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11-20-19 Webinar Participants
3-29-19 Webinar Participants
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University of Florida

- Established 1853
- 2,000 Acres, 900 Buildings
- 55,000+ Students; 16,272 Graduate Students
- 14 Colleges and Schools; 5,000+ Faculty
- $838 million in Annual Research Expenditures
- UF Owned Lake Alice (on campus); Lake Wauburg (15 minute bus ride)
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

- Established 1910
- 10 Departments; 14 Programs
- 270 Faculty (Prof., Assoc. Prof., Ast. Prof.)
- 10,000+ Engineering Students
- 2,852 Graduate Engineering Students
  - Ph.D. = 905
  - Masters = 1,947
  - India MS = 700+
  - Fall 2019 New India MS = 375+
Rankings

• 2020 U.S. News & World Report
  • Ranked #7 for 2020
  • Ranked #8 for 2019
  • Ranked #9 in 2018
  • Ranked #14 in 2017
  • Ranked #21 in 2014

Departments & Areas of Specialization

• Agricultural & Biological Engineering
• Biomedical Engineering
• Chemical Engineering
• Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering
• Electrical and Computer Engineering
• Engineering Education
• Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment
  • Civil Engineering
  • Coastal Engineering
  • Environmental Engineering Sciences
• Industrial Systems Engineering
• Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
• Materials Science and Engineering
• Nuclear Engineering Sciences
Master’s Degrees

- Masters with on-campus studies
  - average of 1.5 to 2 years (3 to 4 semesters)
  - course based, more technical expertise
  - thesis/research based (preparation for Ph.D.)

- Masters with EDGE online distance studies
  - average of 1.5 to 2 years (3 to 4 semesters)
  - reside at Home, do not move to Gainesville
  - up to 50% reduced tuition discounts
Master’s Admissions

- Fall 2019 Master’s Enrollment
- 4,667 Applications
- 2,382 Admitted (51%)
- 828 Enrolled (35%)
- Averages Cumulative GPA = 3.30 (ranges of 6+ for India)
- GRE, Verbal = 151, Quantitative = 160+
- TOEFL = 80+; IELTS = 6+, GRE Verbal = 140+
Key Areas for Admissions

- **CISE Department (CS, DS, MIS, software)**
  - GPA 3.3+ (6 to 6.5+ for India)
  - TOEFL 80+ or IELTS 7+
  - GRE 317+, Overall, quantitative 164, verbal 153

- **ECE Department (electrical, computer, hardware)**
  - GPA 3.0+ (6.5 to 6.7+ for India)
  - TOEFL 80+ or IELTS 6+
  - GRE 315+ Overall, analytic writing 3.5

- **MAE Department (mechanical, robotics, aerospace)**
  - GPA not as much focus
  - TOEFL 80+ or IELTS 7+
  - GRE 315+ Overall, quantitative 163, verbal 152
Master’s Deadlines

- December 5, 2019
  MS Application Review Begins

- Apply Now in November or December for Expedited Admissions & I-20 VISA Processing

- MS Application remains open through April 2020

- Very Reasonable $37 Admissions Application Fee
Cost of Attendance

~$30,000 Annual Tuition

https://www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost/graduate-costs/
Masters Funding Options

- **Academic Achievement Award**
  - no limit on quantity of awardees
  - guaranteed $4,500 for non-Florida Residents
  - $1,500 for 3 semesters

- **EDGE Online Distance Learning**
  - no limit on enrollment
  - guaranteed up to 50% discounted tuition
  - cannot be combined with Academic Achievement Award

- **Glenn and Deborah Renwick Engineering Scholarship**
  - some students awardees (~15)
  - nominated by UF engineering department
  - $20,000 awards international students; several awardees from India
Renwick Scholars from India

Rahul Maurya, Computer Science
Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology

Meghana Reddy, Computer Science
Osmania University

Nikhil Roy, Chemical Engineering
I.I.T. Gandhinagar

Siddhika Chunchwar, Chemical Engineering
NITK, Surathkal

Sagar Patni, Civil Engineering
Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishvavidyalay

Anagha Sai, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
Statement of Purpose

• Goal of enrolling Master’s

• Why do you want to attend that institution?

• Faculty, programs, areas of specialization, facilities, research interests

• Highlight your research, job, computing experience

• Highlight some notable resumes qualifications such as internships, leadership positions, volunteering, community service, mentoring, etc.

• Maximum 1-2 page, less is better, be specific
Letters of Recommendation

• Typically 3 required letters, check institution requirements

• Minimum 2 academic (undergraduate research mentor, faculty who know you well, lab team project mentor, etc.); No family, friends, GSI/TA

• Contact faculty early, schedule an appointment to discuss, provide bullet points, resume, unofficial transcript, state of purpose draft, addressed envelopes, online submissions/formats, deadlines, offer draft, etc.

• Request Strong Letter!

• Send faculty reminders throughout the semester
Industry Connections

- UF Career Connection Center or [https://jobs.ufl.edu](https://jobs.ufl.edu)
- UF Career Showcase Twice Annually
- Largest in Southeast U.S.A. with 500+ Companies
- Companies Recruiting India Students with VISA options
  - Intel, Citrix, Paypal, Oak Ridge National Labs, InfoTech, Fanatics, etc.
- Engineering Departments with Separate Career Fairs
  - CISE Career Development Workshop
  - ESSIE Evening with Industry
  - Department Alumni Seminars

Indian Graduate Student Assoc.

- Cater to the Needs and Concerns of Indian Graduate Students
  [https://igsauf.weebly.com/](https://igsauf.weebly.com/)

- Provide Accessible Platform to Present Indian Identity within the International Community at University of Florida

- Provide Smooth Assimilation and Orientation for Indian Graduate Students into the UF Environment and Gainesville Community
International Center

- Estimated Start-Up Costs
- I-20 Process for F1 Degree Students
- F1 Visa: U.S. Embassy and Consulates in India
- UF Critical Dates & Deadlines
- Arriving In Gainesville
- Mandatory F1 Student Check-In Process
- Maintaining F1 Student Status
- Employment as an F1 Student

(Detailed information provided at each link!)
International Center F1 Advisors
Questions? Contact Your Specific F1 Advisor According To Your Family Name/Surname

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• Click “I-20 Process” for general yet informative information.
• All I-20 instructions (including CFR and Proof of Funds info) is in the email you’ll receive from the ISSS system.
• Please read and follow the instructions carefully to then SUBMIT your I-20 application.
Topics of Interest

Housing, Apartments

Advising, Course Selection & Registration, Faculty Mentoring

Department Contacts

India Student Community

Current India MS Student Guidance & Advice
• 35 NCAA National Championships

• Top 10 for 32 Straight Years for NCAA Div. 1 National All-Sports Standings

• Ben Hill Griffin Football Stadium seats 88,548

• Exactech Arena seats 12,633

• Southeastern Conference (SEC)  
  Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Missouri, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Tennessee,  
  Alabama, Texas A&M, LSU, Mississippi St., Auburn, Mississippi, Arkansas
Gainesville, FL

• Settled 1854
• Population of 130,128
• Average Annual Temperature of 81 degrees
• 80 minutes to Atlantic Ocean; 60 minutes to Gulf of Mexico
• 2 hours to Tampa (population ~3 million)
• 2 hours to Orlando (population ~2.4 million)
• 90 minutes to Jacksonville (population ~1.5 million)
Important Apps

**UF Admits 2019 WhatsApp Group:**
Help with VISA, housing, course selection etc. These groups have Indian students who are currently studying at UF and members of Indian Graduate Student Association (IGSA).
https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJtS6XAJVKrLUsUYMpFHfN

**Hangouts Dialer:**
Google app which lets you call most numbers in USA and Canada for free. All you need is an internet connection. Use to call staff at UF to clear my doubts related to vaccination requirements, visa documents, etc.
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