



EPIC INVESTMENT PROJECTS

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Call for Proposals – FY 2026–2027

Applications due May 8, 2026, by 6:00 pm EST
Email to ORSP@JU.EDU

EPIC Mission

The EPIC initiative seeks to better prepare Jacksonville University students for entry into Florida’s workforce by strengthening academic programming, expanding applied learning opportunities, and supporting innovative teaching and career readiness initiatives.

2026-2027 Call for Proposals Snapshot	
Total Funding Available to Award	\$100,000
Typical Award Range	\$3,000 – \$15,000
Application Deadline	Friday, May 8, 2026 by 6:00 PM EST
Award Notification	Anticipated by June 19, 2026
Project Period	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
A complete submission consists of three components, all of which are available for download on the ORSP site, under Internal Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Form (PDF) 2. Activities & Deliverables Chart (Word) 3. Budget Template (Excel)
REVISED Reporting Requirements	All awardees are required to submit detailed quarterly reports, which are reviewed internally and subsequently submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for approval. A sample reporting template is provided as Attachment A. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the reporting requirements in advance to ensure a clear understanding of expectations prior to submission.

EPIC Investment Projects are supported through a recurring appropriation received by JU from the Florida Department of Education. All awards issued under this Call for Proposals are contingent upon final approval of the EPIC budget by the Governor of Florida, anticipated on or around July 1.

Overview

Jacksonville University invites full-time faculty and staff to submit their competitive proposals for EPIC Investment Projects. This funding opportunity is intended to strengthen our students' readiness to enter the Florida workforce.

The application process is competitive, not automatic. EPIC Investment Projects should expand experiential learning opportunities, strengthen workforce-relevant skills, support innovative academic programming, and build connections between academic learning and real-world professional environments.

Eligible EPIC Disciplines

The following disciplines are welcome to submit applications: Aviation, Business / Management / Finance, Healthcare Sciences, Law, Public Policy, STEM / STEAM, Sustainability and academic support units such as Academic Technology and Career Management.

Projects from other disciplines may be considered if they partner with one or more of the above EPIC areas.

Evaluation of Proposals

Proposals will be evaluated by and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) for alignment with the goals of the EPIC initiative, the anticipated impact on student workforce readiness, the feasibility of the proposed activities, and the clarity of the expected deliverables. Final funding decisions are made by the Provost based on these considerations and the availability of EPIC funds. Proposals that demonstrate strong alignment with the EPIC workforce mission, clear student impact, and well-defined project deliverables will receive priority consideration. *Jacksonville University reserves the right to issue partial awards or to decline funding for proposals based on program priorities and the availability of EPIC funds.*

Submission Instructions

1. A complete submission consists of three components. Each component is available for download from the ORSP site, under Internal Funding.

Component 1: Application Form (submit as PDF with the one required signature)

Component 2: Activities & Deliverables Chart (submit in Word)

Component 3: Budget Template (submit in Excel)

2. File Naming Convention: Use the last name of the lead faculty for each file:

“Smith_Application”; “Smith_Activities”; “Smith_Budget”

3. Attach documents to an email and submit to ORSP@JU.EDU by 6PM, Friday May 8.

(SAMPLE) Quarterly Reporting Template

Awardees will receive project-specific reporting templates with their award letter.

1. Project Title:

2. Reporting Quarter:

- Q1 (July 1 – Sept 30, 2026) Report due to ORSP by October 15, 2026
- Q2 (Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2026) Report due to ORSP by January 15, 2027
- Q3 (Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2027) Report due to ORSP by April 15, 2027
- Q4 (Apr 1 – Jun 30, 2027) Report due to ORSP by July 15, 2027

3. Update the table below for each quarter using the same objectives, activities, and deliverables originally submitted in the EPIC proposal (Columns B, C, & D) and provide a brief status update for the quarter (Column E).

A: Quarter	B: Objective	C: Activities	D: Deliverables	E: Status Update
Q1 (July–Sept)				
Q2 (Oct–Dec)				
Q3 (Jan–Mar)				
Q4 (Apr–Jun)				

4. Deliverables Submitted with this Report

List the files, documents, or links submitted with this report.

Deliverable 1:
Deliverable 2:
Deliverable 3:

Return on Investment Statement

Provide a brief update (3-5 sentences) describing progress toward the project's impact statement submitted in the original proposal. Include any measurable outcomes to date (e.g., number of students engaged, new partnerships, curriculum changes, or workforce-relevant skills developed).

Total Students Impacted This Quarter: _____

Workforce Outcomes Generated This Quarter

(Check all that apply)

- New or revised course developed
- Experiential learning opportunity implemented
- Industry or workforce partnership established
- Workforce certification or professional credential supported
- Student research, innovation, or project outputs produced
- Internship or job placement opportunities created
- External grant proposal or follow-on funding generated
- Other: (explain)

Description of Outcomes

Briefly describe the key outcomes achieved this quarter and how they contribute to student workforce readiness (3–5 sentences).