



Florida International University’s (FIU) **Global Forensic and Justice Center (GFJC)** is the largest and most diverse academic forensic science program in the world with a 50-year history of pioneering comprehensive research, innovative training, community engagement, and interdisciplinary solutions to support international justice.

Global Innovation

- Research pioneer in forensic nursing, forensic psychology, digital evidence, environmental forensics, and dogs & sensors
- Top producer of papers, patents, and presentations at global conferences
- Hosts largest annual international academic forensic science conference, averaging more than 600 participants in recent years
- Home to Centers of Excellence (CoE) including Thermo Fisher Rapid DNA, Foster+Freeman Forensic Imaging, and US Army Digital Forensics
- Funded by the US Department of State to provide mentorship, training, and forensic science accreditation to laboratories in developing countries
- Houses the only Research Forensic Library in the world, supported in part by the National Institute of Justice
- Provides training to US government agencies, military, and allies

Community Leadership

- A top-funded forensic science program currently managing over \$30M
- Largest academic center in the world with over 100 FIU faculty and staff
- Hosts the only forensic science focused National Science Foundation (NSF) Industry-University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) in the country beginning in 2017, funded in 2023 until 2028, working with Texas A&M, Sam Houston State University, Boston University, government labs, and top industry leaders
- Largest presence at 2023 American Academy of Forensic Science meeting with 28 FIU presentations
- Developing next-gen forensic programs from scene interrogation to quantum forensics
- Largest number of micro-credentials at FIU covering diverse forensic fields

Timeline of Success

- 1974 – Undergraduate forensic program established
- 1995 – National Forensic Science Technology Center established, building innovations for crime laboratories
- 1997 – Florida Board of Governors approves the International Forensic Research Institute, the first academic forensic science center in Florida
- 1998 – First Master’s of Science degree in Forensic Science offered in Florida
- 2004 – First undergrad and graduate forensic degrees in the nation accredited by the American Academy of Forensic Science
- 2005 – Launches PhD programs with forensic concentration
- 2012 – First in Florida to offer a forensic Professional Science Master’s
- 2018 – GFJC named an FIU Preeminent Program
- 2019 – First in the nation Bachelor of Science in Crime Science
- 2023 – #1 Professional Science Master’s Program in the country