# INTRODUCING A NEW PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF ALL MAJORS AT UCF ...



#### Participating students will:

- Commit to a high-impact, two-year course of study through specially tailored workshops, guest lectures, classes, and projects
- Focus on topics and issues affecting Florida's Gulf Coast and surrounding communities
- Participate in an alternative spring break tour through parts of the Gulf Coast
- Graduate with a unique area of expertise and readiness to tackle some of the most important issues facing Gulf Coast communities today











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The UCF Gulf Scholars Program (GSP) is a team-based research and education opportunity for undergraduate students in any major.

This high-impact learning experiencing is designed to develop a new generation of leaders and change agents who want to solve large, messy, socio-environmental problems in the Gulf Coast region and beyond.

With both credit-earning and non-credit earning pathways, the GSP supports a wide range of students. As a Gulf Scholar, you would engage in courses, workshops, mentoring, and projects as part of an interdisciplinary team.

## Why should I consider this program?

It will provide you with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to confront large-scale social and environmental problems from a variety of lenses. You will receive mentorship, team-science, and intercultural competence training about a wide range of topics related to the Gulf Coast Region.





# What exactly is a "Gulf Scholar?

A Gulf Scholar is a member of a cohort of 10 students of various majors who will work together for two years to learn about the Gulf Coast region and innovative approaches to addressing challenges there. These scholars will apply the newly gained knowledge and skills in a Gulf Impact Project presented at the end of the program.

### What will be required of a Gulf Scholar?

A two-year commitment and the following:

- Take "The Gulf Uncovered" IDS course
- Attend Intercultural Knowledge and Communication workshop
- Take an ethics course or become an Ethics Ambassador with the Be Better Club in the Center for Ethics
- Attend panel on social innovation and entrepreneurship or select a course from the provided list
- Participate in a week-long Gulf immersion Tour during Spring Break in the first year
- Complete a team-based Gulf Impact Project with support from program mentors





#### Will it cost me any money?

The program includes one required course. Regular fees and tuition will apply. For travel during the Gulf Immersion Tour, all lodging, transportation, and meals will be covered at no cost to the student. Participating students will also receive a \$500 grant in the second year to support their research or creative Gulf Impact Project.

#### Will I get paid to participate?

Yes! Students will receive \$1,000 per year of the two-year program.





# Will I earn any academic recognition?

You will receive a certificate of completion, a GSP medallion for graduation, and a Gulf Scholar designation on your transcript.

# Who can apply?

Any undergraduate student at UCF who has at least two years left before graduation may apply. We highly encourage students from minoritized identity groups to apply (e.g., students of color, LGBTQIA+, first generation, neurodiverse, disabled, or Veteran students).





#### When do I apply?

Click here to sign up for updates and deadline information.