

Request for College of Engineering Funding Support for Large, Multidisciplinary Proposals and Site Visits

Enhancing our faculty's success in securing large, multidisciplinary grants will not only increase our college's research awards/expenditures but will also bring more visibility to our college and its faculty. In order to facilitate this, the College of Engineering will provide financial support to assist PIs in the submission of large, multidisciplinary proposals and in the preparation for site visits that are part of the process of securing a large, multidisciplinary grant. This financial support can be used to hire UF staff and/or external consultants to assist PIs. Financial support could also include travel expenses to visit program managers and/or for co-PIs traveling to UF.

No financial support will be provided to conduct research. These proposal support funds will not be transferred to the PI but will be used to pay expenses submitted by the PI to the College of Engineering.

To be eligible to receive this support, in general,

1. The PI must be a UF College of Engineering faculty member with at least four other co-PIs, one of whom must be from UF
2. The PI and co-PIs must represent at least two different programs or departments
3. The award should generate at least an average of \$1 million of UF research expenditures (DC and IDC) per year, excluding cost sharing

Applications seeking this funding support should include

1. A description of the award being sought
2. A two to five page white paper describing proposal objectives, research plan and differentiated expertise of team members. This white paper will be accompanied by a short oral presentation to the Associate Dean for Research (and selected others) by a few key proposal personnel (PI and selected co-PIs).
3. The expected proposal generation timeline or site visit timeline
4. A budget for the proposal support funds that are being sought (external proposal consultants will bill at the rate of about \$150/hour; technical writers at a rate of \$50-\$100/hour; graphics designers and proofreaders at a rate of about \$25-\$50/hour). If needed, the Associate Dean for Research can facilitate the selection and hiring of such individuals, as well as budget estimation.
5. A letter from the PI's department chair confirming **significant** time release for the PI to work on the proposal/site visit. Please discuss with your chair the lead time necessary to obtain this time release.

Applications will be reviewed by the Associate Dean for Research (with input from other selected engineering faculty/staff) on a rolling basis. Approved applications will receive support as long as program funds are available.

Submission of requests for this funding support or questions related to this funding support should be directed to Dr. Jennifer Curtis, Associate Dean for Research, College of Engineering (jcurtis@eng.ufl.edu).