THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
2026-2030

ACADEMIC STRATEGIC PLAN

ABOUT THIS PLAN

This plan informs strategic initiatives and planning across the University of Florida to guide deans' and other administrative leader decision-making through 2030.

It is the result of a six-month, university-wide effort launched in September 2025 by the Office of the Provost and the Academic Deans.

The Academic Strategic Plan Drafting Committee of faculty leaders from across UF led the process, gathering input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the public through online and in-person meetings at the university's 16 colleges and beyond.

The committee also deployed a UF-created strategic planning AI chatbot, "NaviGator ConVey," leveraging UF's strengths in AI applications in higher education. The chatbot enabled the collection of 7,700 additional comments from 1,500 participants across all mission areas of the university.

The quotes in this plan were selected from comments in NaviGator ConVey to highlight student, faculty and staff perspectives.

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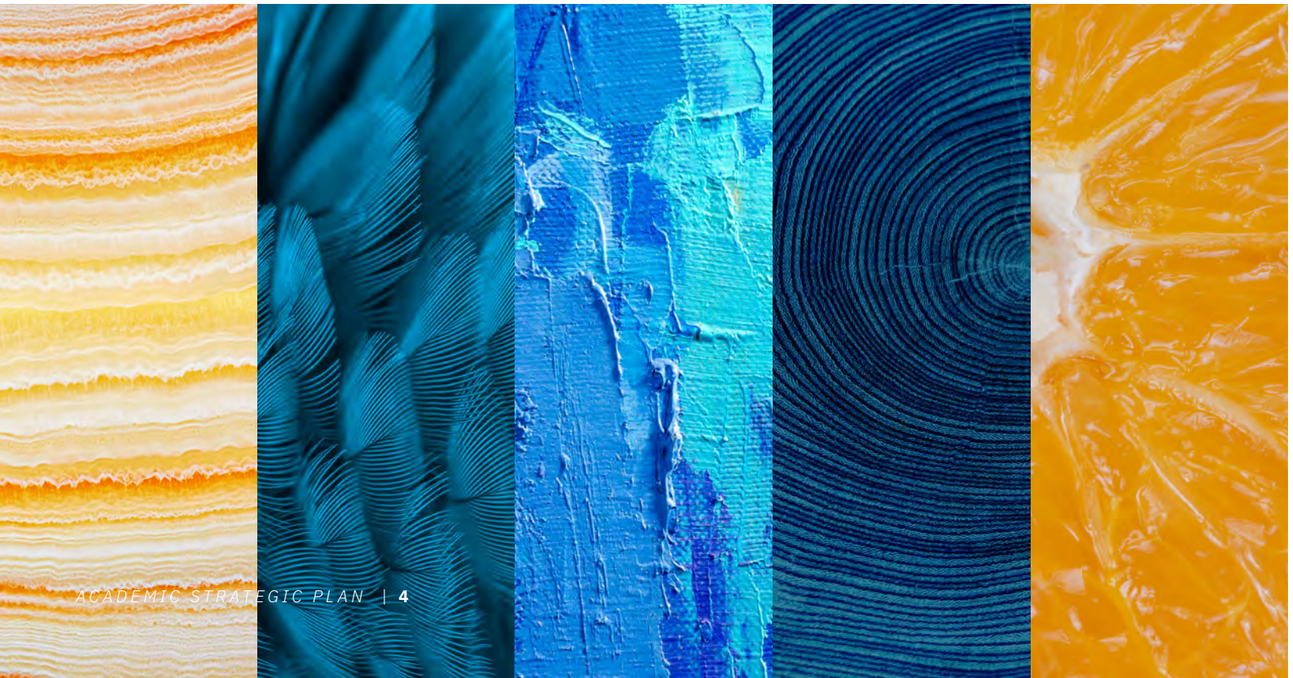
The University of Florida is Florida's flagship public university and one of the few universities that is a Carnegie R1 Research University, a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), and a land-, sea-, and space-grant institution. We have a constellation of disciplines and a culture of collaboration, nurturing creativity and discovery. Our investments in artificial intelligence, experiential learning, and emerging technologies are changing how students learn and how solutions reach the world. We unite artists and engineers, physicians and philosophers, data scientists and humanists — blending classical and civic education with experimental inquiry, and grounding innovation in human purpose. Guided by a spirit of service, commitment to research and scholarship, and dedication to seizing the initiative, we prepare global leaders and build what's next.

WE WILL SEEK TO RESOLVE SOCIETY'S GREATEST CHALLENGES THROUGH ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF THINKERS AND DOERS AND

TURNING IDEAS INTO SOLUTIONS.



GOAL 1

TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will seek the highest standards of educational excellence and professional development to prepare students for successful careers and productive lives as outstanding members of their communities and countries.

OBJECTIVES

- Leverage UF's breadth of disciplinary expertise to create the highest quality educational opportunities in and outside the classroom.
- Enhance personalized educational experiences to align with each student's career and life goals.
- Integrate emerging educational technologies to tailor teaching and advising for optimal student learning.
- Develop curricula that enhance professional preparedness and adaptability, seeking to prepare students for a constantly changing career landscape.
- Leverage alumni, business, and NGO relationships to generate real-world experiential learning opportunities nationally and abroad.

"What I value most about being part of UF is the opportunity to engage deeply in the intellectual growth of our students and the advancement of knowledge. I see firsthand the transformative power of rigorous education."

–UF Faculty

"I grew up at the University of Florida and earned my Ph.D. here. The people I met along the way inspired me and encouraged me to keep learning and exploring new ideas."

–UF Student

GOAL 2

LEADERSHIP IN DISCOVERY

We will continue to strengthen our comprehensive research intensive culture, generating new knowledge, advancing novel solutions and encouraging students to engage with our world class scholars in all disciplines.

OBJECTIVES

- Use our breadth of disciplines to ask and answer the biggest questions, responsibly and ethically, as we train the next generation of knowledge-creators.
- Disseminate new knowledge and life-changing innovations globally.

"I am proud to contribute to an institution committed to academic excellence and scientific discovery."

–UF Faculty

"UF fosters an environment where discovery is encouraged, ideas are shared freely, and diverse perspectives are valued. Being part of a community so deeply committed to these principles is both meaningful and motivating."

–UF Staff

"You're learning from and alongside people who are not just teaching from a textbook but are pioneers in their fields, actively conducting the research that will be in tomorrow's textbooks."

–UF Staff

GOAL 3

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

Consistent with our historic land-grant mission, we will be national leaders in accelerating the translation of university innovations and talent to promote economic growth and the health, happiness, and prosperity of people in Florida and beyond.

OBJECTIVES

- Leverage research, extension, healthcare, and educational missions, as well as leadership in artificial intelligence, to address challenges and seize opportunities related to Florida's rapid growth and aging population.
- Translate the university's intellectual capital to support the growth of industries and professions such as education, the arts, technology, transportation, finance, healthcare, tourism, housing and infrastructure, agriculture and natural resources.
- Cultivate deep, reciprocal community partnerships for societal impact and enhanced service-learning opportunities.

"UF graduates a huge number of talented people into the state, national and global workforce. These graduates contribute to economic prosperity and societal progress for all."

–UF Staff

"UF is dedicated to serving the people of Florida. This kind of community focus keeps us grounded in the people's real needs and gives us inspiration for how we can use discovery and innovation to improve people's lives."

–UF Faculty

GOAL 4

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

We will build on our leadership in harnessing artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies to enhance education, advance creativity, and accelerate discovery.

OBJECTIVES

- Utilize advancing technology to accelerate sponsored research, discovery, and real-world impacts for the benefit of humanity.
- Harness digital technology and artificial intelligence to enhance collaboration across locations, bridging the distance between UF and the world via new centers and synergies in research, scholarship and community outreach.
- Apply artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies across the curriculum, leading the nation in technology-enhanced higher education.

"By 2030, every student and faculty member, regardless of major, would gain experience using data and AI to solve real-world problems, making UF a national model for evidence-based education and innovation."

–UF Faculty

"I see UF becoming the flagship school for artificial intelligence (and its proper, optimal usage)."

–UF Student

GOAL 5

COLLABORATION AND INTERDISCIPLINARITY

We will seek to raise our stature as the nation's most powerful engine for interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together varied perspectives to cultivate critical thinking, clear communication, and purposeful leadership.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify barriers and incentivize efforts to enhance interdisciplinary education and problem solving across UF's comprehensive landscape.
- Promote a culture of collegiality and collaboration through shared emphasis on critical thinking, professional communication and team building.

"UF provides a unique ecosystem where disciplinary depth meets interdisciplinary exploration."

–UF Faculty

"A university where learning empowers critical thinking, not conformity; where diverse perspectives are celebrated, values and skills are prioritized alongside credentials, and students are encouraged to engage, question, and grow."

–UF Staff

"When I reflect on my connection to the University of Florida, what I value most is the dynamic interplay between tradition and innovation…there is a palpable energy here."

–UF Faculty

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