2015-2016 The Corridor’s Matching Grant Eligibility Guidelines for USF CONNECT

The Florida High Tech Corridor Council (The Corridor) Matching Grants Research Program provides funding to USF faculty as a match to corporate funded research projects.

I. To discuss eligibility and guidelines, contact USF CONNECT prior to execution of any agreements to properly understand the program and budget development process.
   a. Who should contact USF CONNECT?
      i. Companies who may or may not already be working with a faculty member and/or faculty members who may or may not already have a company with whom they are working. USF CONNECT can assist in pairing companies and faculty members who need a partner.
   b. Contact us at:
      Communications and Marketing Officer
      USF CONNECT
      3802 Spectrum Boulevard, Suite 100
      Tampa, Florida 33612-9220
      813.974.1082
      mailto:matchinggrants@research.usf.edu

II. The initial meeting with a USF CONNECT representative will be a planning session including but not limited to discussion of the following items:
   a. Funding Criteria
   b. A Letter of Commitment
   c. A Scope of Work for project in lay terms, including student involvement and the economic impact to the State of Florida.
   d. Use of matching funds and budget planning
      i. Match requests may range from $10,000 to $150,000 per research contract.
      ii. The matching funds must be budgeted quarterly, for a period not to exceed one year, and the timing should match that of the sponsored research agreement.
      iii. The budget should consist of funds in terms of cash from the industry sponsor as well as non-monetary donations (in-kind) contributions from the sponsor.
      iv. All industry sponsors are required to provide quantifiable in-kind support such as staff time spent working with faculty and students on the project, supplies, equipment usage, and lab usage. Future funding of proposals will be contingent upon appropriate in-kind support.
      v. Funds should be committed and matched according to the following matrix:
vi. Matching funds may be approved for items such as: Post Doc, Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-PI Salaries & Fringe; Graduate Student Salary, Fringe, Insurance, & Tuition; Laboratory Supplies; Equipment; Publication Costs, etc. Additional items may be approved upon written consent.

vii. Matching funds cannot include: Travel, Entertainment, and Food.

### III.

A final report must be filed by the company sponsor no later than July 31st for each award. **Future match requests will be contingent upon the receipt of a final report from the sponsor** including the following information:

- Significant business and/or commercial impact on the industry sponsor
- Federal contracts, SBIRs, STTRs, or similar grants to the industry sponsor
- Intellectual property resulting from the project
- USF employees, staff, and students that worked on the project
- USF students or other personnel supported by the project that were hired by industry sponsor
- Any other significant economic impacts of the project
- Letter from the sponsor certifying the detailed cash and in-kind contribution to the project

### IV.

The faculty investigator must also provide a financial reconciliation to show that the matching funds were spent as budgeted.

Please see the program [website](#) for listings of previously awarded projects.