



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1172

1. **Title of Project:** Florida Polytechnic U: Graduate Program Growth

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/31/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Florida Polytechnic University was created to increase STEM graduates and conduct applied research that can be transitioned to industry and thus spur economic growth. This request begins building a graduate program, in addition to the bachelor's program, to provide degrees, research programs and projects that meet the demand of Florida employers and state and federal agencies.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Board of Governors

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,500,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2500000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for 2.5 faculty positions and one support staff.	614,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Graduate student stipends (\$1,209,550); Expenses (\$426,050); Equipment (\$250,000)	1,885,600
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

Develop and provide STEM degrees, research programs and projects that meet the demand of Florida employers and state and federal agencies.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Offer STEM graduate degrees and conduct research that meet the demands of Florida employers; increase the number of STEM graduate degrees awarded; increase the number of graduate students providing direct support to Florida industry; provide in-depth project support to Florida and federal agencies.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Delivery of education; applied research projects in partnership with industry; discovery of new knowledge and unique solutions to industry needs.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The graduate programs will serve students and industry statewide. Between 200-400 individuals and companies could be provided with education, or applied research solutions.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

STEM graduate programs have the potential to impact many aspects of Florida's economy, including health care, agriculture, the environment, and transportation. Success can be measured by the number of degrees awarded, products developed, and applications for industry.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?



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Reduction in funds; program review; reversion of remaining funds.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

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- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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