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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty
FROM: Jackie Burns
SUBJECT: 2016 Call for FNGLA Endowed Research Fund Proposals – Fiscal Year 2016-17

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 17th, 2016. At least eight awards of up to \$5,000 are available. Any UF/IFAS faculty member is eligible to participate but the lead PI must be assigned to a UF/IFAS department or research and education center. All awardees will be required to submit a report in early September 2017.

The projects should supplement existing Experiment Station research and address problems and questions important to the Florida nursery industry. Priority topics for 2016 are described on this flyer and are organized 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

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.

To apply for this funding, please go the following website <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/fngla/> and complete the three page form by **Wednesday, August 17th, 2016**. 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 as proposed spending on the following three categories: salary & fringe, materials & supplies and other; identify the priority area addressed by the proposal; and, for previous awardees, this page also asks whether they are current in their reporting – previous awardees must be current in order to be eligible).
- 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).

Upon submission, all PIs should receive an immediate email confirmation, if not, please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Larkin 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.

The selection process includes a blind review by an FNGLA committee in mid-September at The Landscape Show. PIs of projects selected for funding will be notified shortly thereafter.