



Valdosta State University

STRATEGIC FOCUS 2010 PROPOSAL FORM

Submitted By: _____

Date: 6-15-09

Department/College/Division: Honors Program

Strategic Focus Standard (Select 1 or more)

Corresponding Assessment*

- Recruitment/Enrollment of Students → # of New Students: _____
- Retention & Graduation/Enrollment of Students → # of Additional Students Retained: 3
- Scholarship/Research → # of Scholarly Activities: _____
- Financial Solvency Resources → \$ Revenue/Savings: _____
- Develop New Academic Initiatives/Programs → # of New Students: _____

*This is the number or dollar value that is associated with the proposed project. Existing students and efforts should not be included in these figures; only additional students/scholarly activities/dollars (i.e. no double counting).

Brief Proposal Description:

Advising and academic tracking are two of the most powerful tools for student retention. A Graduate Assistant for the Honors Program will help serve the needs of the increasing numbers of Honors students at VSU.

Budget (Specify dollar amounts and elaborate as needed on summary page):

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff # _____	Salary and Fringe \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ 4,669	
<input type="checkbox"/> Space (office, lab, classroom, etc.) _____	
Total \$ _____	

Duration:

- One-Year
 Multi-Year (# of Years: _____)
 Indefinite

Supplemental Funding Sources (e.g, department operating budget)

Schedule: **Expected Time to Completion**

Start Date: fall 09

End Date: .

Assignment of Responsibility (name and title):

Primary: Ofélia Nikolova, Director, University Honors Program

Secondary: .

Additional Information:

Currently, the Honors Program works with a GA "on loan" from the Student Success Center. Her hours were reduced from 9/week last year to 5/week this year, despite the growing numbers of Honors students. A full-time GA is a much needed addition to the Honors staff. We will need the GA in all three semester - fall, spring, and summer. In the summer, the GA's work will be geared toward recruitment and advising during Orientations.

APPROVALS (Signatures)

Ranking of Proposal

This portion to be completed by approvers following the evaluation of the constituent group.

Approver	Signature	Rank	# of Proposals Forwarded
DEPARTMENT HEAD/DIRECTOR:			
DEAN:			
DEANS' COUNCIL:			
VICE PRESIDENT:			
P&B COUNCIL:			