



FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
COMMUNICATIONS

President Larry Robinson, Ph.D. Bio
(Abbreviated Version)

Dr. Larry Robinson serves as Florida A&M University's (FAMU) 12th president and as a distinguished service professor at the University. Most recently he was appointed as a member of the Climate Crossroads Advisory Committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) and currently serves on NASEM's Gulf Research Program's Division Committee. Robinson also serves on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) 1890 Task Force. Additionally, he is the Principal Investigator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Center for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (CCME) II.

Dr. Robinson formerly served as a member of the U.S. Congress authorized STEM Education Advisory Panel which was established "to provide advice and recommendations to the Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education (CoSTEM)" among other responsibilities.

In May 2010, Dr. Robinson took a leave of absence from FAMU to serve in a U.S. Senate-confirmed position as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management at NOAA.

In 2007-2009, Dr. Robinson served as Senior Scientific Advisor at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

In 2008, Dr. Robinson was selected to serve on the Oceans Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP) which was chartered under the National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) at the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

Dr. Robinson has served as chair of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents for the State University System of Florida; chair of the Biology and Medicine Division of the American Nuclear Society; and charter member of the National Council for Science and the Environment's Council of Environmental Deans and Directors.

Dr. Robinson is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Chapter of the Nature Conservancy; the National Science Foundation's National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Education Tiger Team; the International Advisory Board to Florida Center for Research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (FCR-STEM); the Leon County Research and Development Authority; the Leon County Water Resources Committee; and Florida A&M University's campus coordinator for Florida Sea Grant and Florida's Institute of Oceanography.

Dr. Robinson served on the National Research Council (NRC) Committee on the Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem; the NRC Committee on Mine Placement of Coal Combustion Waste; and the NRC Committee to Review the Florida Aquifer Storage and Recover Regional Study Technical Data Report.

Under his leadership FAMU is one of America's Top Public Universities as recognized by U.S. News & World Report, ranked at number 91. For the fifth consecutive year, the University is the highest ranked Public Historically Black College and/or University in the nation. Additionally, FAMU is the third highest ranked

HBCU, public and/or private. FAMU is also ranked 21st among all colleges and universities in Social Mobility, an indicator of its ability to alter the economic trajectory of students and their families for generations.

Additionally, FAMU recently had three consecutive “best-ever” years in fundraising. Faculty and staff have also broken records in research funding and research expenditures as the University closes in on another major goal of becoming a “Very High Research Activity” institution as designated by the Carnegie Classification System.