

UF Connections in India



India is situated in Southern Asia. Its capital city is New Delhi. The US Department of State estimates its total population at 1,266,883,598. Information about travelling to India is on the [Department of State](#) website. The [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information.

As the second-most populous nation in the world, the University of Florida recognizes India's global importance and engages with Indian institutions through increased collaborative research and educational opportunities.

Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

The table below is a snapshot of the number of students, scholars, and researchers from India who came to UF in the 2014-2015 academic year:

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers				
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	OPT	Exchange Visitors
7	903	2	679	88

UF Students in India

In the year 2013–2014, four University of Florida students studied in India.

Study Abroad Programs and Reciprocal Agreements			
Academic Unit at UF	Destination Institution or Program Name	Type of program	Location
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	UF in India – NGOs and International Development	UF Sponsored	Chennai, Jaipur, Pondicherry, Dehli

Cooperative Agreements

The University of Florida is currently engaged with eleven active cooperative agreements with universities and research institutions in India, reflected in the table below. A full list of Cooperative Agreements can be found at: <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html>

Cooperative Agreements		
Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus
Engineering - Computer and Information Science and Engineering	Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Department of Engineering	Exchange
UF International Center	Birla Institute of Technology	Exchange
Cooperative Agreements (cont.)		
Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus
Pharmacy - Medicinal Chemistry	Chitkara University, College of Pharmacy	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	Centre for Wildlife Studies	Research
Design, Construction, and Planning - Urban and Regional Planning	CEPT University, Admedabad, Faculty of Planning and Public Policy	Exchange
Engineering	Indian Institute of Science, Biomedical Engineering	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences - Soil and Water Science	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics	Exchange
Engineering - Computer and Information Science and Engineering	Jaypee Education System	Research
Dentistry	Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology	Exchange
Engineering - Computer and Information Science and Engineering	Thapar University, Department of Computer Science and Engineering	Exchange
Public Health and Health Professions	The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences	Exchange

Highlights

- [UF in India](#)

This study abroad opportunity is offered every other summer through UF and is led by Drs. Muthusami and Leela Kumaran. This program combines classroom and fieldwork, educating participants on the structure and management of nongovernmental organizations and providing firsthand experience with development initiatives.

- [Harn Museum of Art – The Asia Collection](#)

This collection contains more than 2,000 works of art from all areas of Asia, including India. The collection is far-reaching and pieces span from the Neolithic era to contemporary times. The exhibit includes works in a multitude of mediums and seeks to explore traditions and trends evident in Asian art evolution. Cofrin Curator Jason Steuber and Assistant Curator Allysa Peyton curate the Asian Collection at the Harn.

- [International Education Center Consortium collaboration with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics \(ICRISAT\)](#)

ICRISAT is a nonprofit organization that promotes development through agriculture research. University of Florida's collaboration with ICRISAT aims to create a platform for exchange of students, technology, and knowledge between consortium members involved.

- [P. K. Ramachandran Nair - Lecture Tour and Research Project](#)

Distinguished Professor in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, Dr. Nair visited ten Indian universities and research institutions between November 2014 and March 2015 under a four-month "Fulbright – Nehru Distinguished Chair" Award. In November 2015, Dr. Nair will complete research with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, studying the topic: Soil Carbon Sequestration in Shaded Perennial Agroforestry Systems in Karnataka, India.

Research Projects

Funded Research Projects						
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)	Co-PI department	Project title	Funding agency/ Sponsor	Project funding
Willem Vermerris	Microbiology and Cell Science	Lonnie Ingram, Keelnatham Shanmugam Konda Reddy, Ann Wilkie, George O'Connor Pratap Pullammanappallil	Microbiology and Cell Science Soil and Water Science Agricultural and Biological Engineering	U.S.-India Consortium for Development of Sustainable Advanced Lignocellulosic Biofuel Systems	US Department of Energy	\$1,679,151

Joseph Meert	Geology			Building India: Clues from Singhbhum Craton & Southern India	National Science Foundation	\$221,817
Richard Rheingans	Environmental and Global Health			Estimating the Impact and Cost-Effectiveness of Rotavirus Vaccination Introduction to India	Program Appropriate Technology in Health/ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	\$19,896
Steven Manchester	Paleobotany, Florida Museum of Natural History			ELT: Late Cretaceous- Paleocene Deccan biota of India	National Science Foundation	\$140,000
Linda Cottler	Public Health and Health Professions			INDO-US Fogarty Training Program in Behavioral Health	National Institutes of Health - Fogarty International Center	\$1,088,899

- **[Dr. Kenneth Broadway – Sacred Musical Traditions Research](#)**

Summer 2015, Dr. Kenneth Broadway, the Director of Percussion Studies in the School of Music, traveled to Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vasad Seminary, and Hubli in India to conduct research on sacred musical traditions and percussion performance practice. Broadway received funding for this project through the College of the Arts Research Incentive and Completion Awards. Dr. Broadway’s research project is entitled: Ethnomusicology and Performance Practice in Indian Music.

- **[Assistant Professor Anuj Kumar – Information Technology Research](#)**

Professor Kumar is currently completing an experiment in India to measure the effect of computer-generated, personalized mathematics homework for middle school students on their educational outcomes.

Key Connections

- [Asha UFlorida/Gators for Asha Student Organization](#)
- [Indian Graduate Students Association](#)
- [India Cultural and Education Center](#)

Adding information to this brief

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email ogre@ufic.ufl.edu.