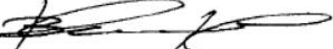




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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Bruno, Provost, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Bonnie Irwin, Chancellor, UH Hilo
Maenette Benham, Chancellor, UH West O'ahu
Erika Lacro, Vice President for Community Colleges

FROM: Vassilis L. Syrmos 
Vice President for Research and Innovation

SUBJECT: CALL FOR FY 2022 FEDERAL PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES

The University of Hawai'i will continue with its select and targeted process in the development of our federal priorities for FY 2022 to maintain our efficiency and maximize our effectiveness in the tight and highly competitive arena of congressionally-directed funding.

While our federal priorities will continue to focus on initiatives that have statewide, multi-state and national impact, we are placing additional emphasis on priorities in the areas of sustainability and resilience; health sciences, including efforts related to COVID-19; workforce development (particularly in data science, education, and health); and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander advancement. Since many of our faculty are noted experts in related fields, our goal for FY 2022 is to submit large, cross-disciplinary, multi-faculty, multi-campus projects addressing these important issues.

Additionally, we are also inviting recommendations for priority federal initiatives beyond funding requests – for example, policy changes that would help to advance UH and our impact on the community.

Interested four-year campuses may submit up to three (3) proposed priorities or initiatives from each of their colleges/schools with a ranking for each, while the UH Community Colleges may submit up to three (3) collectively. Priorities and initiatives must be submitted using the attached form-fillable PDF templates for non-defense and defense requests, as appropriate.

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To assist you with helpful suggestions on drafting more targeted and effective requests, please see the attached slide deck prepared by Dr. Aimee Grace, Director of the Office of Strategic Health Initiatives. The slide deck can also be found on our research website at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/research/research-related/uh-fed-appropriations/>.

Please submit your recommendations and campus federal initiatives list, if applicable, to my office no later than **Friday, November 13, 2020** for consideration. Please make sure to include a signed transmittal memo and send to me directly at syrmos@hawaii.edu.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 956-5006 or via email.

Attachments

c: President
Vice Presidents