



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1170

1. Title of Project: Florida Polytechnic - Enhanced Graduation Pathways

2. Senate Sponsor: Kelli Stargel

3. Date of Submission: 01/31/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

As the only Florida state university dedicated exclusively to STEM degrees, Florida Polytechnic University seeks to attract Florida's most talented students and retain them in Florida jobs after graduation. These highly talented students often earn substantial Advanced Placement credit in high school. Florida Poly proposes to create a pathway for up to 100 students to complete their baccalaureate degree in three years. This pathway will require flexible scheduling and two internships, tying the program directly to Florida industry.

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	2,250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,250,000

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)	2,250,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,250,000	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. 2250000.00

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
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	Salaries and benefits for 10 faculty, 1 support staff; other personnel services	1,952,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses; operating capital outlay	298,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The enhanced graduation pathway will reduce costs to students; increase degree completion in less than 4 years; provide an incentive for highly talented STEM students to earn their degree in Florida; and connect these students directly with Florida industry.

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

The program will be structured with scheduling enhancements such as off-cycle, summer, and "May-mester" courses. Each student will be required to serve two internships to ensure the program is tied directly to industry.

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

Students will be provided with a unique opportunity to earn a STEM degree in three years, saving up to one year of living and tuition expenses.

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

Up to 100 highly talented STEM students will be served.

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

Instead of leaving Florida to earn a STEM degree and working out of state after graduation, this approach will keep our best STEM students in-state, and connect them to internship opportunities with up to 200 Florida companies. Keeping this talent in-state will support Florida's economic growth in high skill/high wage STEM areas.



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- 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?**

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.**

There is no fixed capital outlay requested.

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