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The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), located in suite 400, Foote-Hilyer Administration Center, is an administrative unit under the direction of the Vice President for Research. The staff assists faculty and administrators in the acquisition and management of external funds, principally from governmental agencies (state and federal) to support research, training and other sponsored projects by:

- providing administrative review of proposals prior to submission to funding agencies;
- assisting in the development of proposals to potential sponsoring agencies;
- serving as a liaison between faculty and other administrative units within the University and between faculty and funding agencies;
- negotiating awards and preparing subcontracts to other institutions and organizations; and
- assuring compliance with federal and state regulations.

The success in securing grants and contracts can be attributed to the aggressive leadership of the administration, the commitment and dedication of the faculty, the quality of the students and the tireless efforts of the OSP staff.

The Office of Technology Transfer, Licensing and Commercialization (OTTLC) is also housed in the Hoffman Building, 1540 South Aslams Street; the intent of this unit is:

- to encourage FAMU employees and students to discuss novel developments that add value to their research and also have commercial potential;
- to facilitate the process, management and commercialization of intellectual property generated by FAMU faculty, staff and students;
- to provide guidance on setting intellectual property policies and procedures; and
- to identify and process appropriate protective mechanisms including:
  - patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, service marks and domain names; and
  - identify markets, negotiate licenses for new technologies, and make arrangements for incubation services.

The OTTLC staff looks forward to assisting all university employees, students and partners from the community to converting ideas into commercial realities.

The Mission of the FAMU School of Graduate Studies and Research (SGSR), located in room 469 of the recently renovated Tucker Hall, is to work collaboratively:

- with all academic units to educate and train future scholars, teachers, researchers and professionals; and
- to produce knowledge and research in the fields and areas in which they will work.

To carry out this mission, the SGSR Dean and Assistant Vice President for Research, along with supportive staff, serve as the chief academic advocate for graduate education at FAMU, and are responsible for:

- recruiting, enrolling and retaining domestic and international students through a well-facilitated graduate admission process;
- managing graduate tuition waivers, fellowships, assistantships and scholarships;
- working with graduate student organizations;
- helping undergraduates prepare for and gain admittance to graduate school through the Graduate Feeder Scholars’ Program;
- handling processes related to graduate faculty and creating programs that facilitate faculty development;
- overseeing the dissertation and thesis processes while ensuring compliance with all SACS graduate and professional accreditation standards; and
- engaging in the review and approval of new and revised graduate programs while encouraging diverse, new intellectual pursuits.

Mission Statement
Florida A&M University is committed to inspirational teaching and exemplary, research through creative partnerships at the local, state, national and global levels. The Division of Research seeks to:

- support the economic development agenda of the state and region;
- offer superior support services to faculty, staff and students to pursue their research endeavors;
- encourage collaboration and interdisciplinary research activities both on and off campus;
- promote excellence within the academic programs and support areas;
- establish national and international partnerships in research;
- effectively protect, manage and market intellectual property; and
- ensure the highest level of fiscal responsibility in grants management.

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