



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2158

**1. Title of Project:** Edward Waters College - Honors College

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Audrey Gibson

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/15/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

While we will continue our historical mission of educating students with academic promise, we are also committed to educating students with academic prowess. In an effort to realize our vision of emerging eminence, and to increase retention and graduation rates among our Presidential Scholars we are requesting funds in the amount of \$300,000 to support the implementation of an Honors College. The Honors College will offer an honors curriculum with a 3 pronged advising system with a dedicated core of Honors faculty to deliver the curriculum. The establishment of an Honors College at Edward Waters College will increase EWC's competitive profile and assist in recruiting academically outstanding undergraduates into the President's Scholars program from across the nation. EWC students will benefit by being the recipients of a rigorous and challenging academic program undergirded by research, scholarship, and co-curricular engagement.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</b>

**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)	300,000	50.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	300,000	50.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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?** No



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Dean-This position directs the overall operation of the project; responsible for overseeing the implementation of project activities, coordination with other departments and units, development of materials, provision of in-service and training, conducting meetings and coordinating with departments and units, designs and directs the gathering, tabulating and interpreting of required data, responsible for overall program evaluation and for staff performance evaluation; and is the responsible autho	80,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Assistant-assists with personnel matters and works with the Dean-30,000 Fringe Benefits-\$25,000 (note: 25% of \$110,000)	55,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel (in state/out of state/international) Honor students will be exposed to professional development, presenting their research at conferences, and networking among other Honor students in academia on a local level; Equipment in order for students to have access to digital scholarship projects-laptops, etc.	165,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning		
Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The establishment of an Honors College at Edward Waters College will increase EWC's competitive profile and assist in recruiting academically outstanding undergraduates into the President's Scholars program from across the nation. EWC students will benefit by being the recipients of a rigorous and challenging academic program undergirded by research, scholarship, and co-curricular engagement. With funding support, Edward Waters' Honors College students will be able to graduate with honors and attend the best graduate schools, have tremendous success in national fellowship competitions, and accept positions with prominent non-profit and Fortune 500 companies.

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



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EWC students will benefit by being the recipients of a rigorous and challenging academic program undergirded by research, scholarship, and co-curricular engagement including but not limited to discipline specific internships, study abroad experiences, and the opportunity to present research at state, regional and national conferences.

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

With funding support, Edward Waters' Honors College students will be able to graduate with honors and attend the best graduate and or professional schools, have tremendous success in national fellowship competitions, and accept positions with prominent non-profit and Fortune 500 companies in Jacksonville, the state and the nation.

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

Target Population: Motivated, well-rounded, and high-achieving undergraduate students. For the inaugural pilot, all 45 of the Presidential Scholars at Edward Waters College will be inducted into Edward Waters' Honors College. As the project develops, future students interested in Edward Waters' Honors College must first apply to Edward Waters College, and then they may begin the separate Edward Waters' Honors College application. Prospective Honors College students should be mindful of deadlines and work to ensure that a complete Edward Waters' Honors College application is on file by the appropriate deadline. High school seniors considering enrollment as first-time college students at Edward Waters College should apply for Edward Waters College's Lower Division consideration. The Lower Division honors curriculum is designed for completion over four academic years at EWC. Freshman enrollment in the Honors College will be limited to just under 10 percent of the freshman class.

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

Edward Waters College hopes to learn from this valuable work the impact that an honors college can have on underrepresented students at HBCUs in regards to graduation, retention, and job/graduate school placement on a longitudinal scale. All findings will be presented and published.

**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?**

Reduce amount of funding.

**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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**a. Organization:** Edward Waters College

**b. County:** Duval

**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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