



# EGYPTIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESANA)

إتحاد الدارسين المصريين بأمریکا الشمالية

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## Unit Location

- ✚ City: Gainesville
- ✚ State/Province: Florida
- ✚ Country: USA

## University

1. University of Florida

## Current Active Fields

1. Agricultural Sciences
2. Engineering
3. Chemistry
4. Pharmacology
5. Education
6. Medicine

## Availability of Financial Aid and Grants

University grants are available as research assistant fellowships or teaching assistant fellowships. The duration of the fellowship is 1.5-2 years for master degree and 3-4 years for doctoral degree. Also, the post-doctor fellowships are available through the University; depend on the curriculum vitae of the applicant. In addition to this, scholarships are available through the industry collaboration with the university. As we know Florida produce 80% of the citrus (orange, grapefruit...etc) in the United States, so a student can get a scholarship easily in the agricultural field through citrus industry. Also, NASA provides a lot of scholarships, every year, in different fields, especially engineering and chemistry. For more information, please check the University website at: <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/fellows/>

## City Information

Gainesville, named in honor of Seminole Indian War General Edmund P. Gaines, was founded on September 6, 1853. For city information, you can check the following links:

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gainesville,\\_Florida](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gainesville,_Florida)
- <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/>
- <http://www.visitgainesville.net/>
- <http://www.rentals.com/Florida/Gainesville/>
- <http://www.ufl.edu/>



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## Weather conditions

Gainesville's climate is defined as humid subtropical. Due to its inland location, Gainesville experiences wide temperature fluctuation for Florida. During the summer season, roughly from May 15 to September 30, the city's climate is the same as the rest of the state, with frequent downpours and high humidity. Temperatures range from the low 70s at night to around 90 °F during the day on average. From mid-October through late April, however, the Gainesville area has a climate distinct from peninsular Florida with frequent freezing temperatures at night and sustained freezes occurring every few years. In winter, highs average between 66 and 69 °F (19-21 °C), and lows average between 42 and 45 °F (6-7 °C). In an average winter. In Gainesville, cold temperatures are almost always accompanied by clear skies and high pressure systems; snow is therefore rare. The city averages 48.36 inches (1,228 mm) of precipitation per year. Summer is the wettest season, with 19.51 inches (496 mm), while fall is the driest season, with only 9.04 inches (230 mm) of precipitation.

## City Attractions

- There are numerous ways to spend an enjoyable time in Gainesville area. Please check the following link for parks, freshwater attractions, trips, shopping and other ways of fun; <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/about/leisure/attractions/parks.aspx>
- In addition to this, Gainesville is near to Orlando, about 1.5 hours, where **Walt Disney World** is located; <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com> . Also, It takes about 6 hours driving to be in **Miami beach** (one of the well known beaches, worldwide); <http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/> , and 2 hours to be in **Kennedy Space Center, NASA**; <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/kennedy/home/index.html>

## City Drawbacks

1. University town; few in-town entertainments.
2. Not all facilities are accessible by public transportation. So, you have to buy a car. Car prices are moderate. You can check car prices at : [http://www.autoguide.com/used\\_cars/Florida/Gainesville-FL](http://www.autoguide.com/used_cars/Florida/Gainesville-FL)
3. Hot, humid weather in Summer

## Size of the Egyptian Community

Small Egyptian community. Most of them are students and professionals. They are very helpful. In addition to this, we have big Arabic and Muslim community and two Islamic centers.



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