

Institutes and Centers Annual Reporting Executive Summary

To ensure that institutes and centers implemented within the state university system are of the highest quality, the Board of Governors requires periodic evaluation of each State of Florida and/or University Institute and Center. A formal review shall be conducted at least every seven years. At a minimum, all evaluations/reviews shall include:

- A determination of the institute or center's progress against defined goals and objectives within the context of the institute or center's mission, the participating university missions, and the current Board of Governor's Strategic Plan.
- An assessment of the return on investment of State dollars, if applicable.
- The need for continuation of the institute or center.
- Possible changes in mission or organizational structure.
- Budget reduction or expansion.
- Recommendations for change of classification (State of Florida, Infrastructural, or University institute or center), if applicable.
- Recommendations for status change (active, inactive, terminated), if applicable.

Each active institute or center at FAMU has been reviewed in accordance with Board of Governors regulation 10.015. Evaluations and/or self-assessments were conducted for the AY2022-2023. Some of the institutes/centers were reviewed in conjunction with an academic program review or programmatic accreditation visit. Others were done in accordance with internal guidelines for annual reporting. The following institutes and centers (with a brief description of each) are included in this report.

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Name of Center/Institute	Description
Center for International Agricultural Trade Development and Research Training	The Center for International Agricultural Trade, Development Research and Training provides training, research and development assistance to public and private domestic and developing country international organizations, particularly in the areas of small enterprise development, marketing, international trade, and sustainable agriculture to improve the economic status and quality of life for limited resourced peoples globally.
Meek-Eaton Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum	The center was founded in 1976 by Florida A&M University history professor, Dr. James N. Eaton. It officially opened in historic Carnegie Library on FAMU's campus. Since that time, the Black Archives has served as a research center for individuals of various ages, ethnicities, and interests. By functioning both as a repository for archival records and a museum for historical regalia, the center continues to render academic support to educational institutions, civic, political, religious and social groups, as well as public and private businesses throughout Florida and the nation.
Center for Viticulture Science and Small Fruit Research	The purpose of the Center for Viticulture Science and Small Fruit Research is to conduct research and provide service and support that will help the Viticulture industry to become a viable industry and promote the economic development of small and limited resource farms in Florida.
Institute for Building Sciences	The Institute for Building Sciences (IBS) is the coordinator of all research and service activity conducted in the School of Architecture + Engineering Technology. Its purpose is to foster and coordinate projects that improve the built environment and the lives of residents. Projects address issues of community planning and economic development; historic preservation; building codes and standards; and building design, construction, maintenance, and operations. The Institute involves faculty, students, and outside professionals in these activities.
Center for Disability Access and Resources	The mission of the CeDAR is to provide enriching support programs, services, and reasonable accommodations to FAMU students with disabilities. Our mission is to also foster a sense of empowerment in students with disabilities by educating them about their legal rights and responsibilities so that they can make informed choices, be critical thinkers, and self-advocates. Our goal is to ensure students with disabilities have access to the same programs, opportunities, and activities available to all FAMU students.
Center for Water Resources	To protect, improve, restore, and maintain Florida's water resources and reduce water related problems associated with agricultural practices and other human activities through research, education, extension/outreach and technology transfer.
Center for Environmental Equity and Justice	The mission of the Center for Environmental Equity and Justice is to conduct and facilitate research, develop policies, engage in education, training, and community outreach activities with respect to environmental equity and justice issues for the state of Florida.
Institute of Public Health (IPH)	The Florida A&M University (FAMU) Institute of Public Health (IPH) was created by the 1995 Florida Legislature with the mission of improving the health status of Florida's diverse poor and underserved. The mission of the FAMU Public Health Program is to develop the practice of culturally competent public health practitioners and leaders through graduate training, research, and service. Thus, the contribution of the FAMU Public Health Program to the public health workforce should substantially improve the health status of the diverse poor and underserved.
Center for Plasma Science and Technology (CePast)	The mission of the FAMU Center for Plasma Science and Technology (CePaST) is to produce new science and new technology from world class theoretical, experimental, and computational plasma physics and from photonics so as to increase national security, support the development of alternative sources of energy and to help provide new advanced materials all in a manner which enlarges the nation's scientific workforce. This will be achieved through a broad spectrum of research activities in physics and chemistry including research on remote sensing; fusion; carbon-based nanoscience;

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	advanced algorithms; laser-matter interactions; and fundamental atomic and molecular quantum mechanical phenomena.
Institute for Research in Music and Entertainment Industry Studies	The Florida A&M University Institute for Research in Music and Entertainment Industry Studies (IRMEIS) was created to assess the current and future state of popular music in America through the development of innovative student-centered programming and research. The institute's research and academic arm focuses on popular music in its historical, cultural, and aesthetic domains and its linkages to other artistic forms of representation. While the institute promotes scholarly inquiry in all world music, its core research centers on Black popular music of the Americas.
The Center for Ethnic Psychological Research and Application	The mission of the Center for Ethnic Psychological Research and Application is to promote mental wellness, enhance mental health literacy, and improve overall behavioral/mental health for all individuals with special emphasis on African American and other underserved populations. The mission is accomplished through research, education, and training components described below: 1) Research component has a professional focus with emphasis on research productivity, collaboration, grantsmanship, and information dissemination. 2) Education component has a community focus to expand the knowledge of the general public in regard to behavioral/mental health issues and mental health literacy. 3) Training component has a student focus intended to develop student researchers and nurture effective change agents in addressing the needs of African American and other minorities.
Sustainability Institute	The mission of the Florida A&M University Sustainability Institute is to catalyze and support research, teaching and service that advances knowledge and practices to promote sustainability in social, economic and ecological realms at the campus, regional and global levels. FAMU-SI's activities address several areas of strategic emphasis for Florida A&M and the State University System of Florida, namely (1) increasing STEM degree attainment; (2) attracting external sources for R&D; and (3) preparing students for careers and lives in a globalized world in which sustainability concerns permeate every job sector. The SI engages all colleges/schools and administrative units and provides leadership and coordination for university-wide sustainability initiatives with global impact. The institute also tracks and measures progress through sustainability assessment reports, a Climate Action Plan and greenhouse gas emission data collection.
Center for Deliberative Democracy, Civic Engagement, and Census Information	The Center for Deliberative Democracy, Civic Engagement, and Census information at Florida A&M University produces cutting edge research on public policy initiatives and voter behavior, provides voter survey services, and offers free civic education seminars to the public upon request. The CDCC conducts research about democracy, public opinion of voters, and public policy.
Florida West Africa Linkage Institute	Florida's linkage institutes have the general mission of enhancing economic and cultural relations between the State and the "target" country or region, while recruiting students from this country or region to attend SUS institutions by the provision of non-resident tuition waivers. FLAWI has the more specific mission of establishing relationships with West Africa institutions of higher education, so as to facilitate activities such as joint research, and faculty/student exchanges, while exploring Florida/West African business.
Small Business Development Center	The Small Business Development Center at Florida A & M University provides counseling, training, education and support to business owners and prospective business owners throughout the Florida Big Bend Region to help businesses start, grow and succeed.
Center for Biological Control	To generate, apply and transfer innovative, ecologically based solutions to pest problems affecting agriculture, natural resources, and human health while developing the human capacity for continued future innovation.