The UF Office of Research has announced the 2020 Research Opportunity Seed Fund competition. Projects should be innovative, with strong possibility for future funding from external sources **OR** have outstanding commercial potential. Research Opportunity Seed Fund awards are not intended to support on-going projects – **they should support new projects (not a supplement to current research) and/or new collaborative partnerships. The proposal must emphasize novel research. To be competitive, proposals must be multi-/interdisciplinary and must involve faculty from at least two departments/units/colleges. Single-investigator proposals are not eligible. Awards will be limited to \$100,000 for the entire project period (two years).**

The College of Medicine- Jacksonville can submit a maximum of 3 applications for this campus-wide competition. As such, the College of Medicine- Jacksonville, Office of Research Affairs is conducting an internal selection process. It is strongly recommended that COM-J proposals are interprofessional focused including faculty from other Health Science Center, Jacksonville colleges- College of Nursing and Pharmacy, as well as faculty from other Gainesville colleges.

<u>COM-J Internal Review Process</u> – due November 29, 2019.

- A cover page that includes project title, submitting investigator, submitting investigator department, and names of all co-investigators and their departments
- Two page technical summary inclusive of a description of the interdisciplinary, collaborative nature of the project
- Current NIH biosketch for each investigator (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm)
- Submit electronically as a single PDF to ora@jax.ufl.edu

Applicants will be notified by Jacksonville ORA as quickly as possible if they have been selected to move forward to the final submission.

The deadline for this final submission is **Friday, January 31, 2020**. Final submissions will be submitted by the PI through UFIRST to the UF Office of Research (by **5 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2020**) and will undergo a uniform and centrally coordinated scientific review by faculty panels.

The UF Office of Research will make every effort to notify the Principal Investigators of their award status by April 30, 2020.

Resources

- 2020 Guidelines
- Review Criteria

If you have any questions, please contact Office of Research Affairs at ora@jax.ufl.edu.