



Student Senate

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**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1160**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Standardization of a Research Fellows Program to the Center of Latin American Studies**

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**SPONSOR(S): Hispanic Caucus Chair Marco Salvador, Member-at-Large Anthony Boullosa, Senator Burton Litman**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida seeks to foster academic research for its undergraduate across all departments[1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is a Carnegie Research 1 institution[2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is well recognized for its STEM research, encouraging STEM research for its undergraduate students through positions in labs and as research assistants[2][3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a lack of similar structures in the Social Sciences and Humanities for undergraduate students at the University of Florida; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Center for European Studies has hosted a research fellowship program to relative success: connecting undergraduate students with professors, providing research experience through fellowship and mentorship, encouraging students to engage in the Social Sciences and Humanities through their center[4]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Latin American Studies is a pillar of the University of Florida, and is a key access point for undergraduate students, particularly latine students, as an entry point to Interdisciplinary, Social Studies, and Humanities research[5]; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to continue supporting Social Studies and Humanities research, particularly undergraduate research, at the University of Florida.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to working towards expanding undergraduate research opportunities in Social Studies and Humanities across its departments at the University of Florida.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the creation of a research fellows program at the Center of Latin American Studies.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Interim Director of the Center for Latin American Studies Leonardo A. Villalón[6].*

[1] <https://cur.aa.ufl.edu/about-us/>

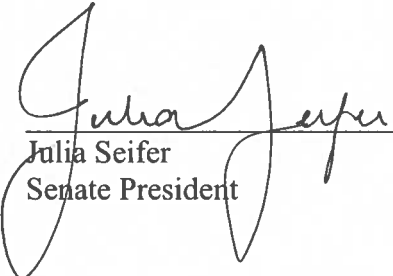
[2] <https://carnegieclassifications.acenet.edu/institution/university-of-florida/#>

[3] <https://news.ufl.edu/2022/05/heartland-forward-ranking/#:~:text=Student%20Perspectives-,UF%20first%20among%20US%20public%20universities%20in%20tech%20transfer%20for,research%20commercialization%20and%20STEM%20graduates.>

[4] <https://ces.ufl.edu/academics/research-fellows/>

[5] <https://www.latam.ufl.edu/about/history/>

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