Excellence in all areas personifies UF. From our academic rankings, research figures, athletic championships to our national and international reach, our commitment to excellence is reflected in everything we do. It’s in our DNA.

Learning embodies everything we do, from research and teaching to public service. From our strong support of faculty — through endowments and the recent creation of more than 100 new endowed faculty chairs — to the success of our graduates as sought-after recruits, a relentless focus on new knowledge and the value of a UF education drives us daily.

The University of Florida is “International by Intent”. We have made a conscious effort to enhance the educational experience and environment of our faculty, students and staff by promoting a global perspective. Nearly 140 countries are represented in the UF student body. Diversity is a proud part of our identity, and contributes to the excellence of our innovative work in all fields.

It takes an institution with our depth, breadth and scope to truly deliver on the promise and potential of interdisciplinary research and teaching. UF is a national leader in leveraging interdisciplinary collaboration to change the way people experience their lives.
The Cultural Plaza is a physical and virtual gateway between UF, the Gainesville community and beyond. Its three institutions are woven into the fabric of UF life and form the core of the university’s educational outreach to the community. It is a valued resource for UF and an international partner in academic and cultural collaborations.”

Douglas S. Jones
Director, Florida Museum of Natural History

University of Florida Performing Arts was formed in September 2000 and presents performances by world-class artists, develops established and emerging artists through the commissioning of new works and presenting U.S. and world premieres, and provides creative and educational opportunities for UF students and the residents of North Central Florida through ticket distribution programs, master classes and other community outreach initiatives.

The Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida is one of the largest university art museums in the Southeast and promotes the power of the arts to inspire, educate and enrich lives. The Harn Museum’s collections of more than 8,800 works focus on African, Asian, modern and contemporary art, and photography. The Harn Museum of Art organizes traveling exhibitions, lectures, panel discussions, academic symposia and programs for adults, students and children.

The Florida Museum of Natural History is the state of Florida’s official natural history museum, one of the largest and fastest-growing in the nation. But it is more than facilities and a repository for millions of specimens and artifacts. Museum researchers share their findings through scholarly publications, university courses, public lectures, museum exhibits and K-12 education programs. The Florida Museum inspires people to value the biological richness and cultural heritage of our diverse world and make a positive difference in its future.
BAUGHMAN CENTER

This 96-seat, 2,000-square-foot Baughman Center was envisioned as a serene haven for peaceful contemplation, performing arts and celebration. Designed to blend naturally into the surroundings of Lake Alice, it was built in the Gothic tradition using natural Florida cypress, and features graceful arches and beautiful windows.

UNIVERSITY GALLERY

The 3,000-square foot University Gallery is an integral part of the programs and curricula of the School of Art + Art History. High-quality, thought-provoking exhibitions are presented every four to eight weeks. The gallery engages the university and wider community in stimulating dialogue facilitated by contemporary visual language and culture.

UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM

University Auditorium was completed in the mid-1920’s, then later renovated and expanded as a bicentennial project in 1976. It includes a concert stage, seating for 843, and is suitable for musical concerts, special lectures, convocations and less technically demanding dance concerts and pageants. Among other amenities is the Friends of Music room, a tastefully designed and decorated space used for receptions.

STEPHEN C. O’CONNELL CENTER

In its relatively short history, one venue has become the crossroads of the UF experience. From new student convocations, athletic events and concerts, thought-provoking speakers, community gatherings and graduations, the “O’Dome” is an icon on the University of Florida campus and in the hearts of Gators everywhere.

ST. AUGUSTINE

The University of Florida manages 34 historic properties located in nearby St. Augustine, including the Government House. Our goal is to ensure long-term preservation, cultural appreciation and interpretation of state-owned historic properties in St. Augustine, as well as facilitate educational programs at the University of Florida.

CONSTANS THEATRE

A performing arts venue, the H. Philip Constans Theatre houses a 415-seat proscenium used as the main stage and primary producing space. The Constans Theatre is a part of the University of Florida’s Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion.
The Emerging Pathogens Institute (EPI) is one of several major campus-wide research institutes at UF, located organizationally under the vice president for research. Arising from a campus faculty initiative, it was funded by a $60 million appropriation from the state Legislature in 2006. Work at EPI includes research on human, animal, and plant pathogens. The institute is highly interdisciplinary, with more than 200 affiliated faculty members from 10 UF Colleges (Medicine, Public Health, Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural and Life Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Engineering, and Law). Activities are centered in the EPI building, located adjacent to the Cancer & Genetics Research Complex on the south side of the campus; the building has more than 80,000 square feet of research space, including 16 biosafety labs, 3 greenhouses for work with plant pathogens, and a biomathematics wing committed to work in mathematical modeling of disease transmission, epidemiology, and evolutionary genetics. Primary areas of expertise include vector-borne illnesses (malaria, dengue), tuberculosis and multi-drug resistant TB, influenza and respiratory pathogens, and foodborne disease, including cholera. Activities are global in scope, with projects/collaborations currently underway in 34 countries. Research is funded by NIH, the U.S. Department of Defense, CDC, USDA, and private foundations, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Pew Charitable Trust.

"As one of the nation’s most comprehensive and diverse institutions, the University of Florida is an ideal venue for interdisciplinary work. UF is about innovation, which relies heavily on the ability to erase the lines that separate ways of thinking."

David Norton
Vice President for Research

The Emerging Pathogens Institute fuses key disciplines to develop outreach, education, and research capabilities designed to preserve Florida’s health and economy, and to prevent or contain new and re-emerging diseases.
CANCER & GENETICS RESEARCH COMPLEX

The UF Cancer and Genetics Research Complex is an interdisciplinary facility that houses the University of Florida Shands Cancer Center, the Genetics Institute, and the Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research. It is also home to the C.A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory, and the UF/IFAS Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Program.

MCKNIGHT BRAIN INSTITUTE

Opened in 1998 as a benchmark major interdisciplinary facility, the McKnight Brain Institute is one of the nation’s most comprehensive and technologically advanced centers devoted to discovering how the normal brain operates, and how we can repair the brain following injury or disease.

CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE

The UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute was founded in 2008 to improve human health by enhancing the university’s ability to develop, test, and promote valuable new therapies in real-world settings and continuously evaluate their effectiveness. In January 2013, it will be housed in the new Clinical and Translational Research Building, along with UF’s Institute on Aging.

UF | IFAS

Experimental crop fields managed on campus by UF/IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) serve as valuable research tools in developing new farming practices and providing solutions for the lives of citizens in all 67 Florida counties.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING

The UF Biomedical Sciences Building brings researchers together and helps spark multidisciplinary collaborations to help solve complex health issues. The common goal of all involved is to help close the gap between research and the arrival of new drugs and devices intended to improve human health.

LAKE NONA

The recently opened 100,000-square-foot UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona Medical City is a state-of-the-art education and research facility and the new home of our Orlando campus. It will house some of the most innovative pharmaceutical and medical science projects of the UF Health Science Center.
In the first building opened in the Innovation Square, accountants, attorneys, venture capitalists and product designers sponsor events, host educational workshops and donate at least eight hours of their time each month to the startup tenants who are incubating the technologies of tomorrow. Located halfway between the University of Florida campus and downtown Gainesville, the Innovation Hub houses the UF Office of Technology Licensing; the UF Development Corp., which is responsible for developing Innovation Square; and other partner organizations that nurture high-tech companies such as UF Tech Connect and the Florida Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research.

Companies located in the Innovation Hub created 85 jobs and secured $7.2 million in private investment after less than a year in operation.

The Innovation Hub is one of the only incubators in the nation to house a leading university technology transfer office in addition to those service providers. The Office of Technology Licensing (OTL) works with UF employee inventors with potentially patentable or copyrightable technologies and to facilitate the transfer of technologies created at UF to the commercial sector for public benefit. During the last fiscal year, UF OTL received 324 invention disclosures, executed 79 licenses, and helped start 15 new companies founded on those new discoveries — all record highs.

“Universities can no longer afford to be islands, and that is especially true in tech transfer. That’s why UF has become the place where public/private partnerships flourish, the academy collaborates with government and the community, and everyone benefits.”

David Day
Director, UF Office of Technology Licensing

Built with an $8.2 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and a $5 million contribution from UF, the 48,000-square-foot Innovation Hub is a unique innovation ecosystem that houses startup companies, service providers and partner organizations.
LOCATED IN NEARBY ALACHUA, UF’S Progress Park is home to one of the most experienced and fully equipped bioscience incubation programs in the U.S. It includes the University of Florida’s Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator, which fosters the growth of startup bioscience companies with ties to UF.

INNOVATION SQUARE

UF Innovation Square is a 40-acre urban master plan for a modern live/work/play research and innovation community. The development will build out over 5 million square feet of hi-tech offices, research space, urban residences, community retail, boutique hotels and open space that connects the University of Florida with downtown Gainesville.

Infusion Technology Center will be a private commercial real estate building offering emerging, high-growth, or established companies the opportunity to lease or purchase Class A office, dry lab, wet lab, or retail/restaurant space within the UF Innovation Square. With groundbreaking scheduled for late 2012, the center is slated to open in early 2014.

Also located at Innovation Square, the Office of Technology Licensing (OTL) at the University of Florida works with UF inventors with potentially patentable or copyrightable technologies and facilitates the transfer of technologies created at UF to the commercial sector for public benefit.

UF TECH CONNECT

UF Tech Connect®, the University of Florida EDA University Center, was created as a partnership between the university and the Economic Development Administration to provide a venue for bringing together the necessary elements to create companies.

INNOVATION ACADEMY

UF’s Innovation Academy, which welcomes its first enrollees in Spring 2013, will give students a small-college experience focused on innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, ethics, and leadership on a unique spring-summer calendar.

UF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

In March 2011, the UF Board of Trustees approved the creation of a direct-support organization, the University of Florida Development Corporation, to handle the selling, acquiring, leasing and marketing of the Innovation Square area.
Initially built in the late 1930s as the social hall of the original Florida Union in adjacent Dauer Hall, it has been restored and renovated as a faculty center. Nearby are departments and centers for the study of histories, societies, and cultures from all areas of the world, including the Center for Latin American Studies (founded in 1931), the Center for African Studies, and the Center for European Studies. Each of these centers represents the interdisciplinarity and international outreach characteristic of the many different programs at UF. The main campus now comprises ten colleges: Liberal Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Engineering, Business, Law, Education, Health and Human Performance, Journalism and Communications, Fine Arts, and Design, Construction and Planning.

The Keene Faculty Center embodies the spirit and feel of the historic district, as well as the diversity and interdisciplinarity of the academic programs on UF’s main campus. It is a reflection of UF’s strong commitment to faculty.

“...The University of Florida attracts some of the most talented faculty in the country, in part because of UF’s growing reputation as an institution where faculty are valued and their views and ideas truly count. The level of complexity and diversity at the university of Florida makes shared governance especially important. It is through the high level of interaction that occurs between administration and faculty that the most successful solutions are attained.”

Cheri Brodeur
Chair, Faculty Senate
Member, UF Board of Trustees
THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF THE MAIN Campus

PEABODY HALL

Home of the College of Education until 1934, historic Peabody Hall was also once the site for printing the Florida Alligator student newspaper. Renovated in 1990, Peabody Hall now houses the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling and Wellness Center and the Office of Multicultural and Diversity Affairs.

KEENE-FLINT HALL

Originally called Science Hall, Keene-Flint Hall once housed the Florida State Museum. The Departments of Botany, Chemistry, Horticulture, Physics, Zoology and Bacteriology held classes on the first floor, while the museum occupied the second floor. Today, Keene-Flint Hall contains primarily the History Department as well as some Chemistry Department offices and classroom space.

BRYAN HALL

One of several UF buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bryan Hall is part of the Warrington College of Business Administration. Built in 1914, it was the original home of the College of Law.

GEORGE SMATHERS LIBRARIES

The George A. Smathers Libraries are commonly referred to as “Library West” and “Library East.” The extensive University of Florida Libraries’ Special & Area Studies Collections, located in Library East, includes historic archives and manuscripts, the Baldwin Library of Historical Children’s Literature, the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History, the Popular Culture Collections and the Harold and Mary Jean Hanson Rare Book Collection.

CENTURY TOWER

The iconic Century Tower was started in 1953 to mark the university’s 100th anniversary and is dedicated to UF students killed in World Wars I and II. It was completed in 1956. Today, the 61 cast bells in the 11th floor carillon magnificently ring out across campus every quarter hour.

PUGH HALL

The 40,000-square-foot Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall houses a teaching auditorium and public space for lectures and events. It is also home to the Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures, the Bob Graham Center for Public Service and the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.
The Division of Student Affairs actively contributes to the University of Florida’s academic mission, providing comprehensive student services and educating all students. Student Affairs enriches student learning through leadership, service engagement and self-discovery resulting in a well-qualified, healthy, and broadly diverse citizenry and workforce.

Students at UF are highly engaged in a wide range of campus life opportunities, including activities in more than 950 student organizations and multiple recreational facilities, and performing thousands of hours in community service every year.

Student Affairs’ latest initiative, the Reitz Union renovation and expansion project will add much-needed space to accommodate the growing demands of our students by adding programs to the union and replacing outdated facilities with a new 100,000-square-foot, multilevel structure. In addition, approximately 75,000 square feet of the existing Union structure will be renovated to increase energy efficiency and sustainability while maximizing conference and meeting space.

“From the famous Florida climate to a diverse and engaged student body and unrivaled facilities, UF offers constant opportunities for a truly unique student experience.”

Dave Kratzer
Vice President,
Student Affairs

The Reitz Union serves more than 20,000 students, faculty, staff, and visitors each day. A new $75 million student-supported expansion and renovation project utilizes student input and involvement through participation on committees, focus groups, videos, advisory groups and more.
THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT UF

UF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

You’ll find more than 367,000 UF alumni around the world. University of Florida graduates live in all 50 states and more than 135 countries. Here on campus, more than 10,000 students have joined the alumni association, creating the largest student membership in the country.

Alumni play a large role in UF fundraising and were hugely responsible for the success of Florida Tomorrow, UF’s largest and most ambitious capital campaign ever, raising more than $1.7 billion. Only five other public universities raised more.

SORORITY/FRATERNITY ROW

Student life outside the classroom is an integral component of the college experience. With more than 60 fraternities and sororities at UF, students have many opportunities to form bonds that will last long after graduation. The Florida Greek community strives to be values-based with commitments to our four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and community.

SOUTHWEST REC CENTER

When Gators need to unwind, they head to the Southwest Recreation Center, a 140,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility. Since its fall 1994 opening, more than 2 million students have used the center. Its features include a strength and conditioning room, six indoor basketball courts, six racquetball courts, a split-level cardio room, two massage therapy rooms, and a social lounge, just to name a few.

BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM

With a seating capacity of more than 90,000, Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field (affectionately referred to as “The Swamp”) is one of the largest and certainly one of the loudest stadiums in all of college football.

It is just one of the many facilities where fans can enjoy UF athletics, a program with a rich tradition of excellence at the conference, national and international levels.

SOUTHBOUND PLAZA

Turlington Plaza is not only one of the busiest intersections on the UF campus but also one of two major free-speech zones. A large number of organizations set up booths here to take advantage of the heavy pedestrian traffic. The oddly shaped sculpture in the plaza is 30 million-year-old, 10-ton rock that students have nicknamed “the Potato”.

PLAZA OF THE AMERICAS

The quadrangle known as the Plaza of the Americas was dedicated in 1931 to mark the UF’s first foray into international studies. Twenty-one trees (representing the nations of Pan-American Union) were planted for the ceremony. Over the years, it has become a popular gathering site for students, faculty and staff looking for a nice place outdoors to read, relax and play.
UF&Shands, the University of Florida Academic Health Center, is a $2.8 billion collaboration of the six colleges of the University’s Health Science Center (HSC) – Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health and Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine – and the University’s affiliated private, tax-exempt teaching hospitals, Shands, co-located with the HSC on UF’s campus in Gainesville and the medical campus in Jacksonville.

The UF Academic Health Center is a world leader in interdisciplinary research, generating 56 percent of UF’s total research awards, or more than $361 million last year, toward improving the quality of life and health of both people and animals. Five major health-related research centers and institutes create synergies and collaborative research opportunities. Our research focuses on the translational nature of biomedical research, following the continuum from fundamental research to clinical application to community health. UF also is home to the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, whose mission is to improve human health by accelerating the translation of scientific discoveries into practical applications and practices for the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and cure of human diseases.

Our faculty provide excellent training and education for future health professionals-- from undergraduates to professional students to postdoctoral students, residents and fellows--as well as exceptional patient care. UF’s health affairs research and educational enterprise extends across the nation and around the globe.
The University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) is a federal-state-county partnership dedicated to developing knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences, and enhancing and sustaining the quality of human life by making that information accessible to the public. UF/IFAS has a presence in every Florida county, but also enjoys an international reputation for its accomplishments in teaching, research and extension.

On the main campus, the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) administers the degree programs of IFAS. As outreach, IFAS provides research and development for Florida’s agricultural and natural resources industries through CALS, the College of Vet Med, and 13 Research Centers throughout the State, which in 2010 had a $108 billion annual impact. Extension offices in every county across the state bring UF faculty and scientists together with residents to bring new knowledge into their daily lives.
The University Athletic Association is dedicated to the intellectual, physical and personal development of student-athletes, faculty and staff. We are committed to act in an ethical and honest manner, and promote an environment fostering the professional and personal achievement of coaches, administrators and staff.

Our goal is excellence in athletic performance, sportsmanship, financial strength, and superior fan satisfaction. Our program has earned UF 29 national team championships, the most recent being the 2011-12 Men’s Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field and Women’s Tennis teams. And unlike many universities, athletics help fuel our academic endeavors, contributing $37.5 million since 2006.

UF athletics embraces its responsibility to the university, to our students, and to the public at large.
The Collegiate Gothic-style architecture prevalent in the University of Florida’s campus core provides a peek into its history. While UF traces its establishment to 1853, classes in Gainesville first met in 1906 with only 102 students. Today enrollment is nearly 50,000 students, the seventh-largest university in the nation.

UF is considered one of the country’s most diverse and complex research institutions, born from the pillars of the Morrill Act of 1862 which established land-grant universities. UF’s colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Engineering, Business, Law, Education, Health and Human Performance, Journalism and Communications, Fine Arts, and Design, Construction and Planning offer classes, research opportunities and student support on the main campus.

UF has a 2,000-acre campus and more than 900 buildings (including 170 with classrooms and laboratories). The northeast corner of campus is listed as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. The UF residence halls have a total capacity of some 7,600 students; and the five family housing villages house more than 1,900 married and graduate students.