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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty
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SUBJECT: 2017 UF/IFAS Equipment and Infrastructure Awards

The Florida Agricultural Experiment Station and Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, in partnership with the University of Florida's Office of the Vice President for Research, are pleased to announce a request for research equipment and infrastructure proposals. Funding is being provided to enhance research efforts in IFAS. Our goal is to enhance infrastructural capacity for research within UF/IFAS, to increase the impacts of our research efforts, and to increase our competitiveness for extramural funding. Proposals for one-time expenditures of non-recurring funds are requested. Though we recognize their importance, funds to support personnel or recurring infrastructure expenses (e.g., long-term equipment leases, maintenance contracts) are not eligible for these funds. Written quotes for equipment or infrastructure will be required before funds are released to PIs.

We are accepting proposals for up to \$75,000 of support per award (total of \$750,000 in this competition). Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Positioning for extramural funding after the equipment / infrastructure is acquired.
2. Multiple faculty utilization of the equipment / infrastructure.
3. Matching funds are required. Higher matching commitments will be viewed more favorably.
4. A REEport project must be active (or submitted to NIFA) by March 2 for proposals to be considered; email REEport@ifas.ufl.edu if you lack a REEport project and require assistance.

Proposals will be accepted until **5:00 pm Thursday, March 2, 2017**.

For details on the application process and to submit an application, please go to: <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/infrastructure/>