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At the University of Central Florida, we provide a high-quality education to as many deserving students as possible — and are honored to be recognized for it. The following facts, accolades and pride points reflect our commitment to student success, faculty excellence and innovative research.

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MOST INNOVATIVE

UCF ranks among the nation’s top 10 Most Innovative colleges, according to U.S. News & World Report.

TOP GRADUATE PROGRAMS

In its 2020 guide to the Best Graduate Schools, U.S. News & World Report ranked 27 UCF grad programs among the top 100 in the nation — including three in the top 10.

$57 MILLION

Awarded to Bright Futures students

324

National Merit Scholars enrolled, a UCF record
The Rosengren Trauma Clinic at UCF RESTORES provides cutting-edge treatment to veterans, active duty personnel and first responders with post-traumatic stress disorder. Early research results show that two-thirds of patients who participate in the clinic’s three-week program, which combines virtual reality and group therapy sessions, no longer have symptoms of PTSD.

UCF researchers are setting the standard for research-grade simulants that replicate the physical, chemical and spectral makeup of soil on the moon, Mars and asteroids.

Treating PTSD

Limbitless Solutions, a nonprofit based at UCF, is involved in the first U.S. clinical trial for 3D-printed prosthetic arms for children. The study will help determine whether the devices will be covered by insurance.

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UCF researchers developed a way to control the speed of pulses of light. The groundbreaking findings are paving the way for more efficient forms of optical communication.

Innovations in Health

UCF’s partnership in Medical City, the 650-acre life sciences hub in southeast Orlando’s Lake Nona community, continues to grow with the construction of a new hospital. Set to debut by early 2021, UCF Lake Nona Medical Center is a partnership with the Hospital Corporation of America, the nation’s largest hospital company. Also adjacent to the UCF College of Medicine, the new UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center will house cancer researchers, clinical trials and treatment all under one roof.

Med Student Success

UCF medical students continually match with residencies above the national average, with this year’s graduating class matching at 99 percent — higher than the national average of 93.9 percent.

State of the Arts

UCF Celebrates the Arts, an annual festival that attracts the entire community and takes place in the state-of-the-art, 330,000-square-foot Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Orlando, showcases performers and artists from across the university.
NEW RECORD

For 23 straight semesters, UCF student-athletes have earned a GPA of 3.0 or better as an overall department.

1. Supplier of graduates to U.S. aerospace and defense industries
   - Aviation Week
2. Cyberdefense team in the nation
   - The Department of Energy’s 2018 CyberForce National Competition
3. Programming team in the nation
   - Association of Computing Machinery’s 2018 International Collegiate Programming Contest
4. Cheerleading team
   - 2018 Game Day and University World Cup Championships

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

UCF STRATEGIC PLAN

- Harness the power of scale to transform lives and livelihoods.
- Attract and cultivate exceptional and diverse faculty, students and staff whose collective contributions strengthen us.
- Deploy our distinctive assets to solve society’s greatest challenges.
- Create partnerships at every level that amplify our academic, economic, social and cultural impact and reputation.
- Innovate academic, operational and financial models to transform higher education.

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