

**Alexis Gadsden**  
**Electrical Engineering**  
**Innovation Fellows Program - University of Florida**  
**Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering/Warrington College of Business**

Alexis Gadsden is currently a third-year student at the University of Florida studying Electrical Engineering. While pursuing her degree, Alexis has spent her semesters getting acclimated to UF campus. She explored many experiences such as campus jobs, campus clubs, and campus organizations to see where she fits in her free time. During her freshman year, she decided to switch her major from Civil Engineering to Electrical Engineering after taking her first engineering design course. That course put into perspective what aspect of Engineering Alexis liked. She realized that she enjoyed the coding and circuit parts of engineering, hence Electrical Engineering. During her second year, Alexis also had an interest in pursuing a minor in Economics after taking a class in Macroeconomics. Pursuing a minor in Economics is still a work in progress. Her original interest in business was piqued in high school when she took a financial dual enrollment class.



Alexis always had an interest in the making of things and math. As a young girl, her father had shown her how he had built his own controller for his Playstation 3 and that fascinated her. She thought things had to be made in factories. She also found joy in her math classes more than her other classes when growing up. From a very young age, Alexis knew that her career would involve both of her passions.

During her time at University of Florida, Alexis has held a job in the campus's Reitz Union, joined clubs specific to her field, and joined clubs focused to better the community. Now Alexis wants to focus her time developing the skills she learned in class for real-life situations while also learning something new. Alexis sees the Innovation Fellows Program as the perfect opportunity to collaborate with people in the same field and to learn about other fields, while gaining experience in creating something innovative.