



Florida High Tech Corridor Council Matching Funds Research Program

Companies can leverage their R&D budgets and have access to cutting-edge research at the University of Florida by applying to the Florida High Tech Corridor Council (FHTCC) Matching Funds Research Program.

Companies in the 23-county FHTCC region will have access to UF's research programs in health science, agriculture, engineering, physical sciences, and many other disciplines. UF will award up to \$150,000 in matching funds per project, overhead free, for excellent collaborative research proposals that provide industry partners with benefits including:

- Supplementing internal R&D with \$500 million of cutting-edge research at UF
- Leveraging external research investments with FHTCC matching funds free of overhead
- Building world-class R&D teams to respond to joint federally funded opportunities or other future collaborative work
- Recruiting top-notch students with industrial research experience

The Florida Legislature established the FHTCC in 1996 to attract, retain and grow key high tech industries and develop the workforce to support those industries. Through the FHTCC, UF partners with the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida to work with companies in the corridor counties of Alachua, Putnam, Levy, Marion, Flagler, Citrus, Sumter, Lake, Volusia, Seminole, Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, De Soto, Hardee, and Highlands.

The FHTCC fosters applied research between the universities and their high tech industry partners. During its first eight years, the FHTCC provided over \$120 million to 215 companies for more than 550 research projects, with university and industry scientists and engineers working side-by-side.

How You Can Participate

The University of Florida has two FHTCC Matching Funds Research Programs: 1) a General Solicitation for companies of all sizes, and 2) an SBIR/STTR Phase II Solicitation for companies with fewer than 500 employees. Both programs provide matching funds for research collaborations between targeted industries in the Corridor

and UF. Although projects may be proposed in any discipline, applications are particularly encouraged in high technology sectors including:

- Life sciences - biotechnology, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, health care
- Information technology - products/services, software development
- Modeling/simulation/training, photonics/lasers/optics
- Telecommunications
- Microelectronics
- Aviation/aerospace
- Homeland security/defense
- Financial/professional services
- Manufacturing
- Biomedical engineering
- Nanotechnology
- Renewable energy
- Hydrogen
- Agribusiness

For more information or to obtain program solicitations, visit the FHTCC-UF Matching Funds Research Program Web site at www.fhtcc.ufl.edu or contact:

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