

FIU | Miami Urban Future Initiative

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Get to know the Miami Urban Future Initiative (MUFI)

MISSION

We are a data-driven research initiative producing assessments of key trends shaping the region. Through reports and visiting thought-leaders, MUFI disseminates information to help inform the broad strategic vision for local, private, and public stakeholders.

PURPOSE

To inform and elevate public and private sector conversations concerning Greater Miami's economic future, with the goal of supporting continued inclusive growth throughout the region.

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DATA-DRIVEN RESEARCH

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

FIU'S College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts (CARTA) hosts MUFI as part of its work to strengthen Miami's creative economy.



FORWARD THINKING

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By analyzing trends and responding to talent needs, CARTA is supporting South Florida's development as an international epicenter for architecture, arts, design and culture.

INCLUSIVE INNOVATION

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

MUFI's partners bring together a wealth of knowledge, global networks and experience to provide insights for building a stronger, more innovative, and more inclusive economy in Greater Miami.



SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY

CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION

MUFI engages top thinkers and researchers from across the region and the world alongside Miami's business leaders, economic development practitioners and other key stakeholders. Research is led by Dr. Richard Florida and the Creative Class Group with support from an interdisciplinary group of research fellows.

A joint effort between



MISSION

TO USE THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION, ARCHITECTURE + THE ARTS TO CREATE, INNOVATE & INSPIRE SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL CHALLENGES WITH NATIONAL AND GLOBAL IMPACTS.

PURPOSE

TO INVESTIGATE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN IN AN EVER MORE DIGITIZED AGE. THROUGH THIS, WE HOPE TO SHAPE THE ECONOMIC FUTURES OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR UNIVERSITY, THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTRY.

WHO ARE WE? A "COLLIDER" FOR PEOPLE + IDEAS

ARTS

DESIGN

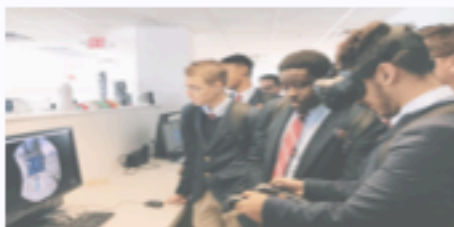
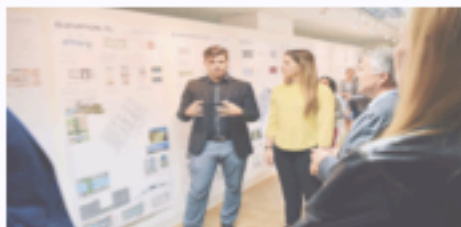
SCIENCE

TECHNOLOGY

33 3D PRINTERS + VR LAB

MBUS BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 FACILITY OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD
- 3 YEARS WITH TOP-PERFORMING (GLOBAL) INNOVATION LAB
- 16,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY
- 1,000+ MILES OF FILAMENT PRINTED TO-DATE
- 100+ FREE PUBLIC EVENTS ANNUALLY
- 5,000+ VISITORS A EVERY YEAR



HELPING FIU STUDENTS SUCCEED

FIU MIAMI BEACH URBAN STUDIOS CREATE A SPACE IN WHICH CLASSROOM TEACHING + CAREER SERVICES ARE CONNECTED IN A WAY THAT LAUNCHES STUDENTS INTO THEIR PROFESSIONS + CONNECTS THEM TO INDUSTRY. WE WANT TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND HOW TO MAKE THEIR PASSIONS INTO PROFITS.

CONTRIBUTING TO SUCCESS

THE MIAMI BEACH URBAN STUDIOS EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING EDUCATION, THUS CREATING A BETTER MODEL FOR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED.

PRIORITIZING GOALS

THROUGH THE MBUS LEADS PROGRAM + MBUS LEADERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD, WE MENTOR THE TOP 40 FROM 5,000+ CARTA STUDENTS

WE STRIVE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE INTERDISCIPLINARY FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY + HIGHER EDUCATION

WE PROMOTE SPONSORED RESEARCH + WELCOME PARTNERSHPS WITH THE EU, HP/EDUCAUSE + THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION