

## Michael Georgiopoulos, Ph.D. Dean



Michael Georgiopoulos is the dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) at the University of Central Florida. CECS is one of the nation's largest engineering colleges with approximately 8,500 students enrolled.

Dr. Georgiopoulos became the dean in July 2013, after serving one year as interim dean. He has also served as interim assistant vice president of Research in the UCF Office of Research and Commercialization.

In 1986, Dr. Georgiopoulos joined the faculty of CECS's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science after receiving master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Connecticut. Since then, he has served in, and has been honored for, his many roles at UCF.

In 2010, he was named a Pegasus Professor – the university's most prestigious faculty award – recognizing extraordinary contributions to the UCF community through teaching, research and service.

Dr. Georgiopoulos' research area is machine learning with special emphasis on neural network algorithms. His research portfolio includes approximately \$17 million as principal investigator or collaborator. He has advised the research of more than 100 students of all degree levels.

He has published and presented his research findings in more than 250 papers in various professional journals, book chapters and international conferences. In addition, he has served as associate editor of *Neural Networks*, associate editor of *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*, and technical co-chair of the 2011 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks.

In 2014, Dr. Georgiopoulos was inducted into the University of Connecticut Academy of Distinguished Engineers.

Dr. Georgiopoulos is widely known in the UCF community for his leadership of UCF's EXCEL program, a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) talent expansion program funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Since it began in 2006, UCF's EXCEL program has resulted in an approximate 40 percent increase in student success, and has been lauded and recognized by UCF and the NSF.