



STRATEGY (cont.)

Key Achievements for Last Year (Student, Faculty, Program, Institutional)

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- The first woman from UF to be named a Rhodes scholar, Aimee Clesi heads to Oxford to pursue a master in criminology and criminal justice. A first-generation college student, Clesi is a member of the UF Honors Program and a double major in history and philosophy.
- Muhammad Abdulla, a math major, receives a highly competitive Goldwater Scholarship.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The number of National Academy members on the UF faculty increases to 33. Professor Michele Manuel is elected to the National Academy of Engineering. Gilbert Rivers Upchurch, Chair of Surgery in the College of Medicine, is elected to the National Academy of Medicine.
- Seven faculty in Agriculture, Biology, and Engineering are chosen as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They include J. Scott Angle, Sixue Chen, Matias Kirst, Yuncong Li, Tony Romeo, Kathryn Sieving, and Jose Principe.
- Seven scholars earn Fulbright awards for 2021-22. They are headed to Poland, Ecuador, Paraguay, Guyana, Algeria, and the Dominican Republic. UF ranks fourth in Fulbright awards.
- Distinguished Professor Rob Ferl, horticultural sciences, is named by NASA to co-chair a group that will define space-related biological and physical research for the next 10 years.
- Distinguished Professor Peter Hirschfeld, physics, is awarded the John Bardeen Prize for pioneering theoretical work on the nature of superconductivity.
- Laura Blecha, in the Astrophysics Theory research group, is named a Cottrell Scholar for innovative research on supermassive black holes and the evolution of galaxies. Her research uses HiPerGator, the high-performance computing resource at UF.

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

- Scholars at UF set a new record of \$960M in research expenditures in FY2021. UF is ranked 15th among public universities and 26th among all universities in FY2020. UF leads all universities in Florida (NSF HERD).
- Federal research funding at UF increases 6.5% in FY2021 to \$423M. Federally funded R&D at all universities increased only 3.7% in FY2020. (NSF HERD).
- The Geomatics program in IFAS receives nearly \$1M NSF grant for scholarships and support services to increase enrollment of talented low-income students.
- New career placement records for the UF MBA full-time program. Every student in the program received an offer within three months of graduation, and the median salary was \$110,000, with a \$20,000 signing bonus.

INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- The University of Florida rises to #5 among public universities (US News 2022 edition).
- UF Online is now #1, named the best online bachelor's degree in the nation (US News 2022 edition).
- Graduate education at UF receives national recognition as 28 programs across 11 colleges are recognized among the top 25 in their field, among all public and private universities (US News 2023 edition).