000 for twelve (12) months and may be renewed annually. All awards are subject to the availability of GRSP funds. A member institution may supplement a GRSP award. The maximum amount of GRSP funds that can be awarded to a student pursuing a Master's degree is $50,000. The maximum amount of GRSP funds that can be awarded to a student pursuing a Ph.D. degree is $75,000. The latter includes funds awarded to an individual while pursuing the Master's degree, if applicable, such that the total award to any individual cannot exceed $75,000. This rule holds irrespective of whether the student gets one or more degrees at either Master's or Ph.D. level.

Proposal Evaluation Process
Internal Institutional Review

A preliminary screening and ranking of applications will be conducted by a review team at each institution led by the Campus Coordinator and will be based on the following review criteria:
1) The academic qualifications of the applicant:
   a. GPA Scores
   b. GRE Scores
2) The quality of the proposed research program.
3) The quality of a Plain Language Description (200 word max) of the research and its potential impact(s) or societal benefit.
4) The quality of any publications and presentations of the applicant.
5) The strength of the relationship of the proposed research program to currently funded EPSCoR Research.
6) The interdisciplinary nature of the proposed program.
7) The prospects for completion of the project within the allotted time.
8) An assessment of the applicant's motivation toward a career in Science or Technology in Alabama.

It should be noted that GRSP renewal applications will not be considered for funding unless the Faculty Advisor is: i) in full compliance with previous reporting requirements; and ii) is receiving some type of federal EPSCoR grant funding. It should also be noted that no GRSP faculty advisor is permitted to have <u>more than two</u> (2) students supported by GRSP funds during a single round of GRSP funding.

State Level Review and Selection

Following the preliminary internal review, the Campus Coordinator will forward the rankings as well as PDF versions of the institutional applications to Charlotte Nix (<u>cnix@ua.edu</u>) in the

Alabama EPSCoR Office for tabulation and classification by <u>April 12, 2019</u>. Rankings will be reviewed by the Committee of Campus Coordinators from the eight member institutions. Awards will be based on the criteria described in the Proposal Evaluation Process/Internal Institutional Review section on page 6. *Applicants for the GRSP will be considered for appointment without regard to race, creed, national origin, age, or handicap.*

Award Announcement

Awards will be announced in May 2019 and start at the beginning of the 2019 fall semester.

Letters of award are issued to institutions participating in the annual GRSP competition on behalf of the grant recipients. These letters issued under the signature of the Executive Director of the Commission indicate that "awards inure to the student and may not be transferred or assigned." In the event an institution chooses not to participate in the annual competition, any unspent balances for previous awards must be returned to the Commission for redistribution.

In the event of a GRSP award declination, the award cannot be transferred to another student, and the unspent funds will instead be used for the next GRSP Round. In the event that a declination occurs <u>before</u> the award letters are distributed to the GRSP student host institutions, the unspent funds for that award will be transferred to the Alabama EPSCoR Executive Director's institution and be used during the next Round of GRSP awards. In the event that a declination occurs <u>after</u> the award letters go out to the GRSP student host institutions, the funds will remain at the student's host institution and be used during the next Round of GRSP awards.

In the event that all funding for the GRSP program ends, any unused awards will be returned to the Alabama EPSCoR Executive Director's institution.

Duties and Responsibilities of GRSP Recipients

A recipient of an award is expected to:
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during the GRSP funding period.
- Conduct themselves in accordance with performance standards established by the institution.
- Devote themselves to graduate study and research during the tenure of the award.
- Provide photographs and information as required to the Alabama EPSCoR State Office for the annual GRSP publication.
- Whenever possible, make presentations on their GRSP Research at nationally recognized technical meetings and/or Alabama EPSCoR meetings such as the Alabama EPSCoR Annual Open House.
- Mention GRSP support in the acknowledgement section of presentations and publications by the recipient using the following: *"The author acknowledges financial support from the Alabama Graduate Research Scholars Program (GRSP) funded through the Alabama Commission for Higher Education and administered by the Alabama EPSCoR."*

- Submit required reports.
    - If applying for a subsequent round of funding, please use Renewal Applicant requirements and forms (See page 11).
    - Final Report.   A final, cumulative report of all GRSP research activities undertaken must be submitted within 15 days of the thesis defense or upon cessation of GRSP funding. (See Appendix B on page 15) All reports must be approved by the Faculty Advisor before being sent to the Campus Coordinator.

Termination Conditions

Termination of Award. If the GRSP recipient terminates his/her graduate studies earlier than anticipated, the student's award is terminated. <u>Cessation of GRSP funding triggers the need for a Final Report.</u>

Termination for Cause. Upon the recommendation of a student's Campus Coordinator, a GRSP award may be terminated by a majority vote of the Campus Coordinator caucus.

Grant Coordination and Administration

GRSP grants are administered by the Alabama EPSCoR Office in collaboration with Faculty Advisors and Campus Coordinators from each of the EPSCoR member universities.

Responsibilities of Faculty Advisors

Faculty Advisors are EPSCoR Investigators supervising the GRSP awardees. In order to be a GRSP Faculty Advisor, graduate mentors must hold an official Faculty Advisor appointment or its equivalent status at their respective university. Their responsibilities include:

1. Reviewing student applications for funding.

2. Providing a letter of recommendation. The first documents regarding the acceptability of the candidate for the program with a statement of the Faculty Advisor's willingness to supervise the student and the nature of any past or present experience with the student. A second letter of recommendation is also required. Letters are to be addressed to the appropriate Campus Coordinator.

3. Providing oversight for the student completing grant requirements, including reports.

4. Monitoring the GRSP research progress, i.e., overseeing the preparation of all deliverables that the GRSP recipient is required to provide, and approving those deliverables before they are sent to the Campus Coordinator.

In order for a student to be eligible for Round 14 funding, the Faculty Advisor must be in full compliance with previous GRSP reporting requirements and be receiving some type of federal EPSCoR grant funding.

Responsibilities of Campus Coordinators

Campus Coordinators serve as points-of-contact for the institution among students, their advisors, and the EPSCoR Office. Campus Coordinators (see page 9) are responsible for:

1. Disseminating GRSP information to and from the EPSCoR office.
2. Collecting, evaluating, and ranking GRSP applications as well as working with the Faculty Advisor to ensure the accuracy of information provided by each student on the application form.
3. Presenting student applications for the selection of grant funding.
4. Participating in award selection.
5. Receiving student reports from Faculty Advisors.
6. Accounting for the expenditure of award funds (due date March 29, 2019)
7. Working with the Faculty Advisor to oversee the preparation and submission of required reports and documentation.

Management and Administration

The GRSP management team consists of the Alabama EPSCoR (ALEPSCoR) Executive Director, ALEPSCoR Program Administrator, and a GRSP Campus Coordinator from each of the eight participating campuses. Their contact information is as follows:

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GRSP Campus Coordinators

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University of South Alabama	Dr. John Steadman	(251) 460-6140	jsteadman@southalabama.edu

The Alabama EPSCoR Program is managed by the Alabama EPSCoR Steering Committee which is comprised of the Vice Presidents for Research (and Economic Development) at each of the eight Ph.D. granting EPSCoR institutions in the state.

Alabama EPSCoR Steering Committee

Alabama A&M University	Dr. Daniel Wims
Alabama State University	Dr. Christine Thomas
Auburn University	Dr. Jennifer Kerpelman
Tuskegee University	Dr. Shaik Jeelani, *Vice Chair*
University of Alabama	Dr. Russell Mumper
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Dr. Chris Brown, *Chair*
University of Alabama in Huntsville	Dr. Robert Lindquist
University of South Alabama	Ms. Lynne Chronister

Reporting

Reporting Compliance

To be eligible for GRSP funding, the Faculty Advisor for the student applicant must: i.) be receiving some type of federal EPSCoR grant funding; and ii.) the Faculty Advisor for the student applicant must be in full compliance with all previous GRSP reporting requirements. Specifically, the Faculty Advisor can have no outstanding GRSP Final Reports.

GRSP Renewal Applicants must submit a Progress Report with their application describing accomplishments to date. The format of GRSP Progress/Final Reports is described below:

Progress/Final Report Requirements

Progress Reports must be submitted with GRSP Renewal Applications. A final, cumulative report of all GRSP research activities undertaken must be submitted within 15 days of the thesis defense or upon cessation of GRSP funding. See Appendix B on page 15. All reports must be approved by the Faculty Advisor before being sent to the Campus Coordinator.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRSP PROGRESS/ FINAL REPORTS

1. **Cover Sheet** (Appendix B, Signed when approved by Faculty Advisor then by Campus Coordinator)

2. **Abstracts: (on a separate sheet) these can be the same abstracts used for the proposal**

    a. **Layman's Abstract:** In no more than 200 words, provide a plain language description of the research and its potential impact(s) or societal benefit in plain laymen's language, i.e., language that a non-specialist can understand.

    b. **Scientific Abstract:** In no more than 400 words, describe the *objectives* of th**e** research program, the methodology to be used, and how it will advance the state-of-the-art in the field if successful.

3. **Description of Cumulative Research/ Progress to Date:** Describe the objectives of the proposed research, and describe the cumulative results obtained from the GRSP funding, how it will advance the state-of-the-art in the field, and what broader impact(s) the research may have.

4. **Documentation of Accomplishments**: Describe the *publications*, seminars, poster presentations, oral presentations, awards and honors resulting from the GRSP funded research.

5. **Employment or Career Plans**: Briefly describe your employment or career plans.

6. **Contact information**: Please provide an email address. We are interested in following-up after graduation with a short update for our annual GRSP publication to demonstrate the impact of your GRSP funded graduate research and education.

The length of the report is 5 pages plus the cover page. Please include your name, date, and "Progress/Final Report" on every page of your report.

Submission and Content Requirements of GRSP Proposals

The Faculty Advisors are responsible for emailing a single PDF File of the entire Round 14 GRSP Application to the Campus Coordinator by the 4:00 p.m. deadline on March 8, 2019. This single PDF file should include **all information in the application,** including a completed version of the Cover Sheet (with the required signatures from both the Faculty Advisor and Campus Coordinator approving the format and content of the application) and scanned versions of the required transcripts, reference letters, GPA Scores and GRE scores (do not submit separate reference letters, transcripts, etc. to the Campus Coordinator, everything should be in the single PDF file). For Renewal Applications, all components should also be completed and attached to the cover sheet and scanned as one document. In all submissions, the PDF filename should contain the name of the applicant. *Incomplete applications will be disqualified from consideration for GRSP funding. Late submissions are not accepted. **Questions regarding the proposal process should be directed to the Campus Coordinator**.*

Required Items for New GRSP Applicants , not previously funded, Items 1-7 Below

The GRSP Proposal should include the following sections, clearly marked with the section headings:

1. **Cover Sheet:** See Appendix A, page 13.
2. **Abstracts: (on a separate sheet)**
    a. **Layman's Abstract:** In no more than 200 words, provide a plain language description of the research and its potential impact(s) or societal benefit in plain laymen's language, i.e., language that a non-specialist can understand.

b. **Scientific Abstract: In no more than 400 words, describe the *objectives* of the** research program, the methodology to be used, and how it will advance the state-of-the-art in the field if successful.

3. **Project Description (no more than 5 pages, excluding references):**

   a) **Description of Proposed Research:** Describe the objectives of the proposed research, why it is important, what previous work has been performed, the methodology of the proposed research program, and how it will advance the state-of-the-art in the field if successful, and what broader impact(s) the research may have. A few technical footnotes/references may be included in this section.

   b) **Relevance to Current EPSCoR Research:** Describe the relevance of this research to current EPSCoR funded research. Include the EPSCoR related program, EPSCoR funding Agency, and EPSCoR Grant Number.

   c) **Interdisciplinary Nature of Research:** This section should describe the interdisciplinary nature of the research.

   d) **Completion Timetable, Schedule, and Milestones:** The GRSP Applicant's research and graduation timetable and milestones should be described, including a realistic expected date for completion of the formal degree program. This section should also describe the prospects for completion of the proposed research within the allotted time.

   e) **Plans to Pursue A Career in Alabama:** This section should describe the motivation and prospects of the student to pursue a career in Alabama.

   f) **Technical References / Footnotes (not included in page count):**

4. **Personal Letters of Reference**: The EPSCoR Faculty Advisor must provide a recommendation as to the acceptability of the student for the program, a clear statement of the Faculty Advisor's willingness to supervise the student, and the nature of any past or present experience with the student. A second letter of recommendation must also be provided. The letters should be addressed to the Campus Coordinator, but provided to the student's Faculty Advisor to scan and attach to the PDF file of the application.

5. **Resumes:** A brief resume (2 pages) of the **applicant and the Faculty Advisor** must be included with the proposal, with a short summary of education, training and accomplishments.

6. **Transcript/GPA Scores:** A copy of the most current official transcript must be attached.

7. *GRE Scores:* A copy of the student's official GRE scores must be attached.

Required Items for Renewal (previously funded) GRSP (Items 1-7 below):

Required Items for Renewal GRSP Applications

The GRSP Proposal should include the following sections, clearly marked with the section headings:

1. **Cover Sheet:** See Appendix A, page 13.

2. **Abstracts: (on a separate sheet)**

   a. **Layman's Abstract:** In no more than 200 words, provide a plain language description of the research and its potential impact(s) or societal benefit in plain laymen's language, i.e., language that a non-specialist can understand.

   b. **Scientific Abstract:** In no more than 400 words, describe the *objectives* of the research program, the methodology to be used, and how it will advance the state-of-the-art in the field if successful.

3. **Project Description (no more than 5 pages, excluding references):**

   a. **Brief Summary of Progress to date and Proposed Research:** Describe the objectives of the proposed research; **very briefly summarize the results obtained from previous GRSP funding** (which are to be described in more detail in the Progress Report); and most importantly what the plans are for the proposed research in the next year, how it will advance the state-of-the-art in the field if successful, and what broader impact(s) the research may have. A few technical references may be included in this section.

b. **Relevance to Current EPSCoR Research:** Describe the relevance of this research to current EPSCoR funded research. Include the EPSCoR related program and EPSCoR funding Agency and EPSCoR Grant Number.

c. **Interdisciplinary Nature of Research:** This section should describe the interdisciplinary nature of the research.

d. **Completion Timetable, Schedule, and Milestones:** The GRSP applicant's research and graduation timetable and milestones should be described, including a realistic expected date for completion of the formal degree program. This section should also describe the prospects for completion of the proposed research within the allotted time.

e. **Documentation of Accomplishments-** publications, seminars, poster presentations, oral presentations, awards and honors resulting from the GRSP funded research

f. **Plans to Pursue A Career in Alabama:** This section should describe the motivation and prospects of the student to pursue a career in Alabama.

g. **Technical References / Footnotes (not included in page count):**

4. **Personal Letters of Reference**: The EPSCoR Faculty Advisor must provide a recommendation as to the acceptability of the student for the program, a clear statement of the Faculty Advisor's willingness to supervise the student, and the nature of any past or present experience with the student. A second letter of recommendation must also be provided. The letters should be addressed to the Campus Coordinator, but provided to the student's Faculty Advisor to scan and attach to the PDF file of the application.

5. **Resumes:** A brief resume (2 pages) of the **applicant and the Faculty Advisor** must be included with the proposal, with a short summary of education, training and accomplishments.

6. **Transcript/GPA Scores:** A copy of the most current official transcript must be attached.

7. **A Progress Report for the Cumulative Progress to Date (See Appendix** B**, page 15**)**.**

Appendix A (fillable pdf version)
Alabama EPSCoR Graduate Research Scholars Program (GRSP)
Round 14 Application/Cover Sheet

Submit proposal to: Campus Coordinator of member institutions

Is this a _____ new proposal (no previous GRSP funding) <u>OR</u> a _____ renewing proposal? (Check one.)

Student Name_____ Birthday _____
(Last/First /Middle Initial)

Place of Birth_____

Local Address_____
(Street/City/State/Zip)

Permanent Address _____
(Street/City/State/Zip)

Office Phone _____Cell Phone_____

Current and Permanent E-mail Addresses (if available) _____

_____

Undergraduate University _____

County/City/State/Zip _____ GPA _____ Scale _____

Major/Minor_____

Graduate GPA_____Scale _____GRE Scores: Verbal _____Quantitative_____

Target Degree (Ph.D., M.S., M.A.)_____Discipline/Major_____

If the Target Degree is Ph.D., have you passed all Ph.D. qualifying exams and been approved for Ph.D. candidacy (answer "Yes", "No", or "N/A" for M.S. degree students)   _____

Expected Graduation Date (this is important information that needs to be as <u>accurate</u> as possible)
(Month: May/August/December) _____(Year)_____

Source of Qualifying EPSCoR funding for GRSP Advisor (EPSCoR Agency, and EPSCoR grant number)

EPSCoR Agency: (NSF, DOE, NASA, USDA) _____Federal EPSCoR Grant No: _____
(Please verify with your Faculty Advisor)

Area of study/proposed thesis or dissertation topic: _____

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Faculty Advisor (EPSCoR PIs only) Name_____

Department Name (no acronyms) _____

Phone _____ Advisor's E-mail Address _____

Campus to which this proposal is being submitted (check only one):

_____ Alabama A&M University   _____ The University of Alabama

_____ Alabama State University   _____ University of Alabama at Birmingham

_____ Auburn University   _____ University of Alabama in Huntsville

_____ Tuskegee University   _____ University of South Alabama

In order to determine the degree to which members of the diverse segments of the population are reached by this announcement, so that all persons are afforded an equal opportunity for consideration, Alabama EPSCoR requests that you fill in the appropriate block(s). Completion of this part of the application is voluntary.

□ Male □ Female □ Minority: □ Yes □ No (Check on box) □ Hispanic □ American Indian □ African American □ Other (Specify)_____

I certify that I am or will be a full-time graduate student at _____(name of institution) during the period covered in the Round 13 application. As a recipient of this award I understand that continuance of the award is dependent upon my meeting the performance standards established by the department within the institution for which I am conducting or will conduct research in compliance with all applicable policies of the institution I am attending, including but not limited to, policies of the Graduate School, any Student Code of Conduct, any Honor Code and policies regarding academic misconduct or, if applicable, any employment policies of that institution.

_____   _____

Applicant's Signature   Date

I have reviewed this GRSP Student application, agree to the requirements described, and approve this application.

_____   _____

Faculty Advisor's Signature   Date

_____   _____

Campus Coordinator's Signature   Date

Appendix B: Interim/Final Report Cover Sheet
GRSP Round 14

GRSP Student's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date Report Submitted to Faculty Advisor:_____

Faculty Advisor's Last/ First Name: _____

_____Expected or _____Actual Date of Graduation (Check one, add date)_____

Did you earn your targeted degree?_____

The GRSP Progress Report should cover the cumulative-to-date GRSP research experience, and is due either upon submission for a GRSP Funding Renewal or 15 days from the defense of the thesis or upon termination of GRSP funding.

Progress/Final Report Checklist: (headings have to be in this order and clearly marked).

> *(See "Progress/Final Report Requirements" on Page 12 for detailed Report guidelines and requirements)*

1. **Cover Sheet** (Appendix C)
2. **Abstracts: (on a separate sheet) these can be the same abstracts used for the proposal**
   a. **Layman's Abstract:**
   b. **Scientific Abstract:**
3. **Description of Cumulative Research/ Progress to Date:**
4. **Documentation of Accomplishments**:
5. **Employment or Career Plans**: Briefly describe your employment or career plans.
6. **Contact information**:

The length of the report is 5 pages plus the cover page. Please include your name, date, and "Final Report" on every page of your report.

I have reviewed the attached report and it complies with the format described above.

_____   _____
Faculty Advisor's Signature   Date Report Approved by Faculty Advisor

_____   _____
Campus Coordinator's Signature   Date Report Approved by Campus Coordinator

<u>List of GRSP Campus Coordinators</u>

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University of South Alabama	Dr. John Steadman	jsteadman@southalabama.edu

Reports will <u>not</u> be accepted by the Alabama EPSCoR office until approved by the Campus Coordinator