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Real estate scholar William G. Hardin to lead FIU’s College of Business

MIAMI (June 1, 2022) – William G. Hardin has been named dean of Florida International University’s [College of Business](#) (FIU Business). He has served as interim dean since May 2021 and is Ryder Eminent Scholar Chair and Research Fellow in the Tibor and Sheila Hollo School of Real Estate.

Hardin joined the FIU Business faculty in 2006 as director of real estate programs and the Jerome Bain Real Estate Institute. He was founding director of the Hollo School of Real Estate, created in 2012, and most recently served as associate dean, Chapman Graduate School of Business.

“Dr. Hardin is the ideal leader for this moment in the trajectory of FIU Business,” said Elizabeth M. Béjar, interim provost, executive vice president, and chief operating officer. “He understands the needs of industry and has a vision for ensuring our students and graduates continue to excel, and FIU remains a national leader in business education.”

U.S. News & World Report currently ranks the FIU Business undergraduate international business program No. 2 in the U.S., its international MBA program No. 5, its online undergraduate business program No. 13 among public universities and its online specialized master’s programs No. 13 among public universities. Additionally, FIU Business was ranked No.1 globally for real estate research productivity by the *Journal of Real Estate Literature*.

Hardin is a recognized expert on real estate markets, commercial and residential properties, financial markets, and securitized real estate.

Over the course of a 20-year academic career, Hardin has authored or co-authored 70 papers on topics including commercial real estate investment, foreclosures, corporate governance, residential real estate, and REIT financial structure. He is co-editor of *Journal of Real Estate Research*.

“It is an extraordinary honor to be chosen as dean of FIU Business at this pivotal time for the global business community, Miami and our students,” Hardin said. “We will marshal the remarkable talent and dedication of our faculty and staff and FIU Business alumni -- nearly 65,000 strong -- to address challenges and drive success.”

In 2018, Hardin received the Ricardo Medal by the American Real Estate Society, its highest recognition of scholarship, which recognizes important research in real estate over at least two decades. That year, he was selected by the International Real Estate Society for its Achievement Award, based on achievement and leadership in the real estate discipline over an extended period in a global context.

Hardin was ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the world for real estate research productivity from 2015 – 2021 by the Real Estate Academic Leadership (REAL) Author Rankings.

Before joining FIU Business, Hardin held the Robert W. Warren Chair of Real Estate at Mississippi State University, where he directed both the real estate and construction management programs. He also served on the faculty of Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Hardin received his doctorate from Georgia State University. He also has a Master of Science in Real Estate from Georgia State University, and a Master of International Business Studies from the University of South Carolina. His undergraduate degree is from UNC-Chapel Hill.

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About FIU Business:

Florida International University's [College of Business](#) plays a pivotal role in the development of global business leaders. With nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, FIU Business is widely recognized for its expertise in international business, real estate, data analytics, entrepreneurship, healthcare management, and a broad range of financial services. For more information about FIU Business, visit www.business.fiu.edu.

About FIU:

[Florida International University](#) is a top [public university](#) that drives real talent and innovation in Miami and globally. Very high research (R1) activity and high social mobility come together at FIU to uplift and accelerate learner success in a global city by focusing in the areas of environment, health, innovation, and justice. Today, FIU has two campuses and multiple

centers. FIU serves a diverse student body of more than 58,000 and 270,000 Panther alumni. U.S. News and World Report places dozens of FIU programs among the best in the nation, including international business at No. 2. Washington Monthly Magazine ranks FIU among the top 20 public universities contributing to the public good.