Overview:
The Florida Climate Institute at FSU has put in place a mechanism to increase the number of interdisciplinary collaborations in climate science between UF and FSU. Seed money will be made available to several FSU faculty (research or tenure-track) with the expectation that at least one collaborative UF-FSU research proposal will be submitted to one or several national agencies within one year. We anticipate being able to support 3 to 5 applications. These applications will be reviewed by the joint steering committee of the Florida Climate Institute and the final decision will be made by the co-directors. Joint steering committee members can apply, but their applications will be reviewed by an external committee appointed by the co-directors. The deadline to submit these applications is July 31, 2011.

Eligibility:
- Participation is open to all FSU faculty (research or tenure-track) who are members of the FCI (member registration is at http://www.floridaclimateinstitute.org/).
- This seed money is not intended to reimburse activity that has already occurred, but rather to promote new initiatives.
- There will be no anticipated continuing commitment of funds for this award.
- The program is not intended to augment existing grants or programs.
- The anticipated budget range per proposal is $5,000 to $10,000 to be spent in one year. Potential eligible expenses are travel (UF and FSU); hardware, equipment, or software to conduct exploratory research (FSU); and salary (FSU).

Expected outcome:
- Submission of one or more UF-FSU collaborative proposals to one or more national agencies.

Proposal preparation guidelines:
- Cover page that includes title, FSU PI(s), UF co-PI(s), contact information, keywords, and total requested budget.
- The proposal page limit is 5 pages of text and figures excluding the cover page. It should include the following:
  a) A lucid explanation of your concept/idea that details the validity and anticipated outcome of the proposed collaboration between UF and FSU.
  b) The name of the target national agency and anticipated time of submission of a full proposal.
  c) A breakdown of the budget and budget explanation.
- The proposal elements must be written in clear, concise language so that reviewers from any discipline will easily understand the scholarly merit of your plan.

It is anticipated that the decision on these applications will be made by the end of August 2011 and the funds will be available by September 1, 2011. The FCI will provide some administrative support to help the successful seed grant applicants develop the full proposal(s) for the national agency or agencies.