



Pillars of Excellence 2020-21 Quarter 2 Spending Report

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Pillars of Excellence: 2020-21 Awards



Performance Based Funding

\$560 M

- ✓ Student success
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Improvement

Preeminence/ National Rankings

\$30 M
FSU
UF

- ✓ National rankings
- ✓ Research
- ✓ Faculty

Universities of Distinction

\$9 M
UNF
FGCU

- ✓ Core competency
- ✓ Workforce needs
- ✓ Innovation

Universities of Distinction: FGCU Q2 Update



The Water School

FY 2020-21 Award & Initiatives	Q2 Spending & Progress on Goals
\$3 million	~\$860K (29%)
Build research capacity	Purchased additional equipment to assist in coastal water research Initiated the search process for four faculty members
Support student scholarships & undergraduate research	Supported research and teaching assistantships
Outreach & partnerships	Trained 10 teachers for Project WeTLands Supported two community initiatives including a STEM camp for low-income underrepresented groups.

Universities of Distinction: UNF Q2 Update



MEDNexus	
FY 2020-21 Award & Initiatives	Q1 Spending & Progress on Goals
\$6 million	~\$1.1 million (18%)
Creation of the nation's first, comprehensive, university-based medical/healthcare nexus	Purchased equipment needed for a lab Began working with partners to identify & lease classroom, laboratory, & office space
Faculty hires	Began buildout of positions
Scholarships	To be funded in later quarters

National Rankings: FSU Q2 Update



National Rankings Enhancement/Preeminence

FY 2020-21 Award & Initiatives \$15 million	Q1 Spending & Progress on Goals ~\$8 million (53%)
Invest in undergraduate student success	Invested in redesign of STEM gateway courses Upgraded computer lab equipment Increased financial aid
Invest in graduate student success	Recruited & retained more graduate teaching & research assistants
Invest in faculty success	Invested in continuing cost of faculty compensation in FY21 Hired 11 out of 15 faculty positions

National Rankings: UF Q2 Update



National Rankings Enhancement/Preeminence

FY 2020-21 Award & Initiatives \$15 million	Q1 Spending & Progress on Goals ~\$7.6 million (49%)
Increase faculty & staff	Invested in continuing cost of faculty raises for FY21
Invest in Moonshot Program (Interdisciplinary research)	Invested in Moonshot Programs that focus on cancer research, reducing health disparities, & improving STEM K-12 education
Renovate facilities	Renovated the data center in preparation for the HiPerGator AI Super Computer (funded through additional operating funds provided by the 2020 legislature)
Student financial aid	Expanded institutional aid for Pell-eligible students (funded through additional operating funds provided by the 2020 legislature)



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