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Sec. 142.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Basic research" means research the primary object of which is to gain a fuller fundamental knowledge of the subject under study.

(2) "Coordinating board" has the meaning assigned by Section 141.001 of this code.

(3) "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003(8) of this code.

(4) "Program" means the advanced research program established under this chapter.

(5) "Faculty member" means a person who is tenured or is in a tenure track position or a research professional employed by an eligible institution.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 823, Sec. 3.08, eff. June 20, 1987.

Sec. 142.002. PURPOSE. The advanced research program is established to encourage and provide support for basic research conducted by faculty members in astronomy, atmospheric science, biological and behavioral sciences, chemistry, computer sciences, earth sciences, engineering, information science, mathematics, material sciences, oceanography, physics, environmental issues affecting the Texas-Mexico border region, the reduction of industrial, agricultural, and domestic water use, social sciences, and related disciplines in eligible institutions.
Sec. A142.003. ADMINISTRATION; GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The coordinating board shall administer the program.

(b) The coordinating board shall appoint an advisory committee that consists of experts in the specified research areas to advise the coordinating board regarding the board's development of research priorities, guidelines, and procedures for the selection of specific projects at eligible institutions.

(c) The guidelines and procedures developed by the coordinating board must provide for awards on a competitive, peer review basis for specific projects at eligible institutions.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 823, Sec. 3.08, eff. June 20, 1987.

Sec. A142.004. FUNDING. (a) The program is funded by appropriations and by gifts, grants, and donations made for that purpose. The total funds appropriated to the program may be at least equal to 10 percent of the average amount of the federally sponsored research funds allocated to all institutions of higher education annually during the preceding three years.

(b) From funds appropriated for the program, the comptroller of public accounts shall issue warrants to each eligible institution in the amount certified by the coordinating board to the comptroller.

(c) The funds appropriated for the program may be expended to support the particular projects for which an award is made and may not be expended for the general support of ongoing research at an eligible institution or for the construction or remodeling of a facility.

(d) Research projects shall be reviewed and funded each biennium.

(e) Supplies, materials, services, and equipment purchased with these funds shall not be subject to the purchasing authority of
the comptroller.
Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 823, Sec. 3.08, eff. June 20, 1987.
Amended by:
Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 937, Sec. 1.88, eff. September 1, 2007.

Sec. 142.005. PROGRESS REPORTS. An institution receiving funds under this chapter shall report on the progress of the funded research to the coordinating board not later than the date specified by the coordinating board each year.
Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 823, Sec. 3.08, eff. June 20, 1987. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 820, Sec. 32, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 142.006. MERIT REVIEW. The coordinating board shall appoint a committee that consists of experts in the specified research areas to evaluate the program's effectiveness and report its findings to the coordinating board not later than January 31 of each odd-numbered year.
Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 823, Sec. 3.08, eff. June 20, 1987. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 820, Sec. 32, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 142.007. CONFIDENTIALITY. Information submitted as part of a pre-proposal or proposal or related to the evaluation and selection of research projects to be funded by the program is confidential unless made public by coordinating board rule.
Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 820, Sec. 33, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.