

REVIEW CRITERIA – OPPORTUNITY FUND

Opportunity Fund proposals received by the Office of Research will be reviewed by faculty panels as outlined in the original solicitation. Each of the following criteria will be addressed and considered in assessing the application, weighting them as indicated below.

Proposals will be ranked according to the scale:

- 1: Highly competitive
- 2: Excellent
- 3: Good
- 4: Fair

Significance and Innovation (30%): Does this study address an important problem? Is the project original, multi/interdisciplinary and innovative? Does the project develop or employ novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools, or technologies? What will be the impact of these studies on the methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this area of research? Do the proposed outcomes represent a new paradigm for concepts in this area of research? Does the project represent a new direction of investigation for the faculty involved, or is it a new collaborative partnership? Does the project have commercial potential? Does the proposed project address UF's strategic goals?

Approach (25%): Does the application represent a new conceptual/multidisciplinary approach to the identified problem? Is the proposed interdisciplinary approach likely to yield new insights into the problem being addressed? Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well integrated, well reasoned, and appropriate to the aims of the project? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics?

Likelihood of obtaining external support (25%): Do the investigators present reasonable plans to garner extramural support from specific funding agencies? Is the proposed timeline reasonable?

Investigators (10%): Are the investigators appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and other researchers? Does the investigative team bring complementary and integrated expertise to the project? Is there evidence of the ability of the team of investigators to work together in an interdisciplinary fashion?

Environment/Resources (5%): Do the proposed studies benefit from unique features of the scientific environment or employ useful collaborative arrangements? Do the PIs have the additional resources (e.g., equipment) to successfully accomplish their goals?

Budget (5%): Is the requested budget appropriate for the scope of work?