



BHAGWAN ADINATH PROFESSORSHIP OF JAIN STUDIES

JAIN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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✧ A Historic Milestone ✧

Establishing a perpetual professorship in Jain studies at Florida International University in 2010 was a historic milestone for the Jain community. The next chapter of this history is being written at the University of North Texas in Dallas.



Join Us

Be a part of making history. Let us open the doors of opportunity together, bringing into the world universal Jain message of non-harming, tolerance and harmony. Help make a better world filled with greater vision of peace and understanding.

You can make a difference.

Join in our goal of creating a \$1.0M endowment for a Jain professorship at UNT.



WHY JAIN STUDIES ?

- ❑ Promote Jain Studies through undergraduate and graduate level courses and research.
- ❑ Create a community of scholars who can represent Jain teachings in an authentic fashion within academia as well as community.
- ❑ Conduct deep research in Jain philosophy to create solutions for contemporary issues such as conflict resolution and environmental ethics.
- ❑ Develop rich and relevant source materials for studies of Jain philosophy to benefit the community at large

WHY UNT ?

- ❑ UNT is one of the largest Tier-1 US universities with student body of 40,000 from a diverse religious background.
- ❑ Dallas metropolitan area has a large and thriving local Jain community to support the initiative.
- ❑ With its many scholars of Jainism and other Asian cultures, UNT has a flourishing peace studies program and a very supportive administration.
- ❑ State matching program in Texas (with 50% matching for gifts) creates a multiplier effect for our contributions.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT FIU

- Since 2006, undergraduate courses in Jainism and world religions have been taught at FIU by two Jain nuns (Samanijis). Jain Education and Research Foundation was established in 2010 with the aim of ensuring permanent university level education and research in Jain studies.
- Over the past 6 years, the **Bhagwan Mahavir Professorship of Jain Studies** at FIU has flourished exposing over 6000 students to universal Jain values.
- This has been a successful example of community and academic partnership to promote Jain values through temple visits, online courses, community lectures and international student exchange.
- Student community at FIU is very active on campus in clubs on Jain themes such as the Vegetarian Club, Jain Club and Preksha Meditation club.
- The program has produced published research on topics of applied Jainism such as conflict resolution, environmental studies and meditation.
- The lecture series on Jain subject matter brings world-class speakers and researchers together with students and local community at FIU twice a year.



WHO ARE WE ?

JERF board members are a dedicated team with decades of Jain community leadership, deep Jain scholarship, and a successful track record in establishing Jain studies at academic institutions.

Spiritual Guidance

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