THE DECADE AHEAD

and

A STRATEGY FOR ENHANCING UF RANKINGS
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**OUR ASPIRATION**

The University of Florida will be a premier university that the state, nation and world look to for leadership.
As we seek to reach our highest shared aspirations for the University of Florida, these goals and objectives set forth a path that both enlivens our current strengths and establishes a bold new future. I look forward to joining everyone in our university community as we follow this path toward becoming one of the very best universities in the world.”

W. KENT FUCHS
President, University of Florida

The President’s Task Force on Goals engaged the broader university community in a wide-ranging discussion to guide UF’s future for the next decade. These resulting goals and objectives set a tone for excellence in all that we do.”

WINFRED M. PHILLIPS
Task Force Chair

UF’s progress in the last decade demonstrates what can be achieved by state leaders, administrators, faculty and students all working in concert. Through this partnership over the next decade UF will become one of the nation’s truly great universities helping to lead the state’s economic development and to improve the lives of its citizens.”

JOSEPH GLOVER
Provost, Senior Vice President

**Objective**
UF students, faculty and staff with increasingly diverse demographic and geographic characteristics

**Objective**
A university climate that is inclusive, supportive and respectful to all

**Objective**
Diverse, robust educational and interdisciplinary areas of excellence

**Objective**
Increased Globalization to enhance our effectiveness as world citizens

An exceptional academic environment that reflects the breadth of thought essential for preeminence, achieved by a community of students, faculty and staff who have diverse experiences and backgrounds

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES //
Objective
An increased number of faculty recognized by distinguished awards, fellowships and memberships

Objective
An increased number of high-impact scholarly publications and creative works

Objective
An increased professional and public visibility of UF faculty

Objective
An increased faculty participation in professional service and leadership

Faculty recognized as preeminent by their students and peers

Objective
A nurturing and invigorating academic and professional environment for all faculty across the research, teaching and service missions of the university
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**Growth in research and scholarship that enhances fundamental knowledge and improves the lives of the world’s citizens**

**Objective**
Documented advances in productivity and recognition of UF research programs

**Objective**
Exceptional graduate and postdoctoral scholars who will contribute to influential research and scholarship

**Objective**
Increased extramural and intramural funding that enhances both basic and translational research

**Objective**
Processes and systems that facilitate excellence in research and scholarship

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**A strengthened public engagement of the university’s programs with local, national and international communities**

**Objective**
Increased engagement and outreach of UF programs leading to positive impacts in such areas as health, the economy, environment and community

**Objective**
Improved communication leading to increased public awareness of and value placed on UF programs and their impact on society

**Objective**
Increased technology translation and entrepreneurial activities
Objective
A campus with updated facilities, including modern research laboratories, classrooms to support state-of-the-art teaching and learning, contemporary residence halls, and high-quality technology infrastructure.

Objective
An efficient and effective administration that provides superior business services to the campus community, proactively streamlines processes to minimize burden and redundancy, incentivizes excellence through budget appropriations and attracts and retains talented staff through ongoing professional development opportunities and competitive compensation.

Objective
An attractive, sustainable and safe campus that offers a high quality of life to faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community, making UF a desirable place to visit, live, work and play.
To build and maintain a great university that can take its place among the ten or twelve great state universities of the country is a monumental task and a grave responsibility. Anything less than that status for the University of Florida would place the State herself in an inconspicuous place among the great states of the Union.”

PRESIDENT J. HILLS MILLER
Inaugural Address, 1948

... A state that has catapulted to a position among the top ten in population in the nation in the last ten years, if it is to reach its full potential in realms other than size, warrants a university among the top ten in the nation.

PRESIDENT ROBERT MARSTON
Inaugural Address, 1975

... We will be among the nation’s top-five public research universities. And, we will be the nation’s number one public university for comprehensive excellence...

PRESIDENT KENT FUCHS
Inaugural Address, 2015
Categorization of Institutions

- **34 PUBLICS**
- **60 AAU**
- **26 PRIVATES**
- **115 HIGHEST RESEARCH**
- **334 DOCTORAL**
- **4,664 INSTITUTIONS**

Latest UF National Rankings

- Times Higher Education Graduate Employability: 1st
- Value Colleges – Top 50 Best Value Colleges: 1st
- Educate to Career (ETC) College Rankings Index: 3rd
- Forbes Best Value Colleges: 3rd
- New York Times – College Access Index: 6th
- Kiplinger’s Best College Values (In-state): 7th
- Business Insider 50 Best Colleges in America: 8th
- U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges – National Universities: 9th
- Money Magazine – Best Colleges for Your Money: 10th
- Forbes Top Colleges: 10th
- Washington Monthly – National Universities: 10th
- Washington Post – Combined Rankings: 11th
## Ensembles of Metrics

### U.S. News Metrics
- 6-year graduation rate
- Retention rate
- Peer assessment survey
- HS counselor ratings
- Financial resources/student
- Faculty compensation
- SAT
- HS standing in top 10%
- Acceptance rate
- Class size
- % faculty with terminal degree
- % faculty full-time
- Student-faculty ratio
- Graduation rate performance
- Alumni giving rate

### Metrics that Matter
- Student-faculty ratio
- Total revenue per student
- Endowment
- National Academy
- Faculty awards
- Total research expenditures
- Research doctoral degrees
- Licenses / options
- Startups
- 4-year graduation rate
- 6-year graduation rate
- SAT

## Performance Funding
- % BAs enrolled or employed
- Median wages of BAs enrolled full-time
- Average cost to the student
- 6-year graduation rate
- Academic progress rate
- % BAs in strategic emphasis areas
- % undergraduates with Pell Grants
- % graduate degrees in strategic emphasis areas
- Number of faculty awards
- 4-year graduation rate*

## AAU Membership Indicators
- Federal research
- Membership in National Academies
- Faculty honors and awards
- Citations
- USDA, state and industry research funding
- Doctorates awarded
- Postdoctoral appointees
- Undergraduate education

*anticipated
U.S. News Ranking Criteria, Weights and Strategy

**RANKING INDICATOR**

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<td>Increased recruitment out-of-state</td>
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<td>Merit and market equity raises</td>
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*Figures in bold for each ranking indicator are the overall weights for that indicator. Percentages under the bolded weights are the relative contributions of each factor for that indicator.