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MEMORANDUM

TO: UF/IFAS Faculty

FROM: Sherry L. Larkin

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SUBJECT: 2015 Call for FNGLA Endowed Research Fund Proposals – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Dean for Research Office is pleased to request proposals on behalf of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA). The funding is awarded for one-year projects that will begin October 15th, 2015. At least five awards of up to \$5,000 are available. Any UF/IFAS faculty member is eligible to apply. All awardees will be required to submit a report in early September 2016.

The projects should supplement existing Experiment Station research and address problems and questions important to the Florida nursery industry. Priority topics for 2015 fall under the following five broad categories:

1. Improve Environmental and Resource Management
2. Improve Pest Management Practices and Strategies
3. Improve Production Systems, Practices and Strategies
4. Genetics and Breeding to Enhance Quantities and Diversity of Plant Material
5. Enhance Floridians' Quality of Life

Please click on the following link for additional description of the 2015 FNGLA research priorities: <http://research.ifas.ufl.edu/files/2015FNGLAResearchPriorities.pdf>. Proposals that address these priorities are preferred, but other new topics are welcome. Proposals interfacing with research and extension are also welcome and have been funded in previous years.

The submission site will open on **July 24th** and close on **August 24, 2015 at 5:00pm**. To apply for this award, please go to the following website <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/fngla/> and complete the three page form. **All proposals must be submitted through this website.** The information requested includes:

- Page 1: Cover sheet (enter the project title and the name, unit, phone number and email of the PI; you will be prompted to enter co-PI information, if applicable, before proceeding to Page 2).
- Page 2: Project information (enter the budget information (proposed spending on salaries, materials/supplies and other), identification of priority area addressed and associated REEport project; the latter asks you to identify whether this project is part of an active Experiment Station (REEport) Project – either Hatch, Multi-state or McIntire-Stennis – and, if so, to provide the project number). For previous awardees, this page also asks whether they are current in their reporting.

- Page 3: Project description (enter a description of the project, methods, and potential benefits to the nursery industry; text can be pasted into three separate boxes, each with a 500 word limit).

The proposal review process includes a blind review by an FNGLA committee to help insure that recommendations will be based on the merits of the research and/or education program and its relevance to the greenhouse, nursery, and landscape industries without bias to individuals or location. Applicants who have previously received an FNGLA Endowed Research Fund Enhancement Award need to be current in their report submission to be eligible for another award.

Upon submission, all PIs should receive an immediate email confirmation, if not, please let me know. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at slarkin@ufl.edu. If there are any IT issues with the website, please contact Brian Gray at seven7@ufl.edu or 352-392-1784.