The Corridor Early-Stage Innovation Fund

The Florida High Tech Corridor and USF Research & Innovation Early-Stage Innovation Fund supports early-stage innovations and applied research with significant commercial potential. These funds are meant to seed USF-developed technologies that could lead to industry investment, start-up creation, and/or licensing opportunities. USF researchers may request up to $25,000 to support USF research expenses associated with the further development of the target innovation.

The USF Tech Transfer Office is a key partner in this funding program and provides valuable insight and guidance on the technology's potential commercial viability and long-term commercialization strategy. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with TTO staff prior to submitting their proposal.

Key Considerations:

- Before submitting a letter of interest, researchers must disclose the technology central to your submission to the USF Tech Transfer Office via the USF Inventor Portal.
- Funding is intended to support USF-developed innovation and cannot be used to further

Letter of Intent: To be considered for funding, interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent through the Corridor's ESIF AirTable web portal: https://airtable.com/shrE87zKnQ8AXP1vn

The LOI will request

- x Lead Principal Investigator – Name, Title, Department, & College
- x Project Title
- x Tech ID (if
- x Funding Request Amount
  - o Preliminary Budget: Detailed justification is not needed at this time. Please provide one to two sentences on how the funding will be allocated into the anticipated budget categories (
- x Abstract: In common language, provide an overview of the early-stage innovation, the need it addresses in the market, the proposed research plan, and how this research will increase the