

Walter and Lalita Janke **Innovations in Sustainability Science Research Fund** **Request for Proposals 2016**

The Center for Environmental Studies (CES; <http://www.ces.fau.edu>) at FAU is excited to announce the inaugural competition for the “Walter & Lalita Janke Foundation Innovations in Sustainability Science Research Fund.” The Janke Foundation has generously endowed this research opportunity in partnership with CES (<http://walterandlalitajankecharitablefoundation.org/>). General background on this gift is described in this FAU Press Release (<http://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/articles/janke-ces-gift.php>). Specific guidelines are provided below:

In 2016, the fund will support Environmental Sustainability Research, with emphasis in the following areas:

- Energy (biofuels, advancing renewables production, storage, distribution, policy; improving conventional efficiencies)
- Energy-Wildlife Interaction
- Wetlands Biogeochemistry
- Restoration and Conservation Ecology
- Urban area sea-level rise impacts and responses

The purpose of the fund is:

- to provide support and training for student researchers;
- to promote inter-disciplinary collaborations;
- to develop momentum for additional external research funding proposals;
- to generate high-quality, publishable scientific papers.

Successful proposals will offer a solution to or research into a compelling problem, a strategy for advancing knowledge of the problem and/or producing an associated outcome, and a plan to translate this seed funding into other funding once the Janke project is complete. Award recipients are expected to produce sufficient results so that by the expiration of the award (12-18 months), the principal investigator(s) shall demonstrate that significant progress has been made towards a grant application (eg. submitted proposal, peer-reviewed manuscript, incorporated the data into re-submitted grant application etc.). In 2016, up to \$70k will be available. We anticipate supporting five awards, one for \$50k max, and four for \$5k max. Indirect costs are not allowed.

Eligibility

All FAU faculty members and Graduate Students in good standing are eligible to apply at both funding levels.

Allowable Expenses

All expenditures should directly benefit the research project. Salaries, equipment and supplies, travel to present research findings, and publication charges would be expected expenses in this fund. All expenditures would need to follow FAU Foundation expenditure policies.



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Application Instructions

There is a 2-stage proposal process.

Stage 1) Pre-proposal (Deadline: Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 10 PM)

Applicant Information (one page)

Project Title:

Total Budget:

PI Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Department Name:

College:

If Graduate Student PI

Graduate Program:

Major Advisor Name:

Email:

Potential Targeted Funding Agency:

List of all participating faculty/students and identify roles for each:

Project Description (not to exceed 2pages)

Describe the specific aims and the significance of the proposed research.

Biosketch (not to exceed 2pages) for PI

(also from Major Advisor if primary applicant is a Graduate Student).

Pre-proposals must be single-spaced, with a font size no smaller than 11 point; minimum 1-inch margins; tables and figure legends can be in 10 point. Do not submit appendices or other supplementary documents, except for references. The entire proposal must be submitted as one PDF document with the following name format: *PI Name-Janke-Pre-2016.pdf*. Proposals must be submitted to John Baldwin, Associate Director CES (jbaldwin@fau.edu) by Sunday, **January 31, 2016 at 10 PM**; the email's subject line should read "**Janke RFP**." Applications not meeting the deadline or format guidelines will be returned without review.

Stage 2) Full Proposal (Notification: Mid to late February, 2016)

Only invited pre-proposals will be eligible.

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