

Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida

Who We Serve

The Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) is a diverse association of 28 private, not-for-profit higher-education institutions all based in Florida and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS).

Currently, the independent colleges and universities of Florida award **26 percent of the state's bachelor degrees**, over 16,000 annually. They award 39 percent of the state's master's degrees, 40 percent of the doctorates and 56 percent of the professional degrees. With **180 educational sites** - more educational sites than the state university or community college systems - it is Florida's most accessible higher-education system.

ICUF institutions offer nationally renowned programs producing scientists, doctors, teachers and nurses. They also educate the state's underserved students, promoting diversity and access. **44% of students are Florida resident minorities.** Like state universities, they accept all community college graduates as juniors to complete their bachelor degrees. They offer many programs of excellence with highly competitive academic standing. They also provide bachelor degree access to late developing students and non-traditional students who are not able to get accepted at state universities. Many of these institutions have open enrollment for all applicants and most expand their capacity based on student demand, not Tallahassee authorization or funding levels. They work to turn dreams into reality.

At ICUF institutions, one in three students receive a federal Pell Grant. At state universities only one student in five receives such low-income assistance. When comparing middle income students, **20 of the 25 institutions with the highest percentages of students from families with income under \$60,000** are ICUF institutions. ICUF institutions are also a home to many *First Generation in College Students*. In 2007, The Department of Education found that 49% of FRAG recipients were first generation students.

Students receiving FRAG cost the state less than 1.5 percent of the state's higher education budget. ICUF schools award nearly one-third of Florida's bachelors and advanced degrees. A *Council of 100* study found that **for each million dollar appropriated** to ICUF institutions for undergraduate education, Florida gets **155 bachelor degree graduates** ... each million dollars appropriated to state universities produces only 19 graduates.

The 28 Independent Colleges and Universities are **highly diverse, very accessible** and **less costly to the State**. The ICUF colleges and universities create access and opportunity for Florida students who would not otherwise be able to get a bachelor degree.

Who We Are

4 Research Universities

10 Masters Universities

9 Baccalaureate Colleges

1 Art, 1 Health & 3 Business Specialty Colleges

2 Medical Schools

5 Law Schools

6 Engineering Programs

12 Nursing Programs

21 Teacher Education Degree Programs

16,748/26% of Florida's bachelor degrees awarded

1/3 of the total degrees granted each year in Florida

44% Florida resident minority enrollment

More than 16,000 education, 4,381 engineering and 3,515
computer science majors

1 in 3 students receive federal Pell Grants

Annual operating budgets total more than \$6 billion

Who We Are

Barry University
Beacon College
Bethune-Cookman College
Clearwater Christian College
Eckerd College
Edward Waters College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Flagler College
Florida College
Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Memorial University
Florida Southern College
International College
Jacksonville University
Lynn University
Nova Southeastern University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Ringling School of Art and Design
Rollins College
Saint Leo University
Saint Thomas University
Southeastern University
Stetson University
The University of Tampa
University of Miami
Warner Southern College
Webber International University

FRAG TOP TEN

WHY THE FRAG IS GREAT FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITIES AND FLORIDA!

Reason 1: FRAG Enables Student Success

- Florida's independent colleges and universities enrolled more than 32,000 FRAG recipients last year.
- ICUF students graduate in an average of 4.1 years.
- Last year, ICUF institutions awarded 17,532 bachelor degrees. That is 26% of all Florida's baccalaureate degrees.
- Last year, ICUF awarded 38% of all graduate degrees and 52% of all first professional degrees in Florida.
- More than 87% of all classes at ICUF institutions have fewer than 30 students.

Reason 2: FRAG Helps Florida Meet Its Workforce & Workplace Demands

- ICUF Institutions produce more than a quarter of the undergraduate degrees in Florida. Yet Florida spends only 1.3% of the higher education budget to fund the FRAG.
- Nearly 47% of ICUF bachelor degrees are awarded in the critical fields of Education, Health Care, Engineering, Computer Science and Biology/Biomedical.
- ICUF Institutions award 62% of Florida's education degrees at all levels; providing high quality teachers for Florida.

Reason 3: FRAG Students are Educationally & Academically More Diverse

- 44% of FRAG Recipients are minority students.
- More than half of all FRAG Recipients are First Generation in College.

Reason 4: ICUF Attracts Out-of-State Talent, Dollars and Workforce

- ICUF attracts 47% of its students from out of state and internationally.
- Those 60,000 students bring their college savings to Florida and pay all their own expenses.
- More than half of ICUF graduates, regardless of "home" state, stay in Florida, boosting the skilled workforce.

Reason 5: ICUF Students Give Back to Local Communities

- ICUF institutions provide athletic, cultural, entertainment and academic enrichment programs in communities.
- Thousands of school children and teachers study on ICUF campuses each summer.
- ICUF institutions promote and often require volunteer service by students in surrounding communities.
- ICUF institutions provide faculty and staff volunteers, mentors, coaches, advocates and professional resources to their communities.

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Reason 6: FRAG Relieves Over Crowded State Universities

- Cuts to FRAG place increased pressure on Florida's state universities and community colleges as our students would be forced to leave school and transfer to the public institutions where the state costs are much higher to the taxpayer.

Reason 7: ICUF Institutions are More Available to Lower-Income Families

- ICUF institutions provide an average of \$7,600 per student in private institutional aid to students with demonstrated financial need.
- Around 31% of ICUF students come from families with incomes less than \$60,000.
- ICUF undergraduate students received nearly \$700 million in grants and scholarships last year.
- 58% of ICUF full time undergraduate students have financial need compared to just 40% of at State Universities.
- With 108 educational sites – 32 on community colleges campuses – ICUF provides more educational locations around the state than the state university system or community college system.

Reason 8: ICUF Institutions Boost Florida's Economy

- The 28 ICUF institutions contributed more than \$15 billion to Florida's economy each year.
- Gross payroll expenditures exceeded \$1.3 billion in fiscal year 2008 for nearly 29,000 employees.

Reason 9: FRAG Helps Florida's Students

- A cut in FRAG is the same as increasing tuition for these students by that same amount.
- ICUF institutions educate the underserved of Florida who want the opportunity to improve themselves which will in turn improve Florida. These students need the critical scholarship funds of the FRAG to make their success possible.

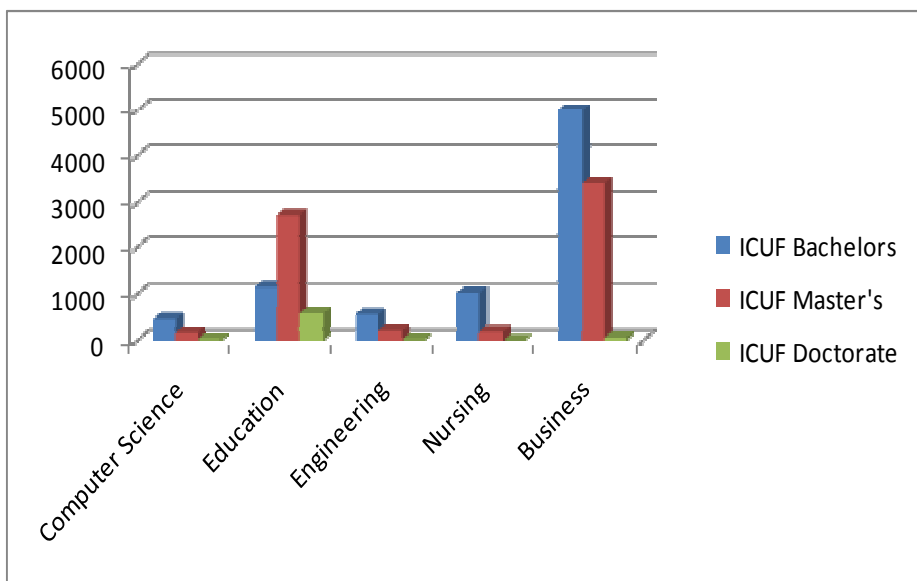
Reason 10: FRAG Saves Taxpayers Money

- The 43,823 Florida undergraduate students at ICUF institutions would cost Florida taxpayers and the State budget an additional \$482 million were they to attend state universities.
- ICUF Schools produce **31%** of the total degrees in Florida for less than **1.3%** of what the state spends in higher education.

ICUF - EDUCATING FLORIDA'S FUTURE

ICUF Helps Florida Meet Its Workforce & Workplace Demands

- Florida's independent colleges and universities enrolled over 128,000 students last year.
- ICUF students graduate in an average of 4.1 years and more than 87% of all classes have fewer than 30 students.
- Last year, ICUF awarded 17,532 bachelor degrees – 26% of all Florida's baccalaureate degrees.
- Last year, ICUF awarded 38% of all graduate degrees in Florida—52% of all First Professional Degrees in Florida.
- With 108 educational sites – 32 on community colleges campuses – ICUF provides more educational locations around the state than the state university system or community college system.
- ICUF Schools produce **31%** of all degrees in Florida. The FRAG, a student grant, is only 1.3% of what the state spends in higher education.
- Nearly 47% of ICUF Bachelor Degrees Awarded are in critical fields of Education, Health Care, Engineering, Computer Science and Biological/Biomedical.
- ICUF Institutions award **62% of the education degrees at all levels**; providing needed teachers for Florida.
- ICUF Institutions award **a third of Florida's health degrees** including nursing and allied health.



	Computer Science	Education	Engineering	Nursing	Business
ICUF Bachelors	467	1151	563	1024	5006
ICUF Master's	177	2735	214	198	3417
ICUF Doctorate	34	587	26	2	68

ICUF MEANS ECONOMIC IMPACT

Reason 1: ICUF Institutions Boost Florida's Economy

- The 28 ICUF institutions spend in excess of \$3.9 billion in Florida each year.
- That generates nearly \$15 billion dollars of impact in communities across the state.
- ICUF institutions employ more than 29,000 Floridians.
- Gross payroll expenditures exceeded \$1.3 billion in 2008.
- ICUF institutions provide an average of over \$7,600 per student in private institutional aid to students in need each year.
- ICUF students receive nearly \$700 million in grants and scholarships annually.

Reason 2: ICUF Institutions Help Florida Meet Its Workforce Demands

- ICUF Schools produce **31%** of all degrees in Florida. The FRAG budget item is 1.3% of what the state spends on higher education.
- Nearly 47% of ICUF Bachelor Degrees awarded are in critical fields of Education, Health Care, Engineering, Computer Science and Biological/Biomedical.
- ICUF Institutions award 62% of the education degrees at all levels; providing needed teachers for Florida.
- With 108 educational sites – 32 on community colleges campuses – ICUF provides more educational locations around the state than the state university system or community college system, easing access to those in today's Florida workforce.

Reason 3: ICUF Attracts Out-of-State Talent and Dollars to Florida

- ICUF attracts 47% of its students from other states and countries.
- Those nearly 60,000 students spend their college savings in Florida and pay all their own expenses.
- More than half of ICUF graduates, regardless of "home" state, stay in Florida, boosting the skilled workforce.

Reason 4: ICUF Students Give Back to Local Communities

- ICUF institutions provide athletic, cultural, entertainment and study programs in communities.
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What you may not know about ICUF Graduate Education

Twenty ICUF institutions offer graduate degree programs, including eight offering doctoral degrees, 2 medical schools and 5 law schools.

ICUF institutions produced nearly 40% of all master's degrees and 40% of all doctorate degrees in Florida last year.

ICUF institutions are more accessible to Florida resident students from racial/ethnic minorities than the State University System. More than 47% of Florida resident graduate students at ICUF institutions were from racial/ethnic minorities. That's more than 21% higher than at the State University System.

ICUF institutions awarded 25% more minority doctoral degrees than the State University System. Last year, ICUF institutions awarded 39% of their in-state resident doctoral degrees to minority students. The State Universities awarded just 14% to minorities.

ICUF is continuing to assist Florida in meeting its critical needs. ICUF institutions awarded more than 50% of all Florida's graduate education and business degrees, while enrollments grew over 36% in ICUF's nursing graduate programs last year alone.

Graduate students at ICUF institutions do not receive any state grants or subsidization to fund tuition costs.