

## **SUBJECT: Innovation in Florida Online Learning (IFOL)**

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### **Tactics:**

**Access 2.1.3:** Seek incentive funding to encourage institutions to implement innovations in online education

**Affordability 3.1.4:** Develop a series of experimental incubation pilot projects to support new and emerging online education innovations through institutional partnerships, lead institution, or other methods to support collaboration with the purpose of building affordable, innovative approaches and models that work.

### **Background:**

Modern learning technologies and changing practices in education provide opportunities to improve pedagogies, increase student success, accelerate time-to-degree, and lower the cost of education. As stated in the hyperlinked proposal below, innovative and experimental projects “seek to push the boundaries of current technology and practice in order to disrupt existing models and positively impact the constraints of the ‘iron triangle’ of quality, cost, and access for students.”

### **Recommendations:**

- (1) Establish a coordinating body at the system level to be called the Innovation in Florida Online Learning (IFOL) Coordinating Committee. This committee will be appointed by and report to the Steering Committee and will manage the selection and oversight of proposed innovative projects. Specific roles of the committee are defined in the attached proposal.
- (2) Convene an annual Florida Higher Education Innovation Summit where all awarded projects will present their programs and results to foster and accelerate the dissemination of innovation throughout the SUS (and potentially the FCS). Other innovations may also be presented.
- (3) Provide recurring funding adequate to support true innovation with the potential for scale and impact. Note that several other implementation plan tactics can be supported through the innovative projects framework.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** [Proposal for Implementing Experimental Projects to Support New and Emerging Online Education Innovation](#)

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