



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

### **SERVING Statement**

UCF aspires to be a model Hispanic Serving Research University that embodies the SERVING spirit of the federal Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) designation, by maximizing related funding opportunities in a way that meaningfully serves students, faculty, staff, alumni, and external community members of all backgrounds. All investigators/project directors are strongly encouraged to consider the unique needs and experiences of Hispanic, low-income, and non-traditional students of all backgrounds, when developing proposals for federal and foundation programs whose intended purpose is to build capacity enterprise wide at Hispanic and/or Minority Serving Institutions. This includes general grant programs that prioritize or award discretionary points for HSI/MSI submissions.

### **Recommended Reflection**

#### **How does this proposed project/program intentionally:**

- SERVE the unique needs of UCF's student body?
- Strengthen institutional capacity to achieve UCF's strategic goals?
- Incorporate academic excellence strategies that promote institutional transformation?
- Address the needs of UCF's local service area and contribute to state goals?
- Position UCF for the competitive advantage and elevate UCF's national HSI profile?

**My signature below serves as my acknowledgment of this SERVING statement.**

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**Agency Name**

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**Program Name**

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**Solicitation Number**

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**Project Title**

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**Signature, Principal Investigator**

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**Date**

**Note:** All investigators/project directors developing proposals for federal and foundation grant programs with a dedicated focus on HSIs/MSIs must submit a signed SERVING Statement. This also includes general grant programs that prioritize or award discretionary points for HSI and/or MSI submissions. The Authorized Organizational Representative/Signatory can then provide the ED Title III/V eligibility letter and/or process HSI/MSI eligibility certification forms and enrollment verification letters as requested.

**Please attach a signed SERVING Statement to FP record in Huron and apply the HSI/MSI tag.**