

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



UCF is one of America's  
**MOST INNOVATIVE**  
*universities*

This is due to the many contributions of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni to transform lives and address society's pressing needs. In this report, you will see many examples of UCF's commitment to advancing faculty excellence, student success, innovation, research, and inclusion. These efforts make UCF a top producer of talent among America's public universities. Together, we *Charge On* to be a defining 21st-century university for higher education.



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# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



BY THE NUMBERS



**71,913**

TOTAL STUDENTS



**12,354**

TOTAL FACULTY & STAFF



**4**

CAMPUS LOCATIONS



**13**

ACADEMIC COLLEGES



**\$1.9 B**

OPERATING BUDGET

The Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs supports UCF's academic enterprise as a model for 21st-century higher education. The office works closely with academic leaders, faculty, staff, students and selected partners to advance world-class excellence in teaching, learning, research and innovation, community collaboration and inclusion.

**THE PROVOST**

Michael D. Johnson, Ph.D., serves as UCF's interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. As the chief academic officer, he leads UCF's academic programs and initiatives across 13 colleges, which serve nearly 72,000 students and support more than 3,000 teaching and research faculty. His responsibilities also include multiple campuses, research centers and institutes. In addition, he manages UCF's academic operating budget in collaboration with the president, vice presidents, deans, and other academic leaders.



**Dr. Michael D. Johnson**

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



# LEADERSHIP

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Michael D. Johnson**

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Sherry Andrews**

Associate Provost, Associate General Counsel

**Theodora Regina Berry** ✨

Vice Provost for Student Learning and Academic Success

**M. Paige Borden**

Associate Provost and Chief Analytics Officer

**Thomas B. Cavanagh**

Vice Provost for Digital Learning

**Adrienne Frame**

Interim Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services

**Deborah German** ✨

Vice President for Health Affairs

**Matthew J. Hall**

Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

**Jana Jasinski**

Vice Provost for Faculty Excellence

**Elizabeth Klonoff** ✨

Vice President for Research

**Timothy Letzring**

Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

**Rebeca Richards**

Senior Assistant Vice President for Academic Budget Planning and Administration

**Ross Wolf**

Interim Assistant Provost for UCF Downtown

✨ *Both part of the leadership team and a dean.*

## DEANS

**Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres**

Dean, Burnett Honors College

**Theodora Regina Berry** ✨

Dean, College of Undergraduate Studies

**Pamela "Sissi" Carroll**

Dean, College of Community Innovation and Education

**Tosha Dupras**

Interim Dean, College of Sciences

**Michael Georgiopoulos**

Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science

**Deborah German** ✨

Dean, College of Medicine

**David Hagan**

Interim Dean, College of Optics and Photonics

**Christopher D. Ingersoll**

Dean, College of Health Professions and Sciences

**Paul Jarley**

Dean, College of Business Administration

**Elizabeth Klonoff** ✨

Dean, College of Graduate Studies

**Jeffrey Moore**

Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

**Mary Lou Sole**

Dean, College of Nursing

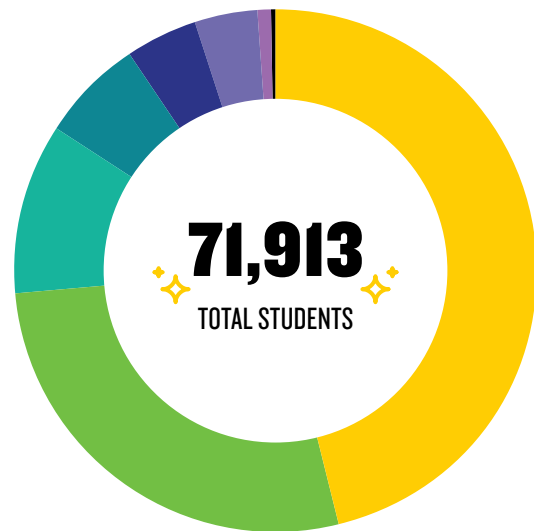
**Youcheng Wang**

Dean, Rosen College of Hospitality Management

# STUDENT SUCCESS



BY THE NUMBERS



- ★ 33,312 | 46.3%  
WHITE
- ★ 19,823 | 27.6%  
HISPANIC/LATINX
- ★ 7,421 | 10.3%  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
- ★ 4,736 | 6.6%  
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
- ★ 3,038 | 4.2%  
INTERNATIONAL
- ★ 2,824 | 3.9%  
MULTI-RACIAL
- ★ 668 | 0.9%  
NOT SPECIFIED
- ★ 91 | 0.1%  
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE

**335**  
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

**4.18**  
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA

**18,409**  
DEGREES AWARDED, 2020-21

**47.7%**  
FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

**1320**  
AVERAGE SAT SCORE

**28.7**  
AVERAGE ACT SCORE

**91%**  
FIRST-YEAR FTIC RETENTION

**90.1%**  
ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE

AFFORDABILITY

50% of first-time-in-college students at UCF graduate without any educational debt. Nationally, only 32% of students graduate debt-free.

**\$17,879\***  
ESTIMATED COST

- 📍 **\$6,379** Tuition + Fees
- 📖 **\$1,200** Books + Supplies
- 🏠 **\$10,300** Room + Board

*\*Based on 30 undergraduate credit hours*

# ORDER *of* PEGASUS

The *Order of Pegasus* is the most prestigious and significant award a student can attain at the University of Central Florida. Order of Pegasus recognizes exemplary performance by UCF bachelor's degree students in the areas of academic achievement, outstanding university involvement, leadership, and community service.

## GRADUATE STUDENTS\*

### Jordan Dowell

Ph.D. candidate in Integrative Biology, College of Sciences

### Cole Friedes

Medical student, College of Medicine

### Dakota Lewis

Master's student in Biology, College of Sciences

### Emily Winchester

Dual Master's Student in Nonprofit Management and Public Administration, College of Community Innovation and Education

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS\*

### Nikki Anne Ballelos

Biomedical Sciences, College of Medicine

### Natali Barakat

Chemistry, Burnett Honors College, College of Sciences

### Stephanie Blanco

Political Science Pre-Law, Dual Minor in Mass Communication and Legal Studies, College of Sciences

### Francesca Burri

Hospitality Management, Burnett Honors College, Rosen College of Hospitality Management

### Corey Clancy

Entertainment Management, Minor Theatre Studies, Certificate in Theme Park and Attraction Management, Burnett Honors College, Rosen College of Hospitality Management

### Padmavathi Ganduri

Integrated Business, Dual Minor in Political Science and Leadership Studies, Burnett Honors College, College of Business

### Eva Gluck

Industrial Engineering, Minor Mathematics, Burnett Honors College, College of Engineering and Computer Science

### Gillian Gomer

Biology, Dual Minor Physics and Computer Science, College of Sciences

### Romina Homayoun

Health Sciences, Minor Spanish, Burnett Honors College, College of Health Professions and Sciences

### Marianna Kellis

History, Dual Minor Political Science and Russian Studies, TEFL Certificate, College of Arts and Humanities

### Fatema Khondker

Social Work and Biomedical Sciences, College of Health Professions and Sciences

### Jasmine Masri

Political Science and Legal Studies, Burnett Honors College, College of Sciences

### Bryan Medina

Computer Science, Dual Minor Mathematics and Cognitive Sciences, College of Engineering and Computer Science

### Chantale Ninah

Computer Science, Minor Mathematics, Burnett Honors College, College of Engineering and Computer Science

### Julie Poulson

Human Communication, Minor Mass Communication, College of Sciences

### Sadie Richards

Nursing, College of Nursing

### Abdullah Saqib

Biomedical Sciences, Burnett Honors College, College of Medicine

### Riya Shah

Biomedical Sciences, Minor Spanish, Certificate in Spanish for Healthcare Professionals, Burnett Honors College, College of Medicine

### Madeleine Smith

Music Education, Burnett Honors College, College of Arts and Humanities

\* To view the *Order of Pegasus PDF*, [click the title](#).

\*All students are pictured from left to right starting from the top.



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# PEGASUS PROFESSORS

Pegasus Professors are world-renowned researchers and respected teachers in their respective fields.

The **Pegasus Professor** award recognizes excellence in teaching, research and service. To be considered, faculty members must have: five years at the rank of tenured professor at UCF, achieved excellence in teaching, research and/or creative activity, demonstrate a record of service and a scope of national and international impact.

## 2021 RECIPIENTS\*

- + **Issa Batarseh**  
Pegasus Professor of Electrical Engineering,  
College of Engineering and Computer Science
- + **Cristina Fernández-Valle**  
Pegasus Professor of Medicine,  
College of Medicine
- + **Luis Martínez-Fernández**  
Pegasus Professor of History,  
College of Arts and Humanities

- + **Marshall Schminke**  
Pegasus BB&T Professor of Business Ethics,  
College of Business
- + **Jeffery Stout**  
Pegasus Professor of Kinesiology,  
College of Health Professions and Sciences

\*For more information on each recipient, click their respective names.

\*Pictured from left to right.

## MORE FACULTY FACTS



**1,066**  
TENURED OR TENURE EARNING



**88**  
FACULTY HIRES



# RESEARCH

RESEARCH DESIGNATION

R1

Research Universities (RU)/  
Very High Research Activity (VH)

FUNDING

KEY FUNDING SOURCES

**\$109.51 M**

TOTAL KEY FUNDING

- \$24.84 M Department of Defense
- \$10.80 M NASA
- \$16.04 M National Institutes of Health
- \$57.83 M National Science Foundation

TYPES OF FUNDING

**\$212.9 M\***

TOTAL FUNDING

- \$128.70 M Federal
- \$51.74 M Industry + Other
- \$33.78 M State + Local

\*Record research year for UCF

TOP RESEARCH STORIES OF 2020

- Broken Cable Damages Arecibo Observatory
- UCF Scientists Seek Novel Material to Kill COVID-19
- Asteroid Visiting Earth's Neighborhood Brings its Own Face Mask
- UCF Researchers Identify Features That Could Make Someone a Virus Super-Spreader
- UCF Researchers Develop Groundbreaking New Rocket-Propulsion System
- UCF Study: Judo May Help Health, Social Interaction of Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- AI Can Detect COVID-19 in the Lungs Like a Virtual Physician, New Study Shows
- UCF Researcher Finds New Signal That Your Breast Cancer Is Growing
- Study Shows Keeping Gratitude Journal Reduces Gossip, Incivility in Workplace
- UCF Receives NSF RAPID Award to Develop Cough Drops to Help Control COVID-19



# UCF RANKINGS

**#2**  **HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT**

2020 | **WORLD** |  
Shanghai Ranking Consultancy

**#2** **BEST GRADUATE SCHOOLS: HOMELAND/NATIONAL SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** 

2021 | **NATIONAL** |  
U.S. News and World Report

**#2**  **TOP 20 GAME DESIGN SCHOOLS WITH BA PROGRAMS**

2020-2021 | **NATIONAL** |  
Affordable Colleges Online

**#2**  **TOP 50 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY IMPACT**

2020 | **NATIONAL** |  
Education Reform Now

**#5**  **BEST GRADUATE SCHOOLS: NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT**

2021 | **NATIONAL** |  
U.S. News and World Report

**#14**  **BEST ONLINE BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS**


2021 | **NATIONAL** |  
U.S. News & World Report

**#16**  **MOST INNOVATIVE**

2020-2021 | **NATIONAL** |  
U.S. News and World Report

**#26**  **TOP AMERICAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES**  
**#50**

2020 | **NATIONAL PUBLIC** |  
Center for Measuring University Performance

**#33**  **TRANSPORTATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

2021 | **NATIONAL** |  
U.S. News and World Report

**#46**  **BEST VALUE PUBLIC COLLEGES**

2021 | **NATIONAL** | Princeton Review

**#77**  **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**

2021 | **NATIONAL PUBLIC** |  
U.S. News & World Report

**#84**  **BEST GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES**

2021 | **NATIONAL PUBLIC** |  
U.S. News & World Report

# PROGRAM INFORMATION



The University of Central Florida is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels.

## SPECIALIZED ACCREDITORS

- + ABET-Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC)
- + ABET-Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC)
- + American Chemical Society (ACS)
- + American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation (APA-CoA)
- + American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- + Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)
- + Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- + Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)
- + Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)
- + Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)
- + Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- + Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- + Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- + Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- + Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC)
- + Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES)
- + Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
- + National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
- + National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
- + National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)
- + National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)
- + National Committee for the Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE)
- + Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
- + Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)



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