

# FFRI MISSION

The University of Florida's France-Florida Research Institute (FFRI) serves as an umbrella organization to centralize and promote the numerous teaching and research activities that link the University of Florida to French and Francophone research centers and academic institutions. The FFRI also acts as a catalyst to foster new partnerships between UF, France and the Francophone world in the spirit of interdisciplinarity and internationalization that characterizes the University of Florida.

The FFRI sponsors lecture series, visiting professorships, film series, theater workshops, exhibits, symposia and outreach activities for the teachers of French in Alachua County. Visit the FFRI webpage at [www.clas.ufl.edu/FranceFlorida/](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/FranceFlorida/) for a Calendar of Events.

Proposals for activities related to the mission of the FFRI should be submitted either to the Director, Dr. Carol Murphy, Professor of French, or the Associate Director, Dr. Randolph Duran, Associate Professor of Chemistry.



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## INTRODUCING THE FRANCE-FLORIDA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

In June 2002, the French Embassy awarded the designation of *centre pluridisciplinaire* to the University of Florida, which joins seventeen other officially recognized interdisciplinary centers of excellence in the United States (Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Louisiana State University, New York University, Northwestern, Princeton, UCLA, Chicago, Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Pennsylvania, Texas-Austin, Wisconsin-Madison, Stanford, and Yale).

UF's *centre pluridisciplinaire*, the France-Florida Research Institute (FFRI), has received generous funding from the Office of Research and Graduate Programs under the direction of Dr. Winfred Phillips, Vice-President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, from Dean Neil S. Sullivan of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), and from Dean Dennis Jett of the UF International Center.

UF's 17 colleges and schools and more than 100 on-campus research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes offer breadth and depth in its research, teaching and outreach. Its distinguished library holdings are the largest in the state.

The core of the FFRI, the French program in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, awards BA, MA and PhD degrees. Eleven tenured and tenure-track faculty, including a Graduate Research Professor, and three lecturers offer courses in languages, including Haitian Creole, literature,

civilization, cultural studies, commercial French, critical theory and linguistics.

Other important linkages to the FFRI include the Center for African Studies, a Title VI National Resource Center that has strong ties to Francophone West Africa. UF is a recognized European Union document depository and houses a European Union Studies Center in CLAS. Students of French and political science participate in an official partnership with the *Institut des Sciences Politiques* in Paris. Joint PhD programs in Chemistry and Engineering between UF and French institutions are being realized. The renowned Harn Museum of Art, together with programs in Art and Art History, iterate a strong emphasis on the French visual arts, as do the Film Studies program and the Center for the Study of Children's Literature and Culture. Numerous study abroad programs in France, including the UF in Provence program and the summer study abroad at Montpellier in the Levin College of Law, afford opportunities for UF students to engage with French and Francophone cultures.

France is the top country of partnership with UF. There are 18 official agreements with French institutions, mostly in the sciences, engineering, and business administration, the latter through the Title VI Center for International Business and Educational Research (CIBER).

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