

An Introduction to
State University System
Institutes and Centers
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Summary Data

University	
UF	182
USF	94
FSU	85
FAU	48
FIU	46
UCF	23
UNF	20
FAMU	14
UWF	12
FGCU	7

A pie chart is provided that groups The SUS inventory of institutes and centers by general academic area. This chart shows Energy, Engineering, and Science at 27% of the whole; Social and Agricultural at 19%; Business and Management at 17%; Education 14%; Geography and Humanities at 11%; Medical at 10%; and Law at 2%.

Institute and Center Funding

University	General Revenue	Contracts & Grants	Fees for Service	Private Funds	Total
SUS	\$ 89	\$ 301	\$ 27	\$ 30	\$ 447
FAMU	\$ 4	\$ 10	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14
FAU	\$ 9	\$ 24	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 35
FGCU	\$ 1	\$ 4	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5
FIU	\$ 6	\$ 36	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 45
FSU	\$ 9	\$ 47	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 70
UCF	\$ 19	\$ 41	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 66
UF	\$ 27	\$ 49	\$ 9	\$ 12	\$ 97
UNF	\$ 1	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 10
USF	\$ 10	\$ 75	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 94
UWF	\$ 3	\$ 8	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11

Shown in millions of dollars, rounded. (\$0 = <\$500,000)

The OPPAGA Report

In July of 2007, OPPAGA published the report, "University Centers and Institutes Report Many Benefits; the Oversight Process Needs to Be Strengthened"

Benefits

Reported Benefits of Institutes and Centers 1

- Advancing Knowledge in Technical Fields of Study
 - Providing Equipment Access
 - Disseminating Research Findings

- Achieving University Missions
 - Student Instruction
 - Attracting Research Funding

- Improving Citizens' Lives
 - Addressing State and Local Problems
 - Supporting Economic Growth
 - Making Scientific Advances in Health Care

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OPPAGA Recommendations

- Ensure that universities require centers and institutes to establish performance-based goals and objectives.
- Conduct periodic performance evaluations of institutes and centers.
- Ensure that evaluations provide information on efficiency, effectiveness, and movement towards mission.

BOG Regulation

A Board of Governors Regulation is proposed to address the concerns raised by OPPAGA regarding institute and center accountability.

- Specifies that University Boards of Trustees must adopt policies for governance of university institutes and centers.
- Lays out requirements for establishment, reporting, evaluation and disbanding of State of Florida institutes and centers

BOG Regulation

Other SUS “Institute” or “Center” entities may need further discussion and review to ensure accountability:

- Institute for Human and Machine Cognition -- UWF
- Moffitt Cancer Center -- USF

