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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty  
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SUBJECT: 2018 Call for OSBS Research Jumpstart Awards – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Ordway-Swisher Biological Station (OSBS) is a unique resource for ecosystem and ecological research, boasting >9,500 acres with 15 distinct vegetation communities. OSBS also has newly renovated or newly constructed infrastructure in the form of buildings, equipment, roads and lodging. UF/IFAS is committed to maximize impacts of research. The UF/IFAS Dean for Research Office requests proposals for funding to enhance the research enterprise at OSBS.

**Size of Awards:** No upper limit per award has been established. It is anticipated that a total of up to \$250,000 will be awarded this year.

**Eligibility:** The PI must have their tenure home in a UF/IFAS unit. Each project must fit within the scope of an active McIntire-Stennis REEport project, or one must be active by the award date. Tuition, tenure-track faculty salary and equipment items >\$5000 will not be supported. Funds for successful proposals will be made available in early October and must be spent within 12 months. Additional funding for projects supported in last year's competition will be lower priority, unless a strong case is made for additional funding this year.

**Award Scope and Criteria:** The intent of this program is to expand the scope and sustainability of research at OSBS, leveraging its unique characteristics. Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- 1) Quality of the proposed research, including hypotheses to be tested; and
- 2) Potential for this funding to leverage additional funding, preferably from competitive federal sources

**How to Apply:** To apply, go to the following website <https://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/osbs/> to enter the cover page information and upload your proposal by **September 12, 2018**. All proposals must be submitted through this website. The information requested includes:

Cover sheet (entered online):

- a. Project title
- b. Faculty affiliation(s) (name, unit, email, phone number)
- c. McIntire-Stennis (REEport) Project – title and number of existing project
- d. If applicable, IRB and/or IACUC approval status for the proposed research
- e. Abstract (general audience abstract, limited to 200 words)

Narrative (PDF, maximum 4 pages with one inch margins on all sides, at least 11 point font including tables and figures, but not including literature cited):

- a. Introduction: Justification and relevance of the project to OSBS
- b. Proposed Research: A description of the proposed research objectives, hypotheses to be tested, analytical methods, and the anticipated schedule