Training our future scientists and policy makers through real-world, hands-on research experiences.

**GOAL:**
Matching funds to double the number of undergraduate students funded each summer.

- The UF/IFAS Dean for Research Office invested more than **$185,000** in 2018.
- Since 2001, the program has grown from **15 to more than 50** interns each year.
- In 2018, the demand outweighed funds available, and only **21%** of student applicants were funded.
Based on a survey* of internship alumni:

Glen, a senior marketing analyst for the Home Shopping Network said, “This internship developed and refined skills that I use every day in my career.”  -UF/IFAS Food and Resource Economics

Lauren, a research civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps said, “This program gives a new appreciation for the research process.” -UF/IFAS Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Anamari, a city community planner said, “I learn best from doing, and I have never forgotten my time working on this hands-on experience.” -UF/IFAS Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Jaclyn, a biological technician for U.S. Geological Survey said, “This program provides great work experience and builds important connections with faculty and researchers.” -UF Biology

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*survey published in 2015