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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty
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SUBJECT: 2018 UF/IFAS Equipment & Infrastructure Awards - Request for Proposals

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. PIs are expected to have all funds encumbered by the end of Fiscal Year (June) 2018 and to certify they have obtained a written quote for the proposed equipment or infrastructure item(s).

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 by March 5 for proposals to be considered; email REEport@ifas.ufl.edu if you lack a REEport project and require assistance.

Proposals are due to the Dean for Research office on **Monday, March 5, 2018**.

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

