

**Finalists for UCF Collective Impact Community Challenge (These two pages maximum)**

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**Project Title: Collectively Confronting and Resolving the Injustice of Human Trafficking**

1. Describe the project, significant community challenge it addresses, and the target audience and geographic area you will focus on (specific neighborhood, city, count, etc.) in 100 words or less:

In February 2018, the UCF Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery was established. While this was the culmination of 15 years of progress by campus and community partners to raise awareness of the problem, it was also just the beginning. Although human trafficking now garners significant national and international attention, the need to fortify and expand our efforts is more important than ever. With our existing infrastructure, we are well positioned to continue leading and innovating much-needed solutions, and eventually create national and international models of excellence to address and prevent this scourge on humanity.

2. We seek comprehensive solutions that address root causes of an issue, how will your team draw upon the unique expertise, strengths, and assets of the university and engage as many different functional and disciplinary areas of the university as possible?

<b>Internal Collaborators/Partners at UCF (across disciplines, unit)</b>	<b>Role (very brief)</b>	<b>Confirmed Participation (Yes or No)</b>
Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery	Leading strategy; coordinating efforts between internal and external partners.	Yes
2 Colleges, 5 departments/programs/offices, 1 Faculty Cluster – more partnerships are forthcoming *For details, see Appendix	Supporting initiatives and providing programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
WUCF TV	Providing programming outlets.	Yes
<b><u>External</u> Collaborator/Partners</b>	<b>Role (very brief)</b>	<b>Confirmed Participation (Yes or No)</b>
Leading experts, scholars, and advocates *For details, see Appendix	Participants on advisory board and community working group.	Yes
Valencia College, Peace and Justice Institute	Participant on advisory board and community working group, as well as in programming at UCF and at Valencia.	Yes
Dr. Phillips High School	Participant in programming at UCF and at Dr. Phillips.	Yes
Florida Abolitionist, Inc.	Participant on advisory board and community working group, as well as in programming at UCF and in the community.	Yes

3. We seek projects that integrate or involve all three areas of our mission. Describe how your project has the components of teaching/academic, research/scholarship, and/or service/engagement.

The Center and this project plan to expand the understanding of human trafficking in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary context, and search for solutions through coursework, research, distinguished speakers, student fellowships, survivor scholarships, partnerships, international professional exchanges, and community engagement.

4. Outcomes primarily relate to improvements in knowledge, skills, and attitudes whereas impacts involve improvements in academic, cultural, economic, environmental, health and/or social conditions. State the main three outcomes or impacts that you expect by the first 5 years of implementing this project in 50 words or less total.

1. Expand and increase campus and community awareness to prevent and address human trafficking. Solidify academic connections through research and coursework.
2. Develop more national and international partnerships.
3. Establish comprehensive, interdisciplinary, international resources for human trafficking awareness. Host international conferences bringing together academics, practitioners, survivors, students, abolitionists, public officials and benefactors.

5. In 100 words or less total, describe the potential for scaling this project nationally or globally such as salience of the issue nationally or globally and potential national or global partners, etc.

**National or global significance/importance:** Human trafficking is the second-largest criminal enterprise in the world, holding an estimated 40 million people in forced servitude and generating an estimated \$32 billion dollars in the trade of humans each year.

**Potential to scale nationally or globally:** Human trafficking defies borders, and because of this, our work can and should be far-reaching. The scope of this program is international, yet deeply rooted in Central Florida.

**Potential National or Global Partners:** Educational institutions and non-profits around the U.S. and the world.

6. The components of a successful Collective Impact project were discussed during the meeting with Dr. Jones. Describe how your team will incorporate each component for collective impact rather than isolated impact. (No more than one sentence each). Refer to handout provided by Dr. Jones.

**UCF as backbone organization that provides a centralized infrastructure:** The complexity of human trafficking allows the opportunity to engage almost every discipline here at UCF, and the humanitarian implications are universal; UCF and the Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery will provide the leadership and coordination between the multitude of agencies and organizations while also connecting these entities with UCF faculty whose research works.

**Achieve a common agenda:** In order to effectively address human trafficking, we need the engagement of law enforcement officials, health care and social services providers, educators, legislators and policy makers, and, especially here in Central Florida, the hospitality and tourism industries; our faculty are leaders in all of these fields, and our students soon will be.

**Shared measurement:** The Center, along with its partners, will develop and coordinate reporting structures and tools that focus on shared outcomes while collectively creating best practices in the many fields and areas related to human trafficking.

**Mutually reinforcing activities:** The teaching, research and programming activities of the partners are individually significant and collectively reinforcing in the effort to address and resolve the human-trafficking problem.

**Continuous communication:** There will be continuous communication via the center's website and social media sites, a thrice-yearly electronic newsletter, meetings of the advisory board and working group, public forums on campus and in the community; and programming on WUCF-TV.

7. In 50 words or less, describe specific external sources of potential funding and whether there are RFPs forthcoming from those entities?

There are many federal funding opportunities with the DOJ, HHS, and Homeland Security that the Center is planning to pursue. In addition, the Center has been approached by a number of individuals and entities who have expressed philanthropic interest/intent, and has received a \$1 million bequest from David W. Boone.

8. Review the information on UCF Cluster Initiatives. In 50 words or less, discuss the potential for this project to form an active, productive Cluster. (<https://www.ucf.edu/faculty/faculty-research-clusters/>)

With at least 17 UCF faculty members teaching and/or conducting research on this issue, there is growing depth, as well as more interdisciplinary communication and collaboration among faculty and administrators university-wide, making cluster potential very high.

APPENDIX – ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOR #2

INTERNAL COLLABORATORS, COLLEGES, DEPARTMENTS, AND CLUSTERS

<b>Internal Collaborators/Partners at UCF (across disciplines, unit)</b>	<b>Role (very brief)</b>	<b>Confirmed Participation (Yes or No)</b>
The Burnett Honors College	Supports initiatives and provides programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
The College of Sciences	Houses the Center at the college level, supports initiatives and provides programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
Global Perspectives Office	Office Director co-chairs the Center and is interim co-director; supports initiatives and provides programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
Department of Legal Studies	Department chair is interim co-director of the Center; supports initiatives and provides programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
Political Science Department	Supports initiatives and provides programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
Devos Sports Business Management	Program director is a Center advisory board member; supports initiatives and provides programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
Women’s and Gender Studies	Program director is a Center advisory board member; supports initiatives and provides programming and curricular connections and resources.	Yes
Violence Against Women Faculty Cluster	Center interim co-chair is a member of this cluster.	Yes

EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS/PARTNERS, LEADING EXPERTS, SCHOLARS, AND ADVOCATES

<b>External Collaborator/Partners</b>	<b>Role (very brief)</b>	<b>Confirmed Participation (Yes or No)</b>
Dr. Kevin Bales Professor of Contemporary Slavery and Research Director, The Rights Lab University of Nottingham	Advisory board member, regular participant in conferences and symposia sponsored or co-sponsored by the Center, guest in broadcast roles on WUCF-TV.	Yes
Francis Bok Abolitionist Former Sudanese child slave	Advisory board member, regular presenter on campus and in the community, participant in a documentary series on human trafficking and modern slavery and other broadcast activities with WUCF-TV.	Yes
Ambassador Luis C. deBaca Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons	Advisory board member, regular participant in conferences and symposia sponsored or co-sponsored by the Center, guest in broadcast roles on WUCF-TV.	Yes
Civil Lawyers Against World Sex-Slavery (CLAWS), founded by David W. Boone	Ongoing partner with the Center, with a program office at UCF.	Yes