



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2958

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a new Academic Research Center to support/expand UF's preeminent research role, currently topping \$1B annual expenditures (33% of BOG's Strategic Plan Goal for Research/40% of SUS current expenditures). UF's vision: Provide a venue to support cutting-edge technological advancements/system efficiencies; hosting academic conferences; increasing collaboration between public/private partners; space for visiting faculty presentations; other Educational & General academic events. This facility will serve as a premier, 21st century environment for enhancing the research and scholarship successes of faculty & students, including support for the new Artificial Intelligence Academic Initiative Center (AI)² in serving partnerships with SUS/State Colleges & private industry, by creating effective collisions between researchers & funding opportunities, marketing research capabilities to collaborators & funding agencies & forging institutional relationships with external stakeholders

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	22,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	22,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	22,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	22,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Revenue: \$76M Direct Student Aid and \$93M Institutional Support; Expenses: 1) \$76M Direct Student Aid; 2) \$93M-Campus Operations: \$8.7M-IT Infrastructure and Equipment for remote/distance learning; \$9.4M-Reimbursements for housing/study abroad; \$9.1M- campus health/safety; \$8.2M-Other operating/research costs: student mental health/basic needs; \$57.6M for lost revenues in the Student Union, educational business activities, parking, research service centers, museums/performing arts centers.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

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13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Demolition of the President's home, constructed in 1953, located on 8.5 acres on University Avenue; new construction of an Academic & Research Collaboration Center, consisting of 15,743 GSF, at a total cost of \$22M, to support increased academic and research growth. Substantial site work is required to provide for two new vehicular entrances, adequate parking, a covered drop-off, and appropriate landscaping.	22,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		22,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

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

Construction of space, including advanced technology, to host conferences of varying sizes, visiting research faculty presentations, and other academic & research-related events for UF faculty, staff, students, and other visitors/participants outside of UF. Space includes varying-sized meeting rooms, full catering kitchen, covered event space, pavilion/restrooms, storage space, support offices.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Hybrid conferences/other academic and research events designed to generate/share cutting-edge research occurring at UF with the wider international research community. UF administers 180 approved Centers and Institutes established to enhance the university's teaching and research functions by facilitating interdisciplinary cooperation and providing campus research instrumentation facilities/services.

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

UF's academic and research services and impacts are statewide, affecting Florida's students, faculty, staff and other citizens, businesses, environmental, and quality of life issues. UF's comprehensive and statewide impact helps to accelerate Florida's role as a national leader in health, agriculture, and high-tech industries. The number of individuals to be served is unlimited.

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

UF's statewide impact is felt through its educational programs offered by 16 academic colleges, with a major emphasis and investment in Artificial Intelligence "Across the Curriculum." UF Research" spends \$1B on 8,000 projects from Agriculture, to Medicine, Engineering and the Arts, including multi-disciplinary research across many of the 16 colleges and 180 Institutes and Research Centers.
 AI measure: Number of AI courses/certificates created/offered; # of new faculty; # of students/faculty/staff participating in AI.
 Research Measure: Oversight/administration of UF's 7 Research Core Elements, Annual Research Report, & BOG Annual Accountability Report provide measurement in meeting UF's Academic/Research Goals.

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 the contract?

None

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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- b. Organization**
- c. E-mail Address**
- d. Phone Number** **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization**
- b. Municipality and County**

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

- d. First Name** **Last Name**
- e. E-mail Address**
- f. Phone Number**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name**
- b. Firm Name**
- c. E-mail Address**
- d. Phone Number**