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MS Webinar for India Prospects University of Florida

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Recruiting Assistance: New MS from INDIA

Dept	First Name	Last Name	Undergraduate Institution
CISE	Sri Hari Chandana	Borra	Vignana Bharathi Institute of Technology
ECE	Vernon	Crasto	Visvesaraya Technological University
CISE	Arijit	Dutta	Heritage Institute of Technology
CISE	Sivalaya	Gangavarapu	GITAM University
CISE	Sheela	Ippili	Gitam University, Vishakapatnam
CISE	Rishabh	Jaiswal	Rajiv Gandhi Technical University, Bhopal
ISE	Roshan Abraham	Kurien	University of Mumbai
CHE	Tejashwini	Lnu	Siddaganga Institute of Technology
MSE	Gopal	Marda	Institute of Chemical Technology
CISE	Vaibhav	Mishra	Guru govind singh indraprasth university
ECE	Shebha	Mol	University of Kerala- Marian Engineering College
ECE	Mohit	Palliyil Sathyaseelan	Vellore Institute of Technology
BME	Ishwarya	Pitta Karthikeyan	SASTRA University
ECE	Satya Krishna	Pothapragada	Sreenidhi Institute of Science and Technology, Hyderabad
ECE	Yash	Punage	Goa University
MSE	Aditya	Raghavan	SASTRA Deemed University
ISE	Rishi Kumar	Raghukumar	Anna University
MSE	Nagarajan	Rajagopal	College if Engineering Guindy, Anna University
BME	Kunal	Shah	Mumbai university

Institutions in INDIA at University of Florida



Acharya Nagarjuna University	Karunya Institute of Technology
Ahmedabad University	KLE Technological University
Aligarh Muslim University	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation
Amity University	Malaviya Natl Inst Tech Jaipur
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	Manipal Academy of Higher Education
Andhra University	Manipal Institute of Technology
Anna University	Manipal University
Banasthali University	Manipal University Jaipur
Bennett University	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology
Birla Institute of Technology and Science	Maulana Azad National Institute
Bml Munjal University	MIT-World Peace University
Charotar University of Science and Technology	Mody University of Science and Technology
Christ University	National Institute of Technology
Delhi Technological University	National Institute of Technology Calicut
Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya	National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli
Dharmsinh Desai University	Nirma University
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technic	Nmims Deemed University
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University	Osmania University
Gandhi Institute of Technology	PES University
Gitam University	Punjab Technical University
GLA University	Rajasthan Technical University
Goa College of Engineering	Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishw
Gujarat Technological University	Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj N
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha	RIMT University
Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science	Sandip Institute of Engineering & Manag
I K Gujral Punjab Technical University	SASTRA Deemed University
Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad	Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology
Indian Institute of Technology, Bhilai	Savitribai Phule Pune University
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Shiv Nadar University
Indraprastha Institute of Info Tech	Solapur University
Jadavpur University	SRM Institute of Science and Technology
Jain University	Symbiosis International School
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological	Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology
Jaypee Institute of Information Technology	University of Kerala
JK LakshmiPat University	University of Mumbai
JNTUH College of Engineering	Vellore Institute of Technology
Kakatiya University	Visvesvaraya Natinal Institute of Technology
Kalinga Institute of Technology	Visvesvaraya Technological University

University of Florida

- Established 1853
- 2,000 Acres, 900 Buildings
- 57,000+ Students; 16,272 Graduate Students
- 14 Colleges and Schools; 5,000+ Faculty
- \$950+ million in Annual Research Expenditures
- UF Owned Lake Alice (on campus); Lake Wauburg (15 minute bus ride)



Rankings

- 2022 U.S. News & World Report
 - Top National Public University
 - Ranked #5 in 2022
 - Ranked #6 in 2021
 - Ranked #7 in 2020
 - Ranked #8 for 2019
 - Ranked #9 in 2018
 - Ranked #14 in 2017
 - Ranked #21 in 2014
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- <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities/top-public>



Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

■ Students

- Bachelor's = 7,266
- Master's = 1,889
- Ph.D. = 1,082
- **Total: 10,237**

■ 300+ Faculty (tenure track)

■ 16 Degree Programs 11 Departments

■ Establish 1910

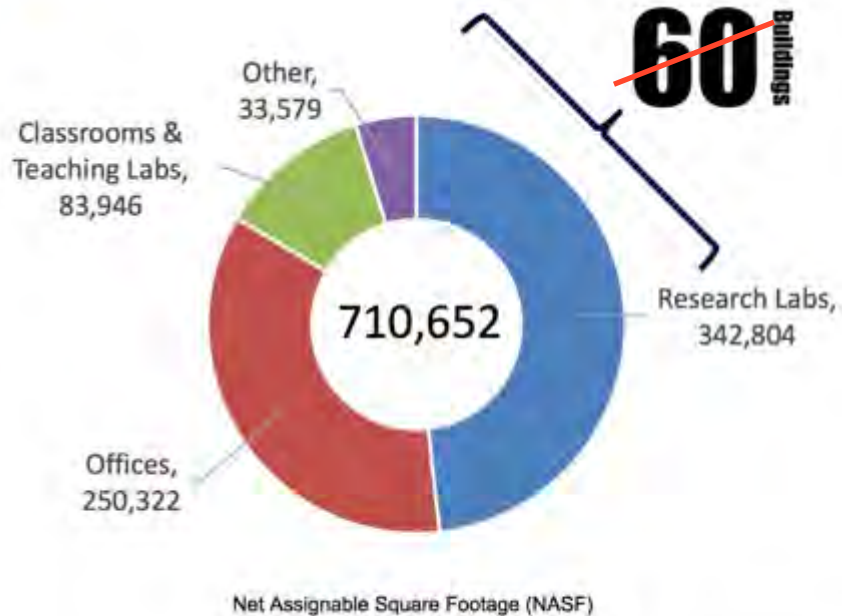
- AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
- AGRICULTURAL & BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING
- BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
- CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- COASTAL & OCEANOGRAPHIC ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- DIGITAL ARTS & SCIENCES
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- ENGINEERING EDUCATION
- ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES
- INDUSTRIAL & SYSTEMS ENGINEERING
- MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

INDIA Students at UF Engineering/CS

Dept	Concentrations	MS	Ph.D.	Total
ABE	Agricultural, Biological	1	4	5
BME	Biomedical	6	2	8
CHE	Chemical	16	7	23
CISE	CE, CIS, CS, DS, MIS	322	21	343
ECE	Electrical, Computer	76	48	124
ESSIE	Civil, Coastal, Environmental	14	9	23
ISE	Industrial, Systems	28	0	28
MAE	Mechanical, Aerospace	37	13	50
MSE	Materials, Nuclear	5	8	13
	Total	505	112	617

Over 1,000,000 Gross Sq. Ft. of Engineering Facilities

NAME	SQ. FT
JOSEPH WEIR HALL	87,282
ENGINEERING	77,728
FREDERICK N RHINES HALL	47,220
COMPUTER SCIENCES/ENGINEERING	44,345
COASTAL ENGINEERING WAVE TANK	39,917
NUCLEAR SCIENCES	37,126
RESEARCH ENGINEERING EDUCATION FACILITY (REEF)	31,052
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	30,845
NANOSCALE RESEARCH FACILITY	25,775
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING	25,519
MATERIALS ENGINEERING	22,971
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG A	22,492
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG B	20,480
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG C	19,729
MERWIN J. LARSEN HALL	19,162
PARTICLE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	18,424
ALVIN P. BLACK HALL	17,608
THE POWELL FAMILY STRUCTURES AND MATERIALS LABORATORY	17,450
JOHN R. BENTON HALL	14,995
OCE FACULTY / STAFF	9,426
NUCLEAR REACTOR	9,393
QUALIFICATION LAB, CTT	6,204
PERCY L. REED LABORATORY	5,511
EARLE B. PHELPS LAB	5,416
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT CENTER	5,341
NUCLEAR FIELD BUILDING	5,217
POLYMER RECYCLING BUILDING	4,611
COASTAL ENGINEERING SHOPS	4,197
32 REMAINING BUILDINGS	35,215
TOTAL	710,652



Source: UF Space Tracking & Reporting System (STARS)

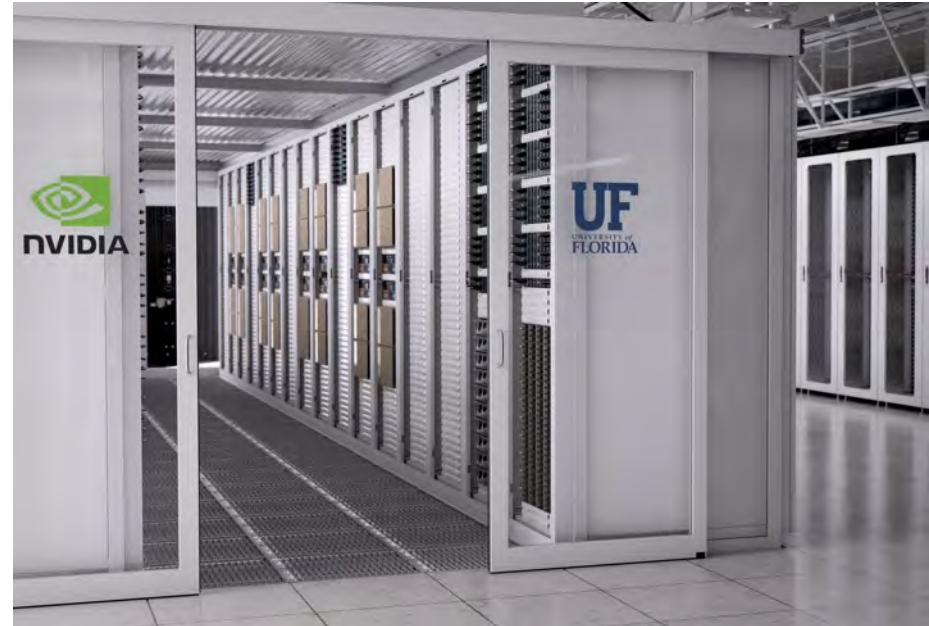
Opened Fall 2020

State-of-the art biotech lab
Prototyping labs
Global teleconferencing lab
Collaboration spaces
Classrooms

**HERBERT WERTHEIM LABORATORY
FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE**

UF \$70 million AI Partnership with NVIDIA

- UF houses the fastest AI supercomputer in higher education
- The third-generation HiPerGator with NVIDIA's most advanced AI software integrating 140 NVIDIA DGX™ A100 systems with 1,120 NVIDIA A100 Tensor Core GPUs and high-performance NVIDIA Mellanox HDR 200Gb/s InfiniBand networking to deliver 700 petaflops of AI performance.



Data Science and Information Technology

- **\$150M Investment**
- **Home of the AI University**
 - Headquarters for CISE and ECE
 - ICLASSROOM 2.0
 - Highly experiential – Hands on labs for VR, AI, Cybersecurity, IOT, GPU
- **Completion 2023**



UF & COVID-19

- Daily Updates, <http://www.ufl.edu/health-updates/>
- UF Currently Open Fall 2021 and Spring 2022
- COVID Testing and Vaccines Available On-Campus
- MS Online Enrollment Available for Those With Delayed Travel
- E-Learning Modules, <https://elearning.ufl.edu/keep-teaching/>
- UF Zoom Meetings, <https://ufl.zoom.us/>
- CANVAS, open source Learning Management System, <http://citt.ufl.edu/tools/canvas/>
- EDGE, Electronic Delivery of Gator Engineering, <https://ufedge.ufl.edu/>
- UF Online, <https://ufonline.ufl.edu/>



UF International Center

F-1 International Student Services

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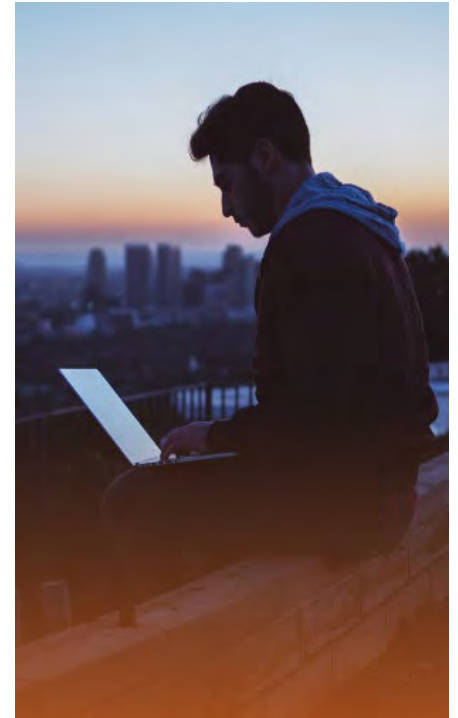
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Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering,
Prospective Grad Students for 2022

International Center

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Detailed information provided at each link!



Estimated Start-Up Costs for Fall 2021

- **Grad Students: \$49,908** – if you have an Achievement Award, must show **\$45,408** (*numbers subject to change*)
- Recommended you have immediately available \$20,000 USD for initial costs in the U.S.
 - Must declare anything over \$10,000 to customs
 - Costs associated with tuition, rent (deposit, and first & last month); electricity, internet and phone set up; driver's license, vehicle, etc.
 - Tuition payment deadline is within 2 weeks of the start of classes

I-20 Process for F1 Degree Students

- Department requests I-20 in ISSS system; UFIC-ISS updates amount student needs to show, then student receives email with instructions to login; all I-20 instructions provided within the ISSS portal
- ***Read and follow*** instructions, upload all required documents into the ISSS portal ***accurately completed***, then do a final review. SUBMIT I-20 application; application cannot be edited once submitted!
- Application is then in the ISSS portal queue for processing; please keep in mind F1 Advisors are working with *~300-500 incoming students' I-20 applications for Spring, ~1,100-1,500 incoming students for Fall, among other processes for the current students*

F1 Visa: U.S. Embassy and Consulates in India

- After student receives I-20* & pays SEVIS fee, then schedules visa appointment at a consular office
 - **SEVP/Federal government has allowed us to provide the I-20 to students electronically; valid for visa application, entry to the U.S.; valid for SSN, State ID/driver's license application, also.*
- Attend appointment: among the other documents required per the visa application process, make sure to also have your I-20, admission letter (copy is fine), proof of funds, and passport with you
- Obtain F1 visa, schedule flight, make plans to enter the U.S. to Gainesville, FL; **MUST COMPLETE MANDATORY ONLINE CHECK-IN** once in the U.S.!

Arriving In Gainesville

- Make sure to keep I-20, admission letter, F1 visa, passport on your person as you travel to the U.S.. **DO NOT PACK DOCUMENTS IN CHECKED LUGGAGE, DO NOT LOSE!** Scan a copy of all documents to keep digitally just in case.
- Can enter U.S. up to 30 days before program start date stated on I-20; **MUST COMPLETE MANDATORY ONLINE CHECK-IN** once in the U.S.!
- Keep in mind, many affordable apartments off campus are leased through **July 31**, need turn-over/cleaning time, and may not be available for move-in until ~ **August 8-14**

Mandatory F1 Student Check-In Process

- MUST COMPLETE MANDATORY ONLINE CHECK-IN once in the U.S.
<https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/f-1-student/new-f-1-students/check-process>
- Must complete check-in by the drop/add deadline
- If the mandatory check-in is not completed within deadline, F1 status is terminated

UF Critical Dates & Deadlines for Fall 2022

- Advance/Regular registration deadline (no late fee): **March 28 – August 22**
- First day of classes: **August 24**
- Drop/Add registration deadline (late fee applied if not previously registered): **August 24-30**
- Fee payment deadline (course dropped if fee not paid; this is an F1 status issue): **September 2**

Maintaining F1 Student Status

Registration:

- Full time registration for **graduate** students: 9 credits each Fall and Spring semesters.
 - At least 6 of the 9 credits must be in-person/hybrid; allowed maximum 3 of the 9 credits as 100% online

Considering COVID-19: The federal government has yet to release any guidance related to international student enrollment in online courses for the Fall 2022 semester. Specifically, we do not yet know whether the accommodations allowing additional enrollment in online courses through Summer A/C 2022 due to COVID-19 will continue. Any guidelines applicable to Fall 2022 may not be available until July/August 2022.

Employment as an F1 Student

- Limited to 20 hours per week and on the UF campus (*“on-campus” does **not** include working remotely, from campus, for another company*)
- Cannot work off campus at all in first academic year; authorization always required for off campus work/training
- Must apply for and receive CPT authorization on I-20 from F1 Advisor to work/train off campus prior to graduation
- Must apply for and receive OPT authorization card from USCIS to work/train after graduation

International Center F1 Advisors

Questions? Contact **your specific F1 international student 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.
 - ***If you do not click SUBMIT APPLICATION at the top of the application window once complete, we will not receive your I-20 application.***

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 2021 Master's Enrollment
- 5,275 Applications
- 2,776 Admitted (53%)
- 953 Enrolling (34%)
- Averages Cumulative GPA = 3.45
- GRE, Verbal = 150, Quantitative = 155
Some Depts Waiving for Fall 2022
- TOEFL = 80+; IELTS = 6+, GRE Verbal = 140+



Master's Admissions from INDIA

- Fall 2021 Master's Enrollment
- 2,333 Applications
- 971 Admitted (42%)
- 364 Enrolling (37%)
- GRE, Verbal = 150, Quantitative = 163
Some Depts Waiving for Fall 2022
- TOEFL Average Scores = 103
- Listening (27), Reading (26), Writing (25), Speaking (25)



Depts Waiving GRE Test



Department	Waiving GRE for MS
Agricultural and Biological Engineering	Yes
Biomedical Engineering	No
Chemical Engineering	Yes
Civil, Coastal, Environmental Engineering	No
Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering	No
Electrical and Computer Engineering	Yes
Industrial and Systems Engineering	No
Materials and Science Engineering	Yes
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	Yes

Key Areas for Admissions



<p>CISE Department (computer/data science, software)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPA 3.3+ (6 to 6.5+ for India) - GRE Verbal (153) Quan (155) Analytic (3.0) - TOEFL Computer (213) Internet (90) - IELTS (7.5) Read/Listen/Speak (6.5), Writing (5.5) 	<p>ISE Dept (industrial, systems)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPA 3.3+ (6.0 to 6.5+ for India) - GRE Verbal (153) Quan (162) Analytic (3.5) - TOEFL 80+ or IELTS 6+
<p>ECE Department (electrical, computer, hardware)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPA 3.0+ (6.0 to 6.5+ for India) - TOEFL 80+ or IELTS 6+ - GRE Waived 	<p>ESSIE Dept (civil, coastal, environmental)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPA 3.0+ (6.0 to 6.5+ for India) - GRE Verbal (140) Quan (157) - TOEFL 80+ or IELTS 6+
<p>MAE Department (mechanical, robotics, aerospace)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPA 3.0+ - TOEFL 80+ or IELTS 6+ - GRE Waived 	

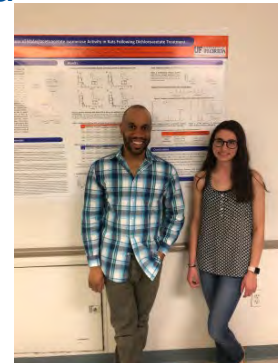
Statement of Purpose

- 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



Master's Deadlines



- December 5, 2021
Application Review Begins
Apply Dec, No Later than Jan.
- Apply sooner for Admissions & I-20 VISA Processing
- MS Application remains open through May 2022
- No MS Application Fee Waivers
Very Reasonable \$30 Admissions Application Fee

Cost of Attendance



~\$30,000 Annual Tuition

<https://www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost/graduate-costs/>

Institution	Rank	Tuition/Fees (out-state)	City
University of Florida	1	\$30,134	Gainesville, FL
University of North Carolina	2	\$30,864	Chapel Hill, NC
University of California San Diego	3	\$31,195	San Diego, CA
University of California Los Angeles	4	\$32,938	Los Angeles, CA
University of California Santa Barbara	5	\$33,537	Santa Barbara, CA
Georgia Institute of Technology	6	\$34,135	Atlanta, GA
University of Virginia	7	\$35,670	Charlottesville, VA
University of California Berkeley	8	\$41,508	Berkeley, CA
University of California Irvine	9	\$48,156	Irvine, CA
University of Michigan	10	\$49,548	Ann Arbor, MI

College Calculator

<https://www.collegecalc.org/colleges/>

Institution	Rank	City	Cost of Living
University of Florida	1	Gainesville, FL	90
National Average Cost of Living Index for U.S. A. Cities = 100			
University of Virginia	2	Charlottesville, VA	107
Georgia Institute of Technology	3	Atlanta, GA	110
University of Michigan	5	Ann Arbor, MI	111
University of North Carolina	4	Chapel Hill, NC	116
University of California San Diego	6	San Diego, CA	160
University of California Los Angeles	7	Los Angeles, CA	176
University of California Irvine	8	Irvine, CA	181
University of California Santa Barbara	9	Santa Barbara, CA	218
University of California Berkeley	10	Berkeley, CA	238

National Average Cost of Living = 100

<https://www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living/>

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
 - significant 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

Renwick Scholars from India



Siddhika Chunchwar, Chemical Engineering
NITK, Surathkal



Sagar Patni, Civil Engineering
Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishvavidyalay



Anagha Sai, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

Renwick Scholars from India



Labdhi Shah
Chemical Engineering
The Maharaja Sayajirao
University of Baroda



Neha Shah
Computer Science
University of Florida (India heritage)



Ratnakaram Sravanti
Computer Science
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological
University, Hyderabad



Swathi Basavaraj Dhulappanavar
Coastal & Oceanographic Engineering
KLE Technological University, Hubli

Renwick Scholars from India



Venkata Sai Gireesh
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Amrita School of Engineering



Krishnaprasak K.A.
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli



Prathyush Reddy Raghava Reddy
Industrial & Systems Engineering
Anna University

Industry Connections

- UF Career Connection Center
- 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
 - ISE Career Fair
 - ESSIE Evening with Industry
 - MAE Internship Course
 - Department Alumni Seminars
 - MAE Webinar Industry Insights



CISE Career Development Workshop

Walmart 

DiSTI®

Ultimate
SOFTWARE
People first



airwatch
by vmware

State Farm®

HARRIS®



nielsen

CSX
CORPORATION

GALLUP®



ExxonMobil
Energy lives here™



LOCKHEED MARTIN 

CITRIX®

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

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ESSIE Evening with Industry



ISE Career Fair



Indian Graduate Student Assoc.



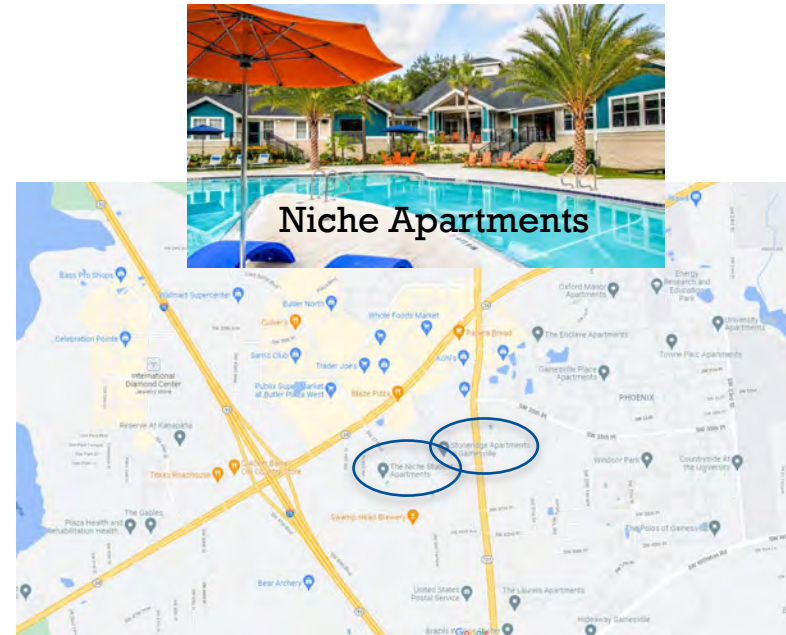
- Cater to the Needs and Concerns of Indian Graduate Students
- Provide Accessible Platform to Present Indian Identity within the International Community at University of Florida
- Provide Smooth Assimilation and Orientation for Indian Graduate Students into the UF Environment and Gainesville Community



Housing

On and Off Campus

- The Continuum for Graduate Students or UF Working Professionals
- On-Campus Housing: Correy Village, Diamond Village, and Tanglewood Village
- Off-Campus Housing:
 - <https://www.swamprentals.com/>
 - <https://www.apartments.com/gainesville-fl/>



Gators



- 35 NCAA National Championships
- Top 10 for 32 Straights 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 or Orlando & 90 minutes to Jacksonville
- Gainesville ranks no. 13 on Money Inc's [20 Best Places to Live in Florida, February 2020](#)
- Gainesville ranks no. 11 on [BestCollegeReviews.org's 50 Best College Towns in America, December 2019](#)



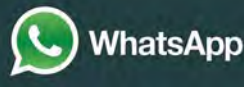
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