

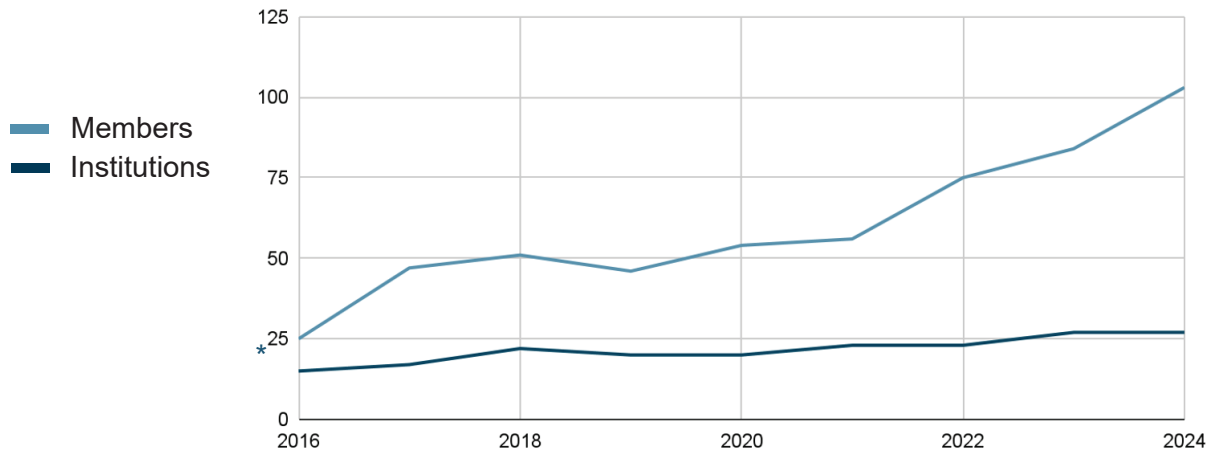
# *YEAR IN REVIEW*

*FALL 2023 – 2024*



# FL-RDA MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

*\*The Florida Alliance was founded in 2016 with 25 members*



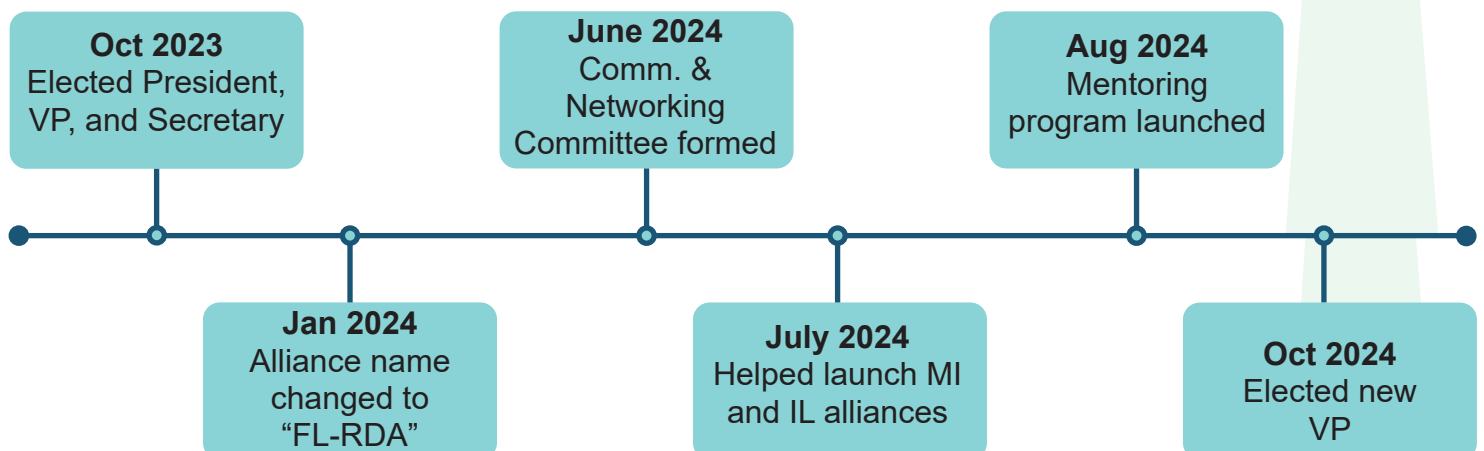
## MONTHLY MEETINGS

*Take a look back at all that was discussed across this past year's monthly video conference meetings of the Florida Alliance*

- "Evaluating an RD Office" (open discussion)
- "Welcoming New Faculty each Fall" (Jeanne Viviani, FAU)
- "Research Competitive Intelligence" (Hanin Alhaddad & Josh Roney, UCF)
- "Mentoring Activities" (Rachel Goff-Albritton, FSU)
- "Statewide Core Facilities" (with Thayumanasamy Sundaram, Core Facility Director at FSU)
- "Professional Development for RA Staff" (Charlene Mitchell, FGCU)
- "Reviewing Proposals Before Submission" (Elan Travis, UWF)
- "Fireside Chat: VPR Insights for RD Professionals" (with Karin Scarpinato, Kennesaw State Univ.)
- "New and Early Career Faculty Support" (April Torre & Maddy Chokshi, UCF)

## HIGHLIGHTS

*Notable happenings over the past year*



# ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE 2023

September 14 & 15 at the Harbor Branch  
Campus of Florida Atlantic University

FL-RDA's 2023 conference was an exciting event, spanning two days and comprised of five interactive sessions, a campus tour, and networking sessions. The conference hosted 29 attendees from 15 Florida institutions. All attendees were provided with travel scholarships thanks to the NSF GRANTED award!



## FL-RDA SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Members have won two NSF grants  
and partnered on others!

### NSF GERMINATION

*FL-RDA led \$300K award fostering research teaming with Team Science coaching*

The 2023 program ("Florida coastal challenges") had in-person team formation and kickoff followed by virtual meetings for four teams, each with a coach from the project team. Building on the success and feedback of the first cohort, the 2024 program ("Disaster resilience") ran a shorter, fully-virtual model with four new teams supported by new coaches from FL-RDA membership.

### NSF GRANTED

*FL-RDA led \$100K award gathering RA/RD insights to support new faculty*

The team completed data collection in 2023 and 2024 via focus groups and surveys with participants from FL-RDA, FRAC, and NCURA as well as faculty and faculty-mentors from Florida institutions. Next year, the team will disseminate a report on supporting early-career faculty researchers, with a focus on opportunities for RA professionals to integrate RD into their repertoires.

### Partnerships

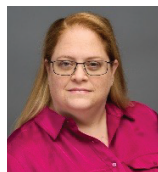
*FL-RDA collaborator on two NSF awards forming RA/RD alliances*

FL-RDA partnered with two NSF GRANTED awardees to assist in statewide professional network creation. The Michigan-focused alliance (MiRAD) held a first conference in June 2024, and the Illinois-focused alliance (INTEGRaL) held a first conference in July 2024. Special recognition to FL-RDA member Sandy Justice (USF) who served as a Co-PI on the Michigan award, helped establish these partnerships, and supported the events to be a success.

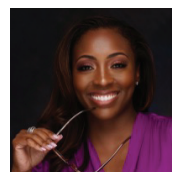
### New Coaches in 2024



Carol Bristol  
(UCF)



Michelle Gooding  
(Barry)



Janell Carroll  
(FAU)



Erin Blackwell  
(UCF)

### Project Team



Melanie Bauer  
(NSU)



Rachel Goff-Albritton  
(FSU)



Shari Moore  
(FAMU)



Josh Roney  
(UCF)



Sandra Justice  
(USF)

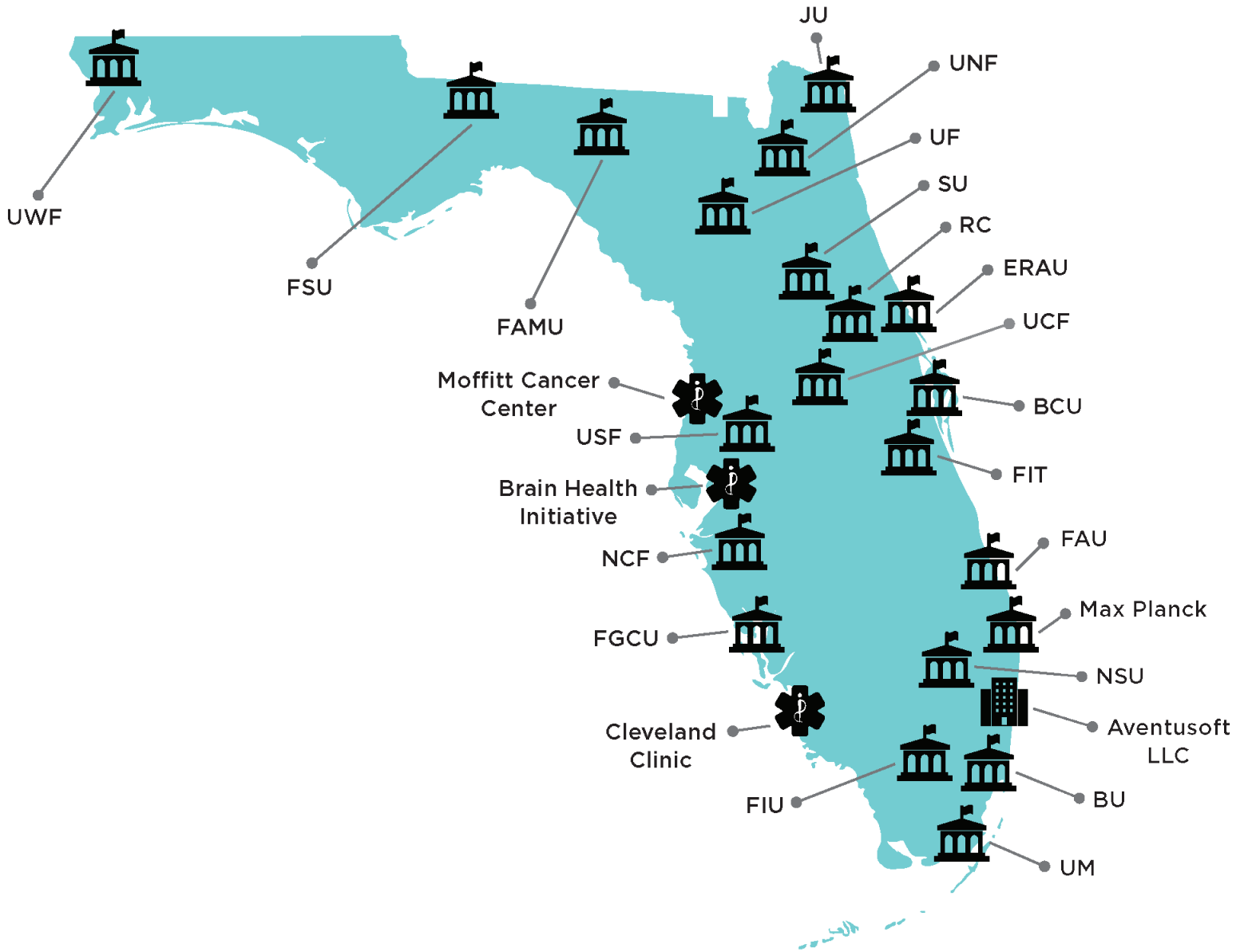


NSF Award Nos. 2203470, 2203425,  
2203459, 2203442, 2203496

NSF Award No. 2324520

NSF Award Nos. 2324590,  
2324591, 2324594

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