



PHILLIP AND PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE ANNOUNCES
\$10 MILLION GIFT FROM UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Both institutions to collaborate on exhibitions, educational public programs and media productions in the field of informal science communication

MIAMI, FL (May 9, 2018) – The Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, located in Downtown Miami’s Museum Park, announced today that it has received a \$10 million gift from the University of Miami, a major private research university. The collaboration will be focused on the development of permanent and traveling exhibitions, media productions and public programs that will further advance the prominence of both institutions in the field of informal science communication.

“We are honored to receive this generous contribution from the University of Miami,” said Frank Steslow, President and CEO of Frost Science. “This will have a major impact on our institution, inspiring future STEM leaders and allowing our guests direct access to the rich scientific research programs, academic expertise and professional skills of the university.”

The donation is part of a recent \$100 million gift to UM from generous benefactors Dr. Phillip and Patricia Frost, aimed at elevating basic and applied sciences, as well as engineering, at the university. The university recently broke ground on the state-of-the-art [Phillip and Patricia Frost Science and Engineering Building](#) on its Coral Gables campus, part of the new Frost Institute of Chemistry and Molecular Science.

“We want to cultivate an interest in science in the museum’s youngest visitors and, we hope, inspire many of them to pursue their educations in the STEM disciplines at UM, ultimately forming the next generation of scientific innovators,” said UM President Julio Frenk. “Through this partnership, the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science and the University of Miami will achieve preeminence in the field of informal science communication, and will greatly strengthen the infrastructure by which our community’s innovation ecosystem can grow and flourish.”

The university is engaged annually in more than \$300 million in sponsored research in multiple areas, including marine science, engineering, medicine and education. Through this partnership, Frost Science and UM will also collaborate on research, planetarium/video productions, symposia and lectures. The museum will also identify opportunities for internships and experiential training opportunities for UM students in a variety of different topics and subjects.

Frost Science and UM have a long collaborative history, tracing back to the museum’s former location in Coconut Grove. University faculty and students have served as content advisors for exhibitions, events and more. In addition, both institutions have worked together on several major educational initiatives, including the museum’s Upward Bound Math and Science IMPACT (Integrated Marine Program and College Training) summer program (frostsscience.org/ubms) with UM’s Rosenstiel School of Marine and

Atmospheric Science, aquarium exhibits and grant-funded programs. The museum also recently launched the Frost Science Trash Detectives and #BayDrift program in partnership with UM's CARTHE (Consortium for Advanced Research on Transport of Hydrocarbon in the Environment) and the Inventors in Residence Lab (frostsscience.org/inventorslab). Located on Level 5 of the museum, the Inventors in Residence Lab features the work of UM professor Dr. Andrew Baker and Dr. Rivah Winter as they look at coral restoration with a focus on growing corals that are more resilient in warmer oceans.

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About the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science (Frost Science)

Located in Downtown Miami's Museum Park, the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science is a leading science museum dedicated to sharing the power of science, sparking wonder and investigation, and fueling innovation for the future. Sitting on four acres, the 250,000-square-foot museum is divided into four buildings: the Frost Planetarium, Aquarium, and the North and West Wings. At Frost Science, visitors can explore the world of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in an experiential setting with interactive exhibitions and unique shows. Frost Science is supported by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. This project is supported by the Building Better Communities Bond Program and the City of Miami. It is sponsored, in part, by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and a member of the Association of Science and Technology Centers. Learn more at frostsscience.org. Follow Frost Science on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @frostsscience.

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