

Call for White Papers for Salary Support for Large Proposal Development

Deadline: 5:00 PM October 13, 2017

White papers must be submitted electronically to Debbie Reinhart (reinhart@ucf.edu)

The recently adopted UCF Strategic Plan calls for the doubling of research awards over the next five years. Reaching research goals requires, among other things, an increase in the number of large grants, herein defined as an award with an annual budget exceeding \$1 million provided to UCF over a minimum of 3 years. ORC/Graduate Studies recognizes the level of effort required to develop successful, complex proposals and is announcing the availability of salary support to lead Principal Investigators (PIs) to improve the probability of success. These funding opportunities should involve multiple PIs and disciplines. We anticipate funding 2-3 PIs. The opportunity deadline (actual or anticipated) must be between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

White papers may be up to five pages (single spaced, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins) and must provide:

- A description of the actual or anticipated solicitation (a copy of the actual RFP or RFA to which you would respond would be extremely helpful),
- Summary of selection criteria for the solicitation,
- Proposed goals, objectives, or aims of the research project,
- Your experiences with external funding to date,
- Team member names and roles,
- Brief description of your team's competitive advantages for an award,
- Budget for one-course release in Spring 2018 and one month summer salary support for the lead PI,
- Timeline for proposal preparation with milestones (continued funding will be linked to milestones),
- An email from your chair acknowledging your availability during spring and summer 2018 (not included in the five pages), and
- An email from your Dean acknowledging that s/he is aware you are participating in this endeavor (not included in the five pages).

Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of senior research faculty.

In addition to salary funding, ORC/Graduate Studies and colleges will provide proposal development support to the selected PI, including a workshop series on preparing competitive large proposals.

If you are looking for funding opportunities, please contact Debbie Reinhart (reinhart@ucf.edu or 407.823.2315) or Michael Macedonia (Michael.Macedonia@ucf.edu or 407.882-1331).