

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY CAREER LEVEL GUIDE: SUPPORT & PROFESSIONAL ROLES

SUPPORT ROLES					PROFESSIONAL ROLES			
DIMENSION / LEVEL	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
TYPICAL TRAINING/ EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS diploma or GED preferred ▪ 0-2 years of experience in area of responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS diploma or GED required ▪ Specialized skill training/ certification may be required ▪ Generally 2-5 years of experience in area of responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS diploma or GED required; Technical certification or Associates degree may be required in some areas ▪ Generally 5-7 years of experience in related area of responsibility OR ▪ Bachelor's degree and generally 2 years of experience in related field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS diploma or GED required; Technical certification or Associates degree may be required in some areas ▪ Generally 8+ years of experience in related area of responsibility OR ▪ Bachelor's degree and generally 3 years of experience in related field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Typically requires Bachelor's in related discipline. Certification may be required in some areas ▪ Generally 0-2 years of experience in related field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Typically requires Bachelor's in related discipline ▪ Generally 2-5 years of experience in related field; certification may be required in some areas OR ▪ Master's degree and generally 1-3 years of experience in related field; certification may be required in some areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Typically requires Bachelor's in related discipline ▪ Generally 5-8 years of experience in related field. Certification is required in some areas OR ▪ Master's degree and generally 3-5 years of experience in related field. Certification required in some areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Typically requires Bachelor's in related discipline. Generally 8+ years experience in related field. Certification required in some areas OR ▪ Master's degree and generally 5-7 years experience in related field. Certification required in some areas
DEPARTMENT / ORGANIZATIONAL SCOPE AND IMPACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entry level support role requiring basic skills; can perform some of the basic tasks within the function; some impact at the job or department level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fully functioning support role that performs <i>all (or most)</i> of the standard work within the function; moderate impact to the department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior support role experienced in area of responsibility ▪ Performs <i>all</i> of the standard and <i>some</i> specialized more complex aspects of the function; increasing department or area impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Top level in a senior support role highly experienced in area of responsibility ▪ Performs advanced, diversified and confidential administrative duties to an executive of the organization at the presidential, vice presidential level or equivalent. ▪ Assists executive staff capacity by coordinating office services, such as personnel, budget preparation and control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entry level professional contributor ▪ Applies theories/principles of specialized area ▪ Work is of limited scope, typically on smaller, less complex projects/ assignments or providing support for larger projects/assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fully competent professional contributor, working independently on larger, moderately complex projects/assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seasoned professional contributor with responsibility for an advanced area of work in the professional field ▪ May be responsible for entire projects or functions having modest scope/impact or portions of projects having considerable scope or impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognized subject matter expert. ▪ Focused on matters that have a direct effect on the university ▪ Routinely called upon to apply/demonstrate mastery of existing and emerging technologies, practices, and processes ▪ May direct major projects or programs with significant University impact
PROBLEM COMPLEXITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performs simple, routine work ▪ Selects correct processes from clearly prescribed rules, past practices, or instruction ▪ Seeks advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effectively identifies problems as they occur and takes appropriate steps to solve them in situations where the problem is not difficult or complex ▪ Escalates complex, unusual problems to supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applies advanced skills to resolve most problems ▪ Escalates only the most complex issues to higher levels ▪ May modify processes to resolve situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duties and tasks are complex and sensitive in nature ▪ Handles a wide variety of complex situations and conflicts involving the clerical and administrative function of the office that often cannot be brought to the attention of the executive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performs basic tasks and functions for professional field of work ▪ Works in compliance with established policies and/or procedures. Identifies and resolves readily identifiable, clearly defined problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performs full range of standard professional level work that typically requires processing and interpreting, more complex, less clearly defined issues. Identifies problems and possible solutions and takes appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performs advanced areas of work for the professional field ▪ Identifies key barriers/core problems and applies problem-solving skills in order to deal creatively with complex situations. Troubleshoots and resolves complex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performs leading-edge areas of work for the professional field (where applicable) ▪ Displays critical thinking and analysis in bringing successful resolution to high-impact, complex, and/or cross-department problems ▪ Makes sound decisions

	and guidance on non-routine or problem areas from supervisor. Any deviations from the norm are cleared by the supervisor			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolves questions and problems independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates skill in data analysis techniques by resolving missing/incomplete information, inconsistencies/anomalies in routine research/data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action to resolve Demonstrates skill in data analysis techniques by resolving missing/incomplete information, inconsistencies/anomalies in more complex research/data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> problems Makes decisions under conditions of uncertainty, sometimes with incomplete information, that produce effective end results 	when faced with complex and often contradictory alternatives that result in successful outcomes
AUTONOMY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under close supervision, performs tasks in accordance with well-defined policies, procedures, and techniques Work typically involves detailed checks or close review of output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under general supervision, performs tasks in accordance with well-defined policies, procedures, and techniques Work typically involves regular review of output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under limited supervision, exercises judgment to determine best approach to achieve desired outcomes Course of action is often determined by interpreting procedures and policies using well-established techniques or specific standards described in manuals or other sources Work typically involves periodic review of output by a supervisor or feedback from “customers” of the process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operates with considerable latitude Exercises discretion and independent judgment with respect to matters of significance Determines and develops approach to solutions to achieve desired outcomes Has the authority to implement management policies or operating practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of work requires general supervision; exercises judgment. May be paired with a mentor Work typically involves regular process checks or review of output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of work requires independent judgment; receives guidance on unusual complex issues Work review typically involves periodic review of output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performs assignments with instruction limited to results expected Determines and develops approach to solutions Receives technical guidance on unusual or complex issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operates with considerable latitude Situations may have little or no precedent requiring original or new concepts or approaches without guidance from others Reaches decisions under conditions of uncertainty
INFLUENCING / PEOPLE LEADERSHIP	None	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is sought out and/or assigned to provide general guidance, training, and technical assistance to Level 1, 2 and temporary support employees Contributes to employees’ professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is sought out to provide guidance, training, and technical assistance to Level 1, 2, 3 and temporary Support Staff Contributes to employees’ professional development, and may make recommendations in hiring decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May provide general guidance/direction to Support Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May provide general guidance/direction or train support and Level 1 Professional Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May oversee the completion of projects or assignments, including planning, assigning, monitoring and reviewing progress and accuracy of work, evaluating results, etc. Contributes to employees’ professional development, but does not have hiring or firing authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops or engages/directs others in developing innovative solutions to important, highly complex strategic and operating problems Cross-department considerations are often present
KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignments require basic knowledge beyond the assigned work Demonstrates correct understanding of routine aspects of work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates proficient knowledge of a technical or specialty area Readily learns and applies new information/concept in area of practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced knowledge of tasks and responsibilities Effectively applies skills in accomplishing tasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad and comprehensive experience, skill and knowledge of organization policies and practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possesses and applies basic knowledge of principles, practices and procedures Knows and effectively uses fundamental concepts, practices, and procedures of particular area of specialization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possesses and applies a broad knowledge of principles, practices, and procedures of particular field of specialization to the completion of moderately complex assignments. Solid knowledge of University’s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possesses and applies comprehensive knowledge of particular field of specialization to the completion of complex assignments. Advanced knowledge of University’s technologies and practices No responsibility for developing and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possesses extensive knowledge in primary discipline or technical/scientific area State-of-the-art knowledge of technologies, processes, and practices Point of authority and/or source of technical/scientific

				technologies and practices	managing operating plans/budgets	knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No responsibility for developing and managing operating plans/budgets
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