College of Fine Arts Internal Selection Process for 2010 Opportunity Seed Fund Competition

As announced on September 21, 2009, the College of Fine Arts is participating in the 2010 Opportunity Seed Fund Competition. This is a limited application opportunity and we are allotted one proposal from the college. The maximum seed fund award is $100,000. Proposal selection is a two-step process. The guidelines for the College of Fine Arts’ internal selection process are presented here.

Step 1: Format and Internal Selection
Format:
Pre-proposals are due before 5pm on Friday, October 30, 2009. Pre-proposals are shortened versions of the full proposal requested by the Office of Research. Please follow this format:

1. Title page. List the project title, the P.I.s, their affiliations, and contact information. NOTE: the P.I. must be a CFA faculty member.
2. Descriptive summary – 2 pages maximum, 11-point Times or Time New Roman font, 1-inch margins, single-spaced. In addition to a concise description of the proposed project and an explicit statement of why the seed funding is needed, include a brief statement of your plans to obtain external support and/or a description of its commercial potential.
3. Optional: Reference List. You may include a list of references, single-spaced., if appropriate.

Selection Criteria:
1. The project is new. On-going projects are not eligible.
2. Collaboration – single-investigator proposals are not eligible.
3. To be competitive, proposals must be multi-/interdisciplinary and must involve faculty from at least two departments/units/colleges
4. Innovation – the originality of the project
5. Support of UF’s institutional mission goals (linked here, and attached to this message)
6. Potential to garner future funding

Internal Selection Process:
A panel of CFA faculty and administrators will review the pre-proposals and select one as the college’s proposal. P.I.’s will be informed of the panel’s decision before 5pm on Friday, November 6, 2009.

Step 2: Final Submission
1. The faculty member who submitted the selected proposal will complete the full proposal for submission by our internal deadline of 5pm Thursday, January 7, 2010 to the Assistant Dean for Research and Technology at tbrophy@arts.ufl.edu with a copy to Mary Patton at mpatton@arts.ufl.edu. The college’s proposal will be submitted to the UF Research Office by 5pm January 11, 2010.
2. The UF Office of Research will make every effort to notify the Principal Investigators of their award status by April 16, 2010.

Note that if you plan to participate in a proposal in which the P.I. is from another college, the screening process will likely be different and the P.I. should contact their college’s dean of research for guidelines. Details of the program are outlined in the attachment sent on September 21 2009 and available online at http://www.research.ufl.edu/researchsupport/internal_support.html#opportunity_fund.