

# OUR PROGRAMS

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Join the Urban Forestry team as they maintain and care for the trees on campus, as well as the Land Management team, stewards of UCF's natural areas and green spaces!

## SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Follow along as our STARS team develops sustainable campus practices, our Education and Outreach team gathers and shares educational materials, and Event Management as they plan holistic events for all to enjoy!

## ARBORETUM OPERATIONS

Our Urban Agriculture, Plant Production, and Public Garden Management teams work tirelessly to maintain our rich community gardens, exciting plant sales, and beautiful trails within the Arboretum!

## ASI COMMUNICATIONS

ASI Communications ensures that our social media accounts, website, and other online content are up to date and trendy!



**UCF ARBORETUM &  
SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES**

## ABOUT US

The Arboretum was established to provide opportunities for students, staff, and visitors to explore and learn about plant life and other natural wonders of the natural lands. The Arboretum park is located behind the L'3 Harris Engineering Center, as well as 800 acres of natural land and 15 miles of hiking trails across Gemini Blvd. We have 12 teams of student interns specializing in different aspects of sustainability, conservation and education. Our mission is to cultivate, celebrate, and communicate the value of plants, ecosystems, and biodiversity to human well-being.

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## OUR VISION

*"A world in which every person  
can connect with, learn about,  
and benefit from the wonders of  
nature."*





# LEARNING-BY-LEADING™

This innovative student leadership development program was developed by the University of California Davis Arboretum based on the notion that students learn best by leading, and it includes a stepped leadership progression that moves students from participants to active leaders and co-creators of Arboretum programs.

Under the guidance of a staff mentor, co-coordinator teams manage student interns and volunteers to execute program initiatives and signature projects. Interns can enroll for 0-3 credit hours in spring or fall semester. Applications are due in April and November. Interested students can contact us through social media or email us at [arboretum@ucf.edu](mailto:arboretum@ucf.edu).



# HISTORY

The UCF Arboretum, established by President Trevor Colbourn in 1983, was originally 12 acres of disturbed pond pine. In 1988, the Arboretum expanded to include a Cypress dome, Florida scrub, and many other important Florida ecosystems. Since 1988, the Arboretum has undergone many more expansions and changes.

The original Arboretum director, Dr. Henry "Hank" Whittier, retired in 2003 and has since been followed by Dr. Martin Quigley, Dr. Patrick Bohlen, and now Jennifer Elliot, our current director. With the introduction of the Learning-by-Leading™ program in 2019 and the combination of the Arboretum with UCF's Sustainability Initiatives in 2023, ASI has undergone many changes in the past few years, and there are more exciting things to come!

# GET INVOLVED



Want to see more of ASI and its functions? Scan this QR code to find our Linktree!



# VISIT US

The UCF Arboretum's natural areas and trails are open to the public from sunrise to sunset every day of the year. There is no admission charge, but donations are appreciated and can be made through our website!

The Arboretum and Sustainability office: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on weekdays, closed on the weekends and on major holidays. Restrooms available.

Please be considerate and mindful when appreciating our natural spaces! See the Arboretum website for more details and rules!

