

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Task Force on University Research  
September 22, 2016**

**SUBJECT:** State University System Advancing Research and Innovation Legislative Budget Request

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**PROPOSED TASK FORCE ACTION**

Consider for approval the State University System Innovation and Discovery Legislative Budget Request

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The State University System (SUS) Advancing Discovery and Innovation Legislative Budget Request is designed to accelerate research competitiveness in Florida's SUS. For Florida to secure its place as a national leader in the 21st century, it must prove competitive in discovery and innovation. The stronger the universities and the state are in R&D performance and reputation, the more competitive Florida becomes in attracting and retaining the best and most promising faculty, students, staff, and companies.

The Vice Presidents for Research have identified the need for funding to support efforts to increase research capacity and impact through strategic cluster and targeted hiring of talented researchers; strategic investments into research infrastructure, such as equipment and instrumentation for institutional shared facilities and laboratory renovations; the ability to engage more of Florida's talented undergraduate students in research; and stronger connections with business and industry to impact the future growth of Florida's economy. This legislative budget request is for \$136,000,000 (\$63M recurring and \$73M non-recurring) and is designed to raise Florida's research profile and provide a strong return-on-investment.

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<b>Supporting Documentation Included:</b>	Draft of Advancing Research and Innovation Legislative Budget Request
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