

FY 2025 - 2026

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

Beyond the Top 100 | Elevating Excellence
and Inspiring Digital Transformation

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR



JANUARY - DECEMBER 2024
2nd Session | 118th Congress



APRIL-MAY 2024
FY 2025-2026 BOT LBR Review



MAY 29, 2024
BOT Approval



MAY 31, 2024
BOG LBR Submission



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025
Interim Committee Weeks



MARCH 4 - MAY 2, 2025
Florida 127th Legislative Session

Strike, Strike, and **Strike Again!**



FY 2024-2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- **\$15M** Performance-Based Funding
- **\$11M** Operational Enhancement
- **\$5M** Chemical & Biological Research
- **\$5M** Campus Security
- **\$5M** College of Engineering - Building C
- **\$1.1M** School of Nursing

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

*Additional resources will **support...***

- Increasing **graduation rates**
- Increasing **licensure pass rates**
- Expanding **PSE degree production**
- Recruiting **world-class faculty**
- Enhancing **research productivity**

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

By the Numbers

126th

Florida Legislative Session adjourned on March 8, 2024

160

120 Florida House of Representatives

40 Florida Senate

1,902

961 Senate Bills Filed
941 House Bills Filed

325

Passed both chambers

207

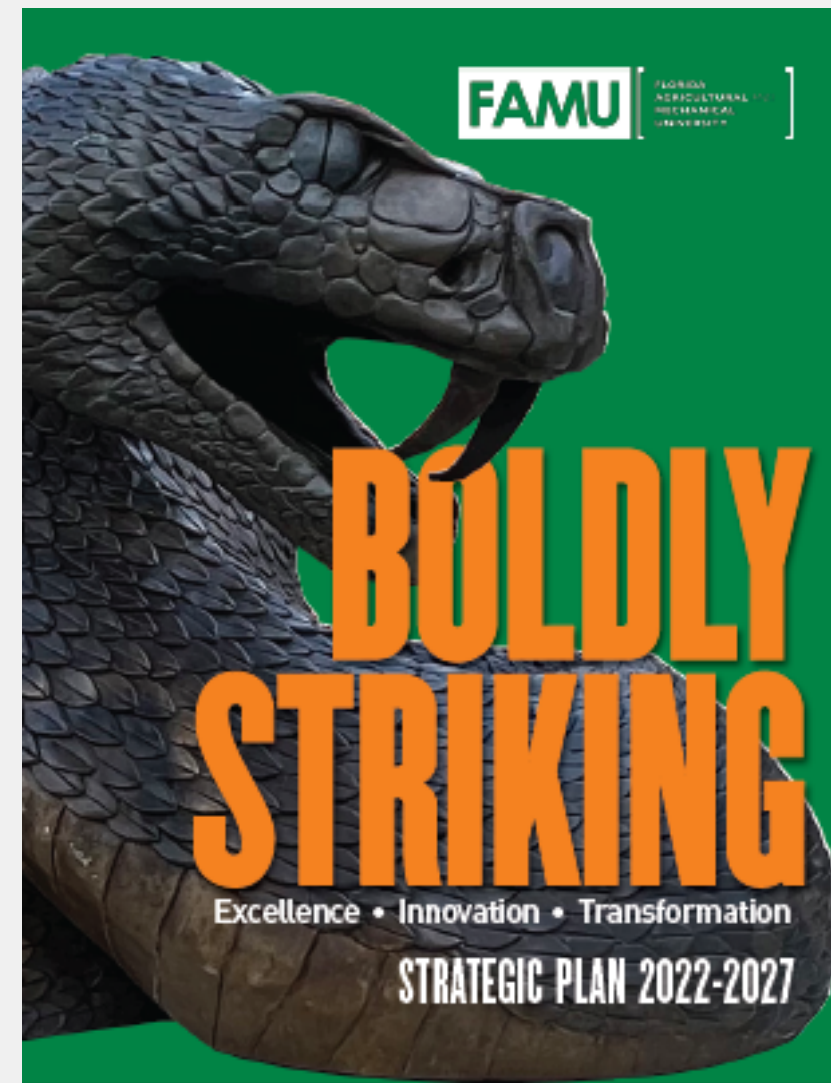
Approved by Governor

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Vetoed by Governor

PURPOSE

Florida A&M University is requesting **\$40 million** in recurring funding for strategic investments to support the implementation of the University's five-year strategic plan —*Boldly Striking*.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1 *Student Success*
- 2 *Academic Excellence*
- 3 *Leverage the Brand*
- 4 *Long-term Fiscal Health & Sustainability*
- 5 *Organizational Effectiveness & Transformation*

Strategic Goals



Goal #1:

PBF Outcomes

Reach top tier status among State University System (SUS) institutions



Goal #2:

National Rankings

Climb higher among the Top 100 public universities in the nation



Goal #3:

Carnegie Research 1

Achieve Carnegie Research 1 status (currently R2)

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Key Focus Areas

Impactful Outcomes of AI Integration

- Elevating **graduation rates** and optimizing first-time **licensure pass rates**
- Amplifying **degree production** in Programs of Strategic Emphasis (PSE)
- Cultivating a **world-class faculty**
- Fostering **research excellence** through digital innovation

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

 for the *Digital Age*

\$20M Total Recurring Investment

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OVERVIEW OF AI + ML



Artificial Intelligence is the general term for the ability of computers to imitate human reasoning and perform tasks in real-world environments.

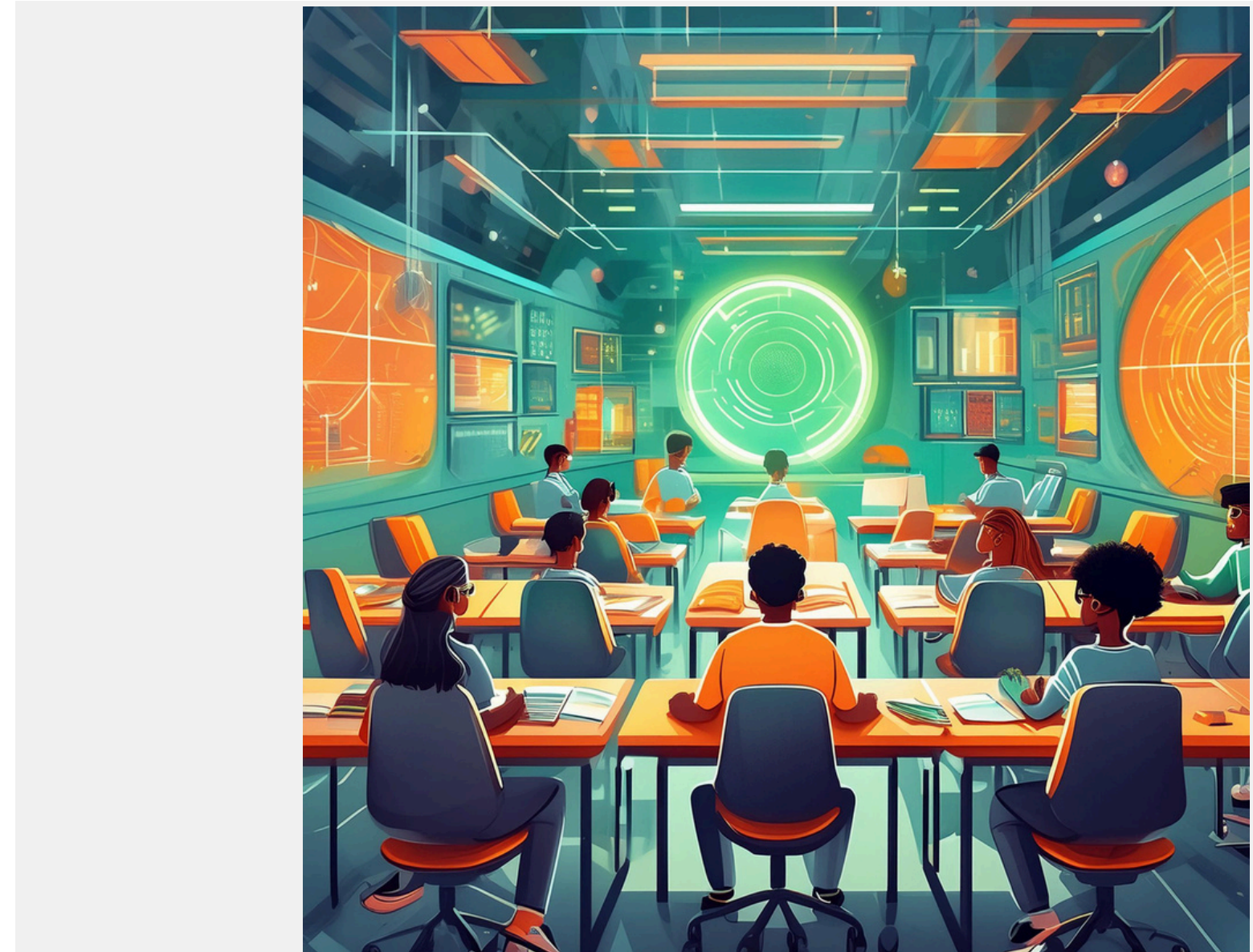
Machine Learning is the field of science that enables systems to identify patterns, make decisions, and improve themselves through learning from data and experience.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Investment for Success

What does it look like?

- **Increased graduation rates**
Current = 34% | Goal = 50%
- **Enhanced academic progress**
Current = 82% | Goal = 90%
- **Elevated academic standards**
Current = 4.0 GPA | Goal = 4.25 GPA
- **Strengthened college readiness**
Current = >10% “calculus ready” students
Goal = >50% “calculus ready” students

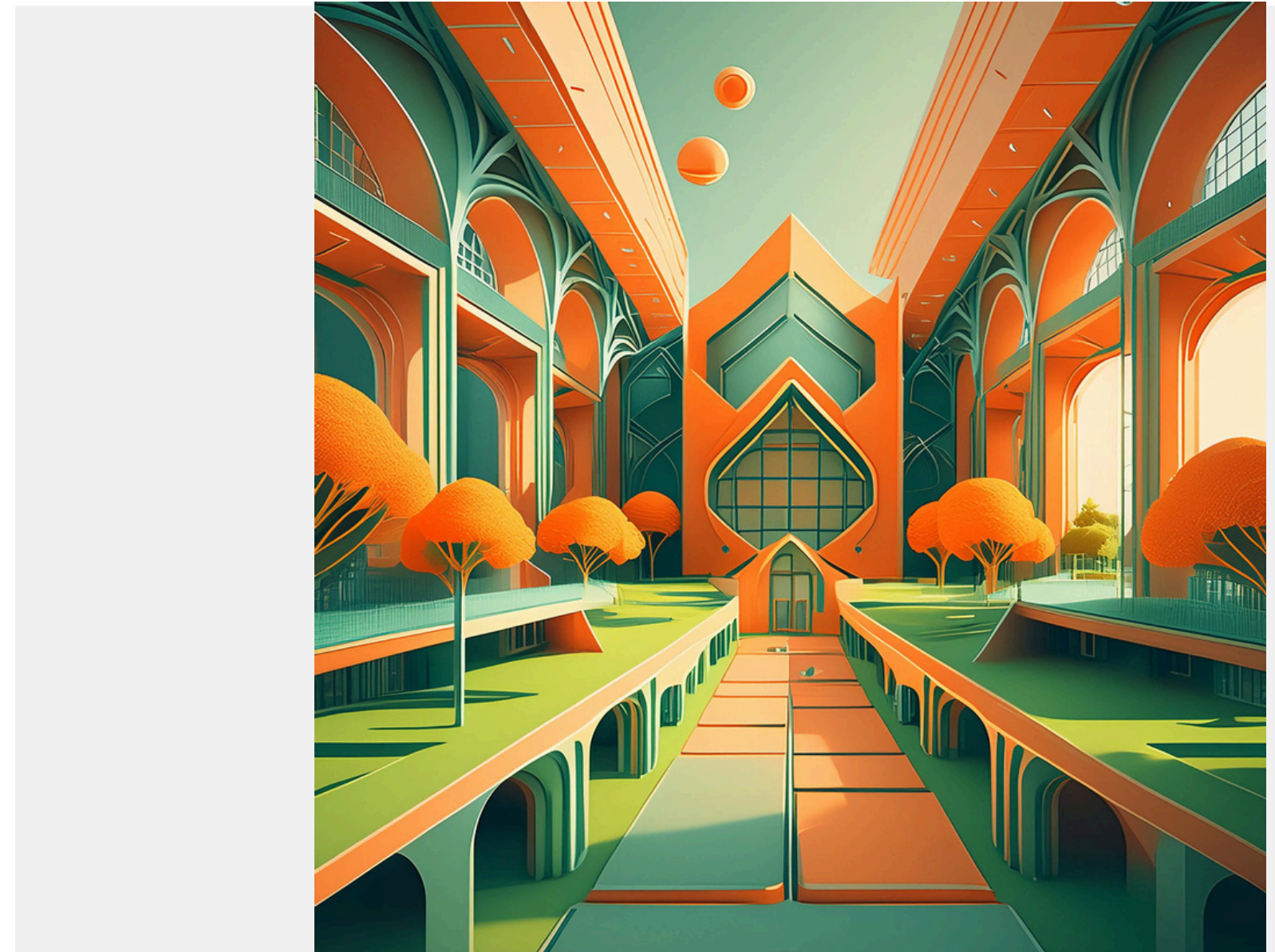


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Investment for Success

How will we get there?

- ▶ **Leveraging AI and ML technologies** to revolutionize teaching, learning, and research.
- ▶ **Building new PSE across disciplines** that integrate AI and ML.
- ▶ **Introducing micro-credentialing and certificate programs** to meet workforce needs.
- ▶ **Recruiting National Merit Scholars and Florida Bright Futures Scholars** to nurture academic talent.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Investment for Success

Attract & Retain Top Scholars

- ▶ **Prioritize accessibility and affordability** for first-generation and underserved students.
- ▶ **Address critical needs** in Florida and the nation through Programs of Strategic Emphasis (PSE)
- ▶ **Prepare a career-ready student workforce** for success in the Digital Age.



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Investment for Success

Cultivate & Support World-Class Faculty

- **Recruit and retain world-class faculty** of excellence who will focus on high-level research engagement and extend research students in the STEM and social sciences.
- **Bolster support for faculty development** that focuses on pedagogical best practices and advancements in educational technology for teaching and learning.



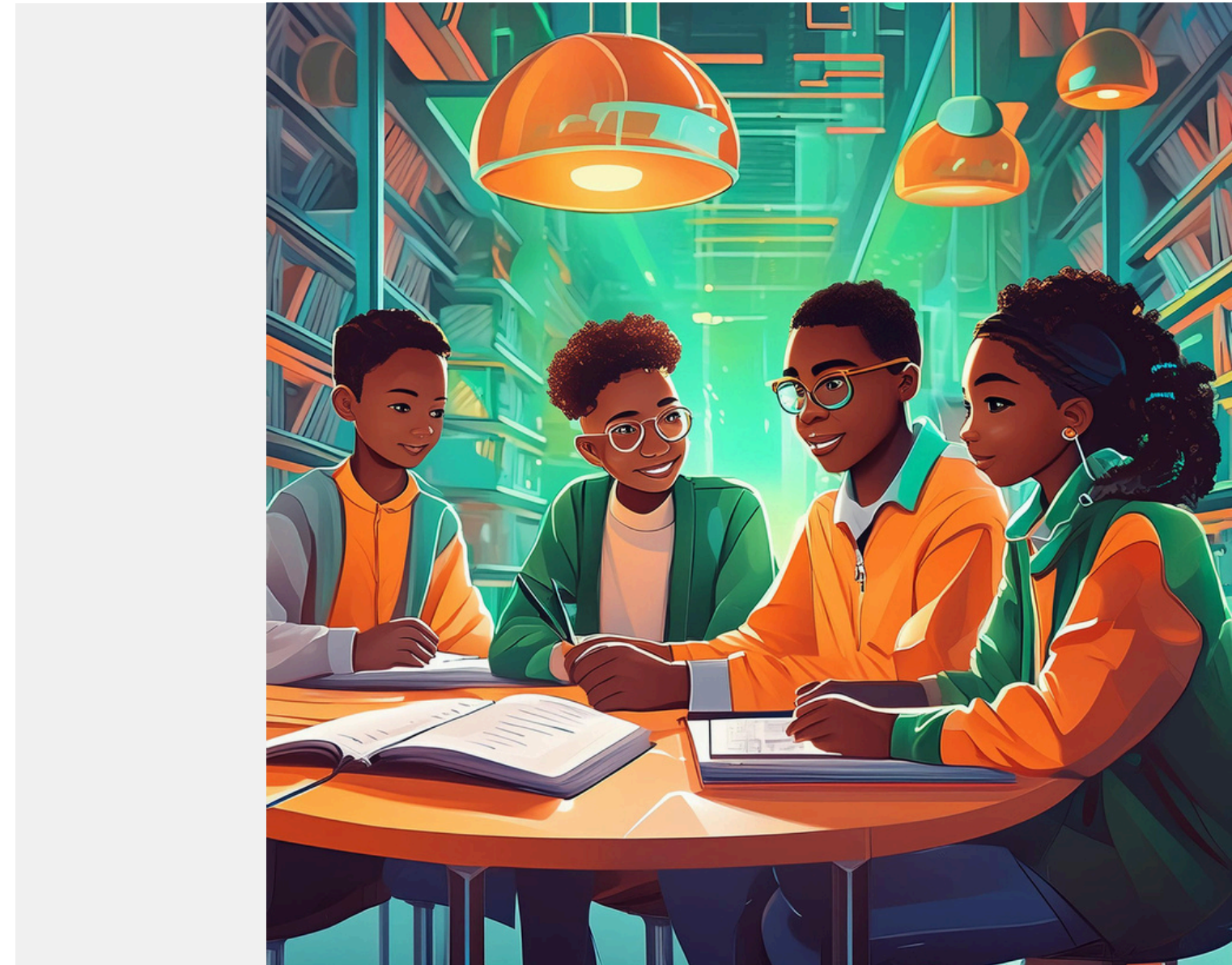
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Develop & Fortify Academic Programs for the Future

- ▶ **Integrate digital tools and technology** across the curriculum and within **PSE**.
- ▶ **Adapt online learning and hybrid programs** to address current student needs.
- ▶ **Invest in state-of-the-art infrastructure** and resources to effectively support digital learning.



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Investment for Success

Enable AI +ML

Interdisciplinary Research

- ▶ Utilize technology to generate deeper insights into research data in interdisciplinary programs, including STEM and social sciences.
- ▶ Establish research centers, incubators, and partnerships with industry and government to facilitate the development of cutting-edge technologies and solutions.



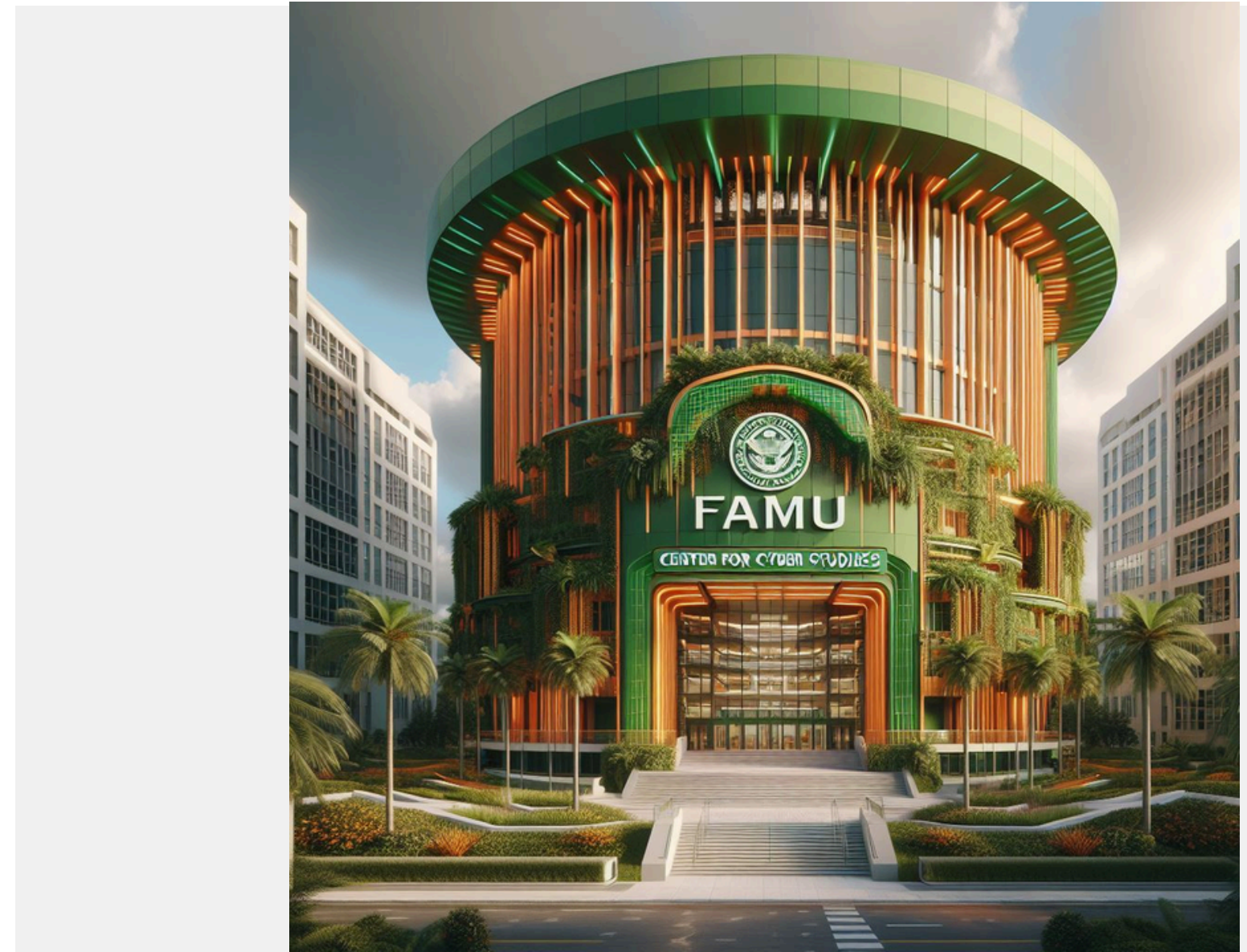
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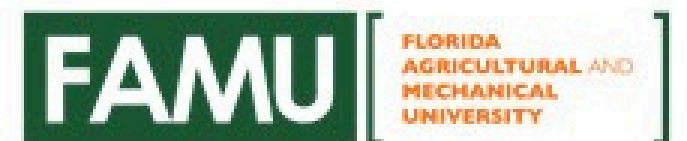
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Academic Program Development Cyber Centers & Institutes

- **Enhance interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach** focused on cybersecurity, addressing the growing demand for skilled professionals in this critical field.
- **Offer certificate programs in AI and ML**, providing students practical training to thrive in an evolving workforce.



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Investment for Success

Strategic Needs:

- Prioritize innovation within **FAMU Health**.
- Digital and physical **infrastructure enhancements**.
- Faculty development in **digital pedagogy**.
- **Accreditation support** services.
- **Student support** services for digital literacy.
- Library enhancement, research, and innovation in **digital technologies**.
- **Faculty research** excellence.
- Infrastructure for **Virtual Learning Environments**.



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STUDENT SUCCESS *Initiatives*

\$20M Total Recurring Investment

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ONLINE INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE

FAMU Online

Establish a fully online academic unit to provide affordable access and flexibility to pursue degrees without brick and mortar barriers to higher education for a more inclusive learning environment.

Our Approach

Additional resources will provide...

- Administrative Support
- Online Success Coaches
- Online Academic Advisors
- Student Support Experts

Potential Impact

FAMU will expand its educational reach and broaden its community of learners.

RECRUITMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Incoming Students

Provide competitive scholarship packages to recruit and retain 1,000 high-achieving FTIC, AA, transfer, and professional students each year.

Rationale

According to SUS data...

There is a correlation between the credentials of incoming students and student success outcomes.

Potential Impact

FAMU will compete with peer and aspirant institutions by attracting a diverse pool of talented students.

STUDENT ENHANCEMENT PRIORITIES

Learning Spaces

Redesign learning spaces to include study labs, student mental health facilities, and expanded student academic support areas accessible to FTIC, transfer, and non-traditional students.

Rationale

Additional resources will...

Impact learning outcomes and improve health among students through learning space redesign/modernization.

Potential Impact

FAMU will compete with the nation's top universities in meeting the needs of current and future generations.

TRANSFER STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Transfer Center

Expand the University's Transfer Center to help implement a systematic approach to partnering with 20 Florida College System (FCS) institutions through 2+2 articulation agreements.

Our Approach

Additional resources will provide...

- Transfer Specialists
- Streamlined Enrollment Pathways

Potential Impact

FAMU will implement a seamless transfer process from initial touchpoints with prospective students, to enrollment, and graduation.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

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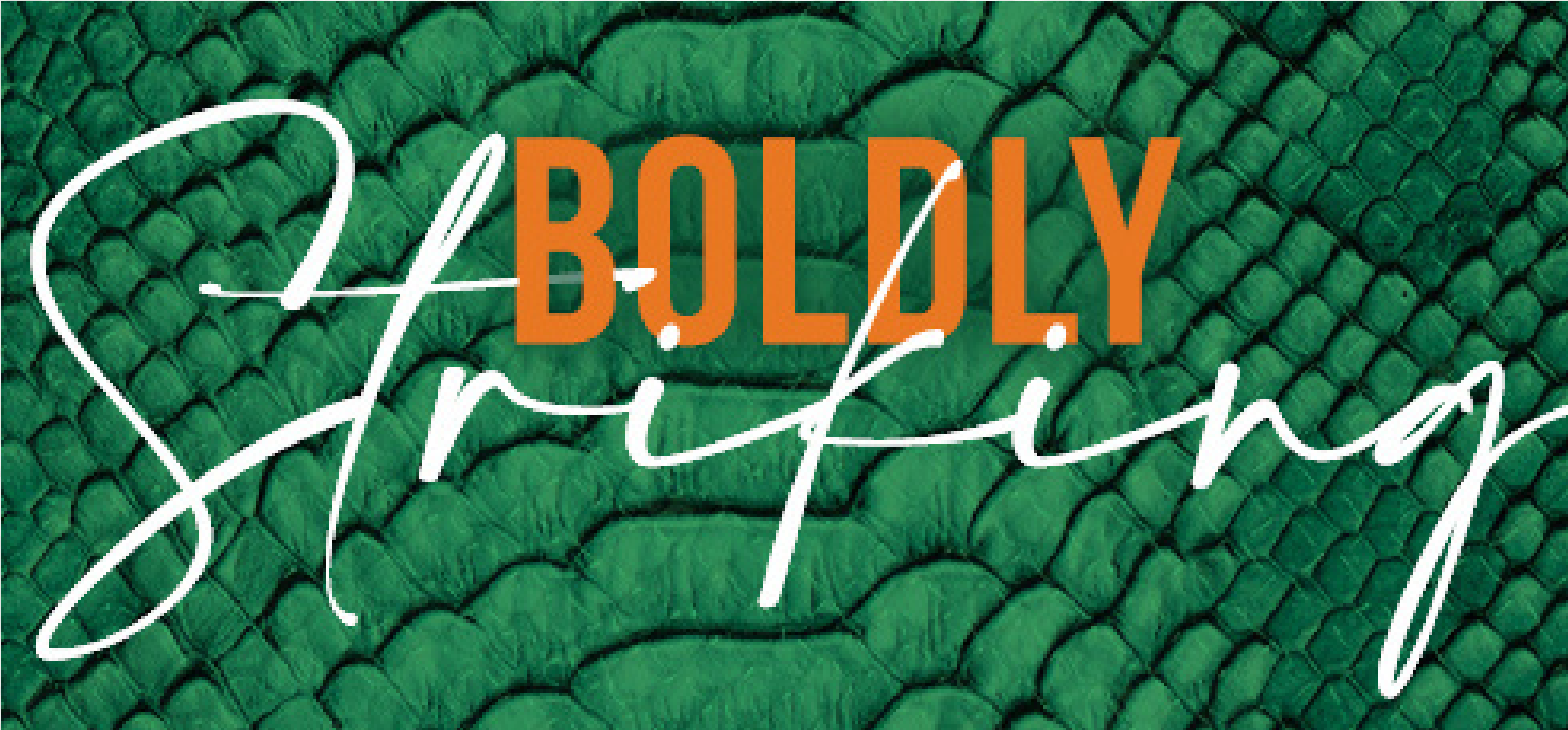
ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Four-year graduation rate | 35% to **57%** (2024-28 cohort)
- Academic Progress Rate | 81.8% to **90%**
- Degrees awarded to FCS AA transfers | 341 to **400**
- Total research expenditures | \$68M to **\$70M**
- Number of professional programs that meet licensure benchmarks for first-time pass rates | 1 to **4**
- Percent of freshmen in top 10% of high school class | 15% to **35%**
- Median wages of bachelor's graduates | \$42.5K to **\$43.7K**
- Percentage of baccalaureate degrees awarded without excess credit hours | 61% to **75%**

FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering is requesting **\$13.1 million** in recurring funding for strategic investments to support *Accelerating Excellence: Fueling Research and Student Success in the Joint College of Engineering*.

- Engineering is a vital driver of economic development.
- There is significant opportunity for growth in the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering—which seeks a top 50 designation over the next five years.
- Investing in the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering will benefit all Floridians.
- Success of the joint college will set an example of collaborative excellence.



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