Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies Vision Seminar

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My Background

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (IN)EQUITY

2nd Generation **MULTICULTURALISM**

"Education is one thing no one can take away from you."

BS, Biology, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro **RESEARCH**

Ph.D., UC Berkeley, Neurobiology INTERDISCIPLINARITY

Post-Doc, NIH, Genetics COLLABORATION

Faculty, Florida International University **DIVERSITY, SOCIAL MOBILITY**

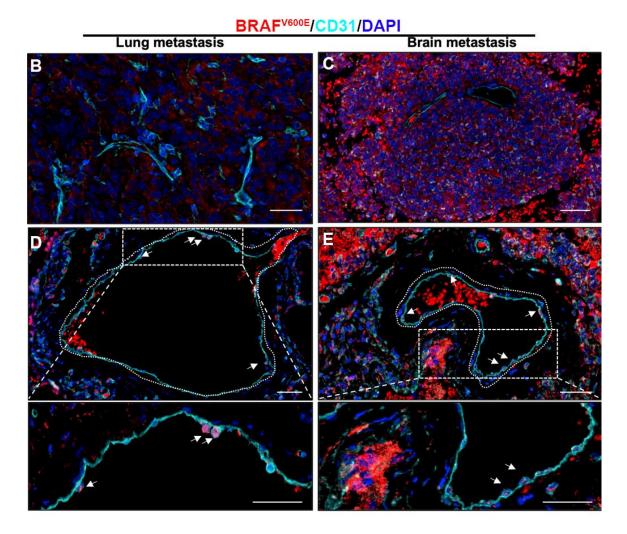




Associate Dean/Vice President, Florida International University COMMUNICATION, TRANSPARENCY

Disseminated Cancer Cells

opportunities and challenges



Li, X., Karras, P., Torres, R., Rambow, F., van den Oord, J., Marine, J-C., Kos, L. (2020) Disseminated melanoma cells transdifferentiate into endothelial cells in intravascular niches at metastatic sites. Cell Rep. 31: 107765.

Resiliency Transformation Innovation

VISION Graduate Division at UCR

The Graduate Division will work **collaboratively** with all stakeholders to create and promote **excellence**, **diversity**, **equity**, **transformation**, **innovation**, and a student-centered academic/personal experience in graduate education.

The vision will be achieved via:

Communication, Transparency, Partnerships, Flexibility, Empathy

Landscape of Graduate Education

opportunities and challenges

Societal perceived value of graduate education
Changes in the shape of knowledge
Advances in technology
Changes in demographics
Economic forces
Geopolitical forces

Graduate Division at UCR

opportunities

Value, Technology and Economics

- . Accelerated pathways: BS/MS or other combined degrees
- . Partnership with local/regional employers for alignment of competencies
- . Experiential learning: shadowing, internships
- . Micro-credentials: badges
- . Stacking of micro-credentials stand in for degrees in certain areas
- . On-the-job learning as part of the curriculum
- . Life-long learning



- World AIDS Museum and Educational Center
- African American Research Library & Cultural Center
- •Historic Hampton House
- •Vizcaya Museum & Gardens
- Jewish Museum of Florida
- Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center
- The Museum of Graffiti
- Stonewall National Museum & Archives
- Historic Ward Rooming House
- •WPHL Miami Studies









What's Right for You?



Graduate Division at UCR

opportunities

Economics, Demographics, Shape of Knowledge

- . Academic/industry partnerships
- . Professional master's/doctorates
- . Novel mentorship models
- . Interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary approaches
- . Promotion of a culture of inclusivity









Building a sense of community for doctoral students: DEI launches its inaugural Fellowship

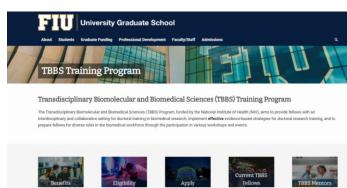
Cohort with 15 students

About A2i

To transform graduate education, Accelerate to Industry (A2I) is a bold, new approach to workforce readiness. With A2I, graduate students can explore the ample employment opportunities with industry. Students can also develop the business, leadership, and communication skills that companies seek.

Accelerate to Industry (A2i) Modules







Landscape of Graduate Education challenges

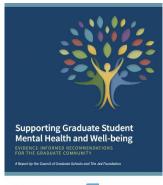
Mental Health/Wellness

Ensure that campus strategic plans regarding mental health and well-being address the unique needs of graduate students.

Examine ways to mitigate the impact of hyper-competitive campus cultures, recognizing the toll this may take on graduate faculty, staff, and students.

Create a taskforce or process to investigate how tenure, promotion and other faculty reward systems might be modified to encourage academic excellence and work/life balance.

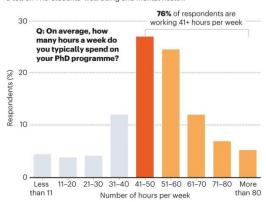
Prioritize diversity, equity and inclusion, creating campus spaces to acknowledge and discuss challenges and crises experienced directly by minoritized graduate students.



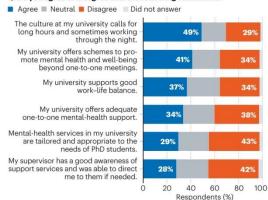


OVEREXTENDED AND STRESSED

Long hours in the laboratory and other demands have taken a toll on PhD students' well-being and mental health.



Q: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?





of respondents have sought help for anxiety or depression caused by PhD from places other than their institution, and 18% sought help at their institution but didn't feel supported.

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Landscape of Graduate Education

opportunities and challenges

Geopolitics and Economics

Reliance on small number of countries:

Immigration laws, natural disasters, political and economic turmoil, pandemics

Competition with other countries:

Canada, China, Singapore, UAE

- . Intentional (virtual) recruitment (with Enrollment Management)
- . Better integration of international students in the institution and community (with ISSS)
- . More support for future career opportunities (with Career Services)
- . Financial incentives (with Student Affairs/housing)

Dual PhD degree - FIU & University of Florence

2 PhDs: FIU Earth and Environment, U Florence Civil Engineering 2 major professors and research groups that collaborate on flood modeling

Francisco Pena

Nations that sent the most students to the US in 2019-20

Total international students	1,075,496	100%
China	372,532	34.6%
India	193,124	18%
South Korea	49,809	4.6%
Saudi Arabia	30,957	2.9%
Canada	25,992	2.4%
Vietnam	23,777	2.2%
Taiwan	23,724	2.2%
Japan	17,554	1.6%
Brazil	16,671	1.6%
Mexico	14,348	1.3%

Source: Institute of International Education, Open Doors Report on Inter-national Educational Exchange

Country	Percent change in applications from 2019-20 to 2020-21
China	-18
South Korea	3
Vietnam	5
United Arab Emirates	10
Nigeria	12
Canada	22
United Kingdom	23
India	28
Pakistan	37
Brazil	41

Data reflect unique applicants by country of residence, with the top 10 countries by applicant volume represented. Source: Common App

