The Florida Senate
Local Funding Initiative Request
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

1. **Project Title**   University of Florida - Center for Application of Artificial Intelligence

2. **Senate Sponsor**   Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Request**   12/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

   UF proposes to create a Center for Application of Artificial Intelligence (CAAI) with a mission to position Florida as a national leader in the application and commercialization of AI through partnerships, education, workforce development, innovative research, and community outreach.

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

   State Agency contacted?   ● Yes ○ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,880,688
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	3,880,688

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3880688	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	3,880,688	100 %

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

   If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**   ● Yes ○ No

   If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.   1-3M

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits	Five new faculty members; Six support staff	1,480,688
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses associated with new faculty and staff, $300,000; research equipment, $2,100,000	2,400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/ Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,880,688

11. **Program Performance**

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

> UF proposes to create a Center for Application of Artificial Intelligence (CAAI) with a mission to position Florida as a national leader in the application and commercialization of AI through partnerships, education, workforce development, innovative research, and community outreach.

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

> Creation of a Center that will develop a road map for AI deployment and development in Florida; Serve Florida as a statewide advisor on AI; Creation of content and programs to aide Florida workers to achieve certification that will allow them to compete for new, AI-related high-wage jobs.

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

> prepared to assume jobs in the fields of AI. In addition, a graduate certificate in Applied AI will be developed to serve two purposes. One is to provide PhD and MS students in other non-computing related degree programs the opportunity to supplement their degree with the certificate thereby increasing expertise available for both research and hiring in the private and government sectors. The other purpose is to provide online training to employees at companies who need applied AI expertise, but can't hire or would rather retrain their existing employees.

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

> University students, UF faculty and researchers, Florida businesses and industries (>800)

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

> Increased job opportunities for students; Increased business spin-offs; Increased profits for Florida businesses and industries; Increased external research- Measure of enrolled students in certificate program and courses; Number of new business spin-offs; Measure of impact on Florida businesses and industries; Measure of enrolled students in certificate program and courses; Number of new business spin-offs; Measure of impact on Florida businesses and industries

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?

> Return funds

12. **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.**

n/a

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    a. Organization University of Florida

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    c. Organization Type

    ○ For-profit Entity

    ○ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)

    ○ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)

    ○ Local Entity

    ● University or College

    ○ Other (please specify)

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