

**UAF R1 Strategy Continuity**

**FY2026 Request: \$5,000,000**

**Reference No: 64794**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning

**Category:** University

**Location:** Fairbanks (University, Ester)

**House District:** College/Ester/Chena Ridge (HD 35)

**Impact House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 31 - 35)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Securing R1 status at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) has the potential to transform Alaska's economy. The UAF has the opportunity to not only increase research revenues within the university, but more importantly support local businesses and drive Alaska's economy.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

This request is for R1 continuity, building on the FY2025 investment. The remaining funds are needed by FY2027. Securing R1 status at the UAF has the potential to transform Alaska's economy. The UAF has the opportunity to not only increase research revenue within the university, but more importantly support local businesses and drive Alaska's economy. Achieving R1 status at UAF will attract the nation's top students and faculty to the UAF, further improving business opportunities in Alaska. The UAF achieving R1 research status is not just about growing research, it's about growing Alaska.