

State University System Florida Initiative for Global Education 2008-2009 Budget

Total Budget Need: \$1.3M

Overview:

A State of Florida initiative is proposed to fulfill the needs of Florida's students and professionals in meeting the demands of a global economy and culture. Studies consistently show that United States students score below their counterparts in other advanced countries on indicators of international knowledge.¹ The Florida Initiative for Global Education (FIGE) will enable Florida's students and economic enterprises to be at the crest of a sea change in higher education. That change is demanded by Federal initiatives that will result in the diffusion of foreign language instruction and study abroad opportunities to produce interculturally competent leaders in Florida and elsewhere in America. This proposal outlines means to fully utilize existing resources within higher education in Florida and to rapidly develop innovative means of furthering international education and global competence.

The Florida Initiative for Global Education is proposed to serve as a catalyst for internationalizing the curriculum, pre-kindergarten through postsecondary in order to promote intercultural competence across discipline areas and delivery sectors. FIGE will seek to establish an interface with preK-12 and community college entities to provide mutual support, maximum alignment, and scaffolding of efforts. Programs developed in support of FIGE's goals will be institutionally based. Initiative procedures will ensure optimal dispersal of projects and areas of responsibility among State University System and Community Colleges to fit existing strengths and to support system-wide needs. FIGE will focus on the needs of our students, build upon current strengths to expand activities, encourage collaboration and resource sharing, and leverage state support to attract additional funding from the many federal and other public and private sources.

Budget Request:

Total Annual Budget (includes state funds, institutional matching funds, and potential grant/external funds) - **\$2,503,575:**

- **State Funds - \$1,303,575**
- **Matching Funds** - Up to \$700,000/year of in-kind matching from institutions receiving language asset development and/or study abroad mobility awards (Assumes a 1:1 match, could be smaller institutional match as appropriate to award goals)
- **Grant Funds (state, federal, private)** - None the first year. However, capacity would be developed the first year and ongoing proposal submission to external private and federal fund sources could result in \$500,000/year and more on a sustainable basis.

¹ H.R. 1469 (110th U.S. Congress: 2007-08) Section 2. (5). Findings.