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FIU’s global business center gets $1.4M U.S. grant renewal

Florida International University’s Center for International Business Education and Research, or CIBER, one of only 30 such university-based centers in the nation, has received a grant renewal of $1.4 million from the U.S. Department of Education.

As part of the grant-matching program, FIU will generate an additional $1.4 million through state funding initiatives. The money, which will be dispersed over the next four years, will be used for programs to promote the community’s global competitiveness through international business education and research initiatives.

Designed to bring together the needs of the business community with the university’s international education, language training, and research capabilities, FIU’s CIBER, a division of the College of Business Administration, was established in October 1995 with an initial grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since its inception, the center has carried out the mandate of its grant by promoting international understanding, enhancing international expertise and creating broader awareness about the internationalization of business, according to Joyce J. Elam, executive dean of FIU’s College of Business Administration.

“Building on the strengths of our international faculty and staff, and our unique expertise in Latin American and Caribbean commerce, our CIBER has become a valuable resource in advancing the study and teaching of international business, particularly in the Americas, and thus preparing our students to become tomorrow’s leaders in the global economy,” Dean said in a statement.

“This funding will take us to the next level as we build on the work CIBER has done since its inception.”

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