

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

<b>Issue Title:</b>	<i>UF – Top 5 National Ranking Operating Support</i>
<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>	<i>\$50,000,000</i>
<b>Multi-Year Request?</b>	<i>Recurring</i>

**1. Is the Total Amount recommended in the proposed allocation sufficient? (Yes or No, then explain).**

Yes, the total amount recommended would allow UF to invest to sustain and build on our recent gains in student success and national rankings, but no, it will not complete our work for the years ahead. Over the past two academic years, UF’s Board of Trustees has directed that we create 500 new faculty lines and invest in compensation to begin to remedy the competitive compensation disadvantages we face compared to our public university peers ranked in the top 5 nationally. UF has invested in both of those objectives, as well as funded startup packages to support the 500 new faculty positions and the 900 additional faculty who have been onboarded during these two years as a result of typical attrition. We have also invested millions in new research and teaching lab space to bolster UF’s research portfolio and teaching mission. UF has funded these investments primarily by reprioritizing expenses, reallocating funds where permitted by law and contract, and making strategic use of carryforward funds. However, there are few – if any – opportunities remaining to continue that. We need new recurring appropriations to sustain and build on UF’s recent successes, especially since the state operating and facility maintenance appropriations UF received declined by nearly \$20 million from FY2018-19 to FY2019-20. The funds that the Board of Governors is recommending today are a critical next step if UF is to sustain success among the top 10 public universities and compete more aggressively to join the top 5.

**2. If the Total Amount recommended is appropriated, how will these resources be deployed?**

At a high level, UF would use the resources to further enhance student success, earn sustained recognition as a top 5 public university, hire and compensate faculty and staff to reduce student-faculty ratios and build our research portfolio, and invest in the necessary infrastructure to enable all of that to happen. More specifically, UF would hire additional faculty to reduce the student to faculty ratio to 16:1, achieve a contracts and grants portfolio of \$1 billion or more annually, and grow the university technology transfer operation. We would also hire staff and postdoctoral scientists, provide seed funds for innovative research, modernize labs, establish world-class centers of excellence through the recruitment of National Academy-and Nobel-caliber scientists, and support compensation initiatives to assist in retaining and rewarding outstanding faculty members and graduate assistants. We provided more detail on these uses in our LBR and other materials for President Fuchs’ October 3 presentation to the Board of Governors.

**2020-2021 Legislative Budget Request**  
**Education and General**  
**Position and Fiscal Summary**  
**Operating Budget Form II**  
(to be completed for each issue)

**University:** University of Florida  
**Issue Title:** UF Top 5 National Ranking  
Operating Support

	RECURRING	NON- RECURRING	TOTAL
<u>Positions</u>			
Faculty	125.00	0.00	125.00
Other (A&P/USPS)	25.00	0.00	25.00
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Total	150.00	0.00	150.00
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<u>Salary Rate (for all positions noted above)</u>			
Faculty	\$11,718,750	\$0	\$11,718,750
Other (A&P/USPS)	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
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Total	\$13,218,750	\$0	\$13,218,750
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Salaries and Benefits	\$17,625,000	\$0	\$17,625,000
Other Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electronic Data Processing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Category (Specific)	\$0	\$0	\$0
UF- Top 5 National		\$0	\$0
<u>Ranking Operating</u>		\$0	\$0
<u>Support</u>	\$32,375,000	\$0	\$32,375,000
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Total All Categories	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$50,000,000
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