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Campus Partner Highlight: The Student Ombuds Program

At Florida State University, student success is a top priority. Whether a student is just starting out or nearing graduation, the Student Ombuds Office is here to support our students. We're a friendly, confidential resource for undergraduate and graduate students who need help figuring things out—whether it's understanding a policy, exploring options, or just talking through a challenge.

Think of the Student Ombuds as a guide—someone who listens, offers perspective, and helps to find a way forward. While we don't handle formal complaints or legal notices, we're here to help students make sense of things and connect them with the right resources.

What We Offer:

- A safe space to talk through concerns
- Help understanding university policies
- Guidance on possible next steps
- Answers to students' questions

What to Know:

Talking to us doesn't constitute official notice to FSU. We don't take sides—we're here to support finding a fair solution. We're independent and informal, meaning we don't make decisions or enforce policies. Everything students share stays confidential unless they give permission or there's a legal, policy, or safety reason to disclose.



Grant Escue,
Director, Student
Ombuds

Our Cornerstone Principles:

- Confidentiality:** What students share stays private, with a few exceptions for safety, legal, or policy reasons.
- Impartiality:** We're neutral—we listen to all sides and help search for fair solutions.
- Independence:** We're not part of university management and don't make decisions on its behalf. We can't force anyone to take a certain action.
- Informality:** We're a resource outside of formal processes, here to help explore options!

—Grant Escue, Director, Student Ombuds Office

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Join us for **CORPORATE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS WEEK**



Check out our C&E Week Events!



Compliance Workshop: Conflicts, Gifts, & Foreign Influence Simplified!

Have questions regarding conflicts of interest, gifts, conference attendance, foreign influence, or other compliance-related topics—the Office of Compliance and Ethics (OCE) is here to help!

The OCE invites you to join us for this educational event where we'll discuss an array of ethics and compliance related topics using university-specific case studies and have an interactive Q&A where you can ask our experts all of *your* most pressing compliance questions!

When: November 4, 2025 @1:30PM
Where: The Globe, Room 2400

No registration required!
Bring your colleagues!



Have questions? Need support?

The OCE Team is standing by to help you navigate the regulatory labyrinth!

Compliance & Ethics Expo and Awards Ceremony



Celebrate integrity and excellence at our inaugural Compliance and Ethics Expo and Awards! The event will feature resources, tools, and insights to support a culture of compliance and ethical decision-making and the presentation of our inaugural Compliance & Ethics Awards!

When: November 5, 2025 @1PM
Where: The Globe Auditorium

[Click here to learn more about the awards and nominate a colleague who exemplifies ethical leadership, promotes compliance, or drives meaningful change.](#)

Let's learn, connect, and celebrate the champions of compliance and ethics!

OCE Resources:



Your guide to Form 1 Filing:
[FSU Form 1 E-Filing Toolkit](#)

Received a gift? Refer to our new [Gift Guidelines & Best Practices](#) resource!

Invited to a free conference? Check out the [OCE's Quick Reference Guide For Attending Conferences](#)

