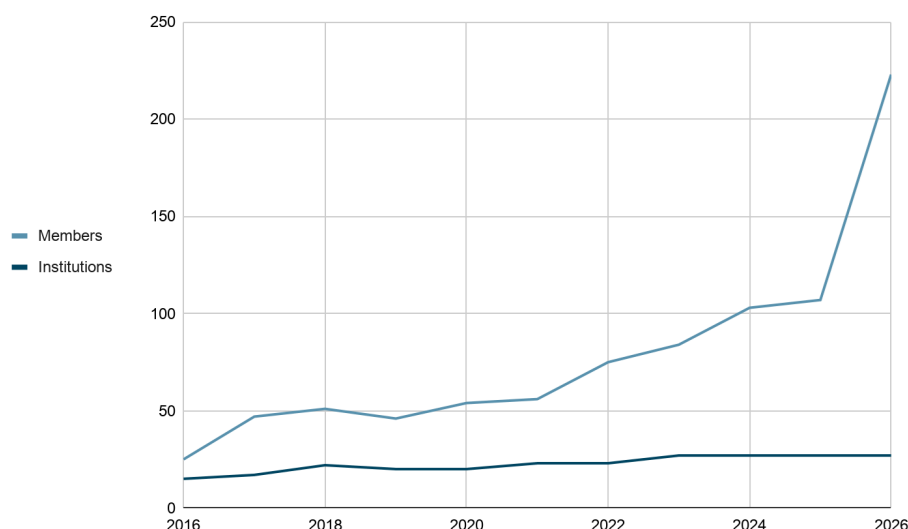


# YEAR IN REVIEW

**FALL 2025-2026**



## FL-RDA MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



*Through this year's Membership Campaign, the Florida Alliance more than doubled its membership!*

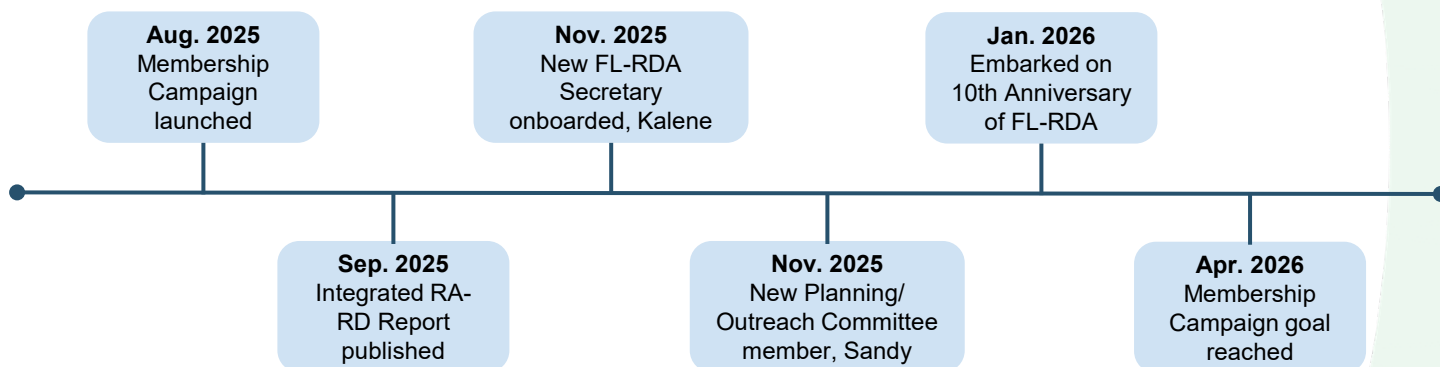
## MONTHLY MEETINGS

*As we came together at monthly virtual meetings of the Florida Alliance, see what was discussed.*

- "Lean Six Sigma for Process Improvement" (Jeanne Viviani-Ayers, UCF)
- "Honorific Awards as an Advantage in a Competitive Grant Scene" (Sonja Carter, FSU)
- "Share Your Favorite Research Resource" (April Torre, UCF)
- "Using Simpler.grants.gov" (Melanie Bauer, NSU)
- "Next Level Research Development: Strategy, Team Science, and Innovation" (Jeff Agnoli, Strategic Doing)
- "SciENCv Tips & Tricks" (Josh Roney, UCF)
- "From Silos to Synergy: Strengthening RD-RA Collaboration Across the Pre-Award Lifecycle" (David Hopfe & Aurora Carmichael, ERAU)
- "Creating Workshops that Matter" (Nicole Viverito, FSU)

## TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS

*Some notable happenings over the past year.*



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECAP

November 6-7, 2025 (and a Nov. 5 preconference)  
at University of Central Florida

At FL-RDA's 2025 annual conference at UCF we had not only two days of a main conference, but a full-day preconference focused on RA staff expanding their RD skillset. The main conference focused on "Navigating Research Development During Dynamic Times" and welcomed 82 attendees from 16 institutions across Florida.



## FL-RDA SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Accomplishments by Florida Alliance  
members across the organization!*

### Inter-Institutional Faculty Networking Event

*FAU's Division of Research  
focuses on collaboration in  
Alzheimer's research*

In March 2026, Alice Miehl, Steve Gregg, Sandy Siegman, and Alzheimer's Association leadership facilitated a networking event bringing together faculty from multiple Florida institutions working in the Alzheimer's disease research space. The event was attended by 70 faculty and staff (half in person and half virtually) from FAU, NSU, MPFI, FIU, USF, UF, and UF Scripps. It included opportunities for scholarly exchange and a presentation by the Alzheimer's Association on grant opportunities.



### Integrated Research Administration Report

*A report compiling ideas and input  
from RAs regarding expanding in RD*

Using NSF GRANTED funding, a team of FL-RDA members (Melanie Bauer, Rachel Goff-Albritton, Shari Moore, and Josh Roney) collected thoughts and experiences from RA professionals through surveys and focus groups. The focal topic was exploring ways that the RD knowledgebase could be accessed by a broader set of institutional stakeholders. RA professionals' interests in RD activities were assessed and recommendations made for how RA staff can be better supported to integrate proactive, capacity-building practices into their faculty support services. This report also inspired the 2025 FL-RDA preconference activities!

#### Key stats about the report to date:

- Published Sep. 2025
- 292 views
- 134 downloads

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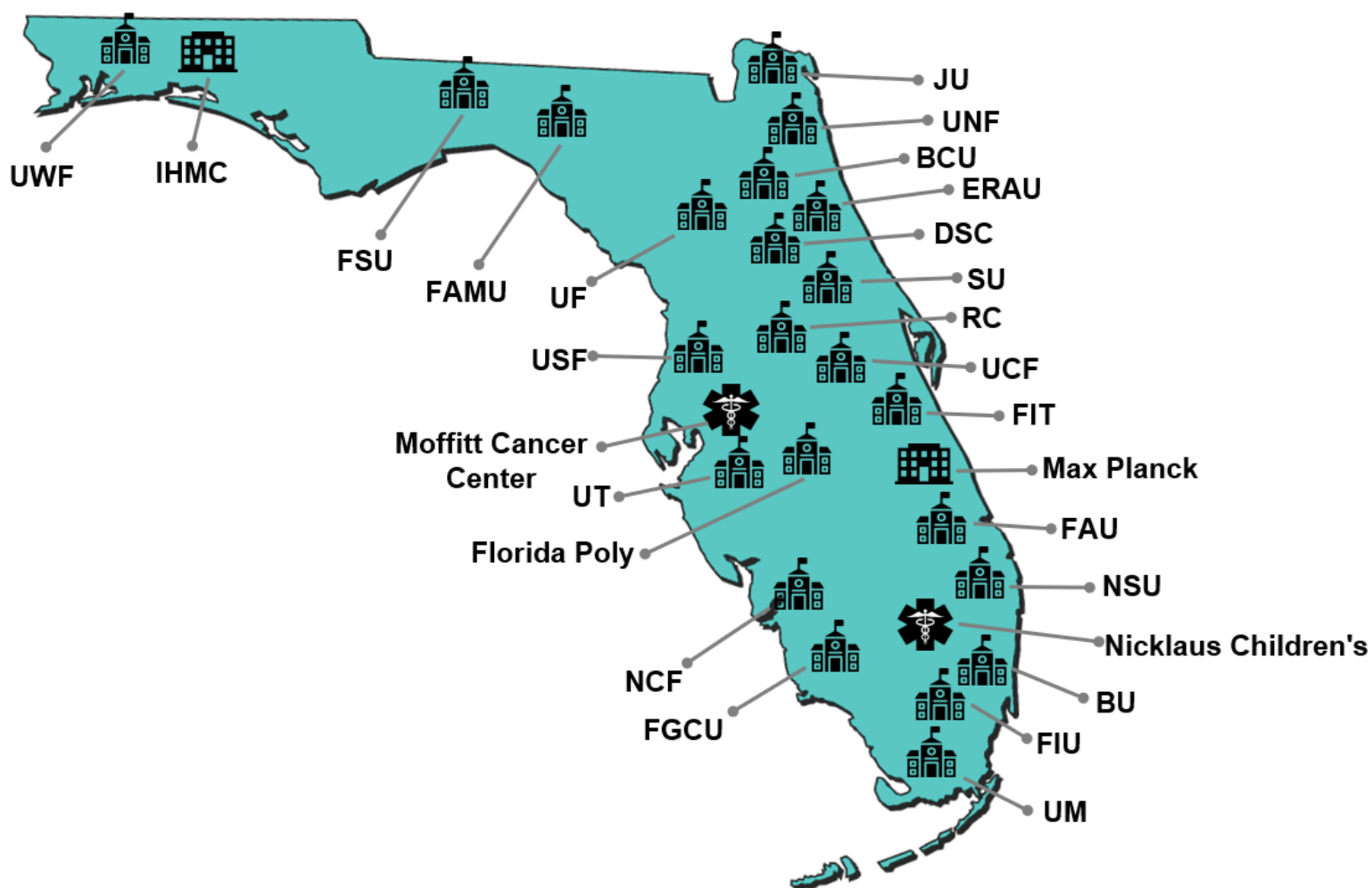
### Regional Convening at UF

*Local networking event in Gainesville*

In June 2026, 27 attendees gathered at UF from 6 institutions to tour featured research labs in a "Choose Your Own Adventure" style, hear about successful inter-institutional Florida collaborations, learn about developing a pre-RFP toolkit, and engage in informal networking with colleagues across the state.



## CURRENT MEMBER INSTITUTIONS



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