
Whether planning for graduate school or a career, High Impact Practices (HIPs) are experiences offering students a competitive edge, by helping them blend what learning in the classroom with real-world experiences.

Graduating Students

44% GRADUATED WITH 3 OR MORE SEMESTERS ENGAGED IN HIPS

88% HAD AT LEAST ONE HIP

• 60% participated in a capstone
• 52% participated in a HIP-designated course
• 25% participated in experiential learning (internships, practicums, or clinical)

Facts

84% of interns were paid
333 Knights of Distinction program participants
445 Undergraduates presented during Student Research Week
1,568 students participated in the Spring 2022 Internship Fair
100% of the graduating 2022 McNair cohort accepted to graduate school or post-baccalaureate research programs

Highlights

New Study Abroad Barcelona Hub with 2 Programs and 44 Students
New Downtown Networking Fair held with 40 vendors
93% of McNair Scholars received graduate school funding
Hosted the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference; 779 undergraduate students representing 38 Florida colleges
New Global Learning HIP course designation launched
Honors Thesis Program Expanded; 20% of theses are interdisciplinary

All Students Involvement

14,550 HIP Designated Courses
Service Learning, Research Intensive, Integrative Learning Experience, and Global Learning

9,846 Capstone Courses

5,740 Experiential Learning

1,219 Living Learning Communities

2,224 Undergraduate Research (estimated)

235 Study Abroad*

HIP Hub

A one-stop-shop for students to learn about opportunities and how to get started.

*in light of COVID-19
Student Highlights

“My undergraduate research learning community, LEARN, was the first opportunity I encountered when I transferred to UCF and an experience that opened a lot of doors for me. I engaged with like-minded individuals and supportive staff. It encouraged me to explore research not only as an academic experience but also as a career. The program allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and develop strong interpersonal skills. LEARN was the propelling force that led to many other great opportunities.”

Maria Gonzalez
Psychology

“Be confident, be open-minded, remain positive throughout the whole process from the time you prepare to go until the time you return, as well as be ready to face some challenges. Remember that when you experience hard challenges it helps you grow, and more positive things come out of it in the long run instead of if the experience was easy.”

Samantha Bonbon
Hospitality Exchange at the University of Canberra, Australia

“I truly believe Knights of Distinctions (KoD) helped me succeed as a student and in life. I have recently accepted an invitation to join an Ivy League graduate program. Gaining acceptance to such a top-tier school was something I would have never imagined as a nontraditional student. The KoD program has helped me get to this point in my life.”

Sean Singh
Health Sciences

“Joining the EXCEL learning community helped me grow. Having the opportunity to be in smaller classes with familiar faces made it easy for me to make friends and connect with UCF faculty and staff.”

Loubensky Baine
Aerospace Engineering

Spotlight: McNair Scholars Receive Prestigious Awards

Six students participating in high impact practices were recognized for academic excellence.

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- Barry Goldwater Scholarship
- Rangel Graduate Fellowship
- International Optica Women Scholars Award
- Fulbright Foreign Student Program Fellowship
- GEM Fellowship