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FIU College of Business ranked No. 1 in the world for real estate research

MIAMI - (October 14, 2020) –FIU’s College of Business (FIU Business) has been ranked No. 1 globally for real estate research productivity by the *Journal of Real Estate Literature*.

It is the first time that FIU Business has been ranked first in the world, tying with the well-known National University of Singapore, and the fifth consecutive year it has occupied one of the top two spots in the U.S.

“This puts FIU Business on center stage with National University of Singapore, which is consistently ranked in the Top 20 and is the best in Asia-Pacific region,” said FIU Business Dean Joanne Li. “We are honored and humbled to be recognized with NUS.”

The 2020 Real Estate Academic Leadership (REAL) rankings highlight faculty and institutions demonstrating achievement in intellectual contributions to the field of real estate research from 2016 to 2020.

“These No.1 rankings demonstrate the significance of the cutting-edge research -- relevant to academics as well as real estate practitioners -- conducted by our Hollo School of Real Estate faculty,” said FIU President Mark Rosenberg.

Institutions and professors are ranked based on the number of publications in the top three peer-reviewed real estate journals – the *Journal of Real Estate Economics*, the *Journal of Real Estate Research* and the *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*. During that period, FIU’s real estate faculty had 41 contributions.

“There is no doubt that top research schools from all over the world now view FIU Business very differently from the way they viewed us just a decade ago,” said Eli Beracha, director of the [Hollo School of Real Estate at FIU Business](#). “We are playing in the major leagues and we are winning.”

Three Hollo School professors were ranked in the Top 5 globally of the REAL Author Rankings.

[William Hardin III](#), associate dean of FIU's Chapman Graduate School and former director of the Hollo School, who published 12 articles in the academic journals, was ranked No. 2. Professors [Zhenguo Lin](#) and Beracha, with 10 articles each, were tied at No. 3.

“We’re very pleased and proud to see the tremendous advancements of the Hollo School of Real Estate and its esteemed faculty who have led FIU to this remarkable achievement,” said Tibor Hollo, chairman and president of Florida East Coast Realty. “It gives us enormous satisfaction that The Real Estate Journal of Literature has recognized FIU’s commitment to top-tier academics in shaping the next generation of real estate professionals.”

In addition to the [Master of Science in International Real Estate](#), offered in both traditional and online forums, the Hollo School at FIU Business offers an undergraduate degree program in real estate and houses the Jerome Bain Real Estate Institute, created in 1998 in partnership with the Miami Association of Realtors.

“Over the last few years, the graduate real estate program increasingly received more applications from top-notch, quality individuals,” said Beracha. “Students realize that at the Hollo School of Real Estate, they can learn from and interact with globally-recognized faculty, and they increasingly choose FIU over the competition.”

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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 more than 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. Its faculty ranks among the Top 100 in the U.S. in UT Dallas' survey of business research productivity. For more information about FIU Business, visit www.business.fiu.edu.

About FIU:

Florida International University is Miami's public research university, focused on student success. According to U.S. News and World Report, FIU has 44 top-50 rankings in the nation among public universities. FIU is a top U.S. research university (R1), with more than \$200 million in annual expenditures. FIU ranks 15th in the nation among public universities for patent production, which drives innovation, and is one of the institutions that helps make Florida the top state for higher education. The [Next Horizon](#) fundraising campaign is furthering FIU's commitment to providing students Worlds Ahead opportunities. Today, FIU has two campuses and multiple centers, and supports artistic and cultural engagement

through its three museums: [Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum](#), the [Wolfsonian-FIU](#), and the [Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU](#). FIU is a member of [Conference USA](#), with more than 400 student-athletes participating in 18 sports. The university has awarded more than 330,000 degrees to many leaders in South Florida and beyond. For more information about FIU, visit www.fiu.edu.