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Internal Awards Program faculty grants announced, totalling nearly \$80,000

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Nearly \$80,000 has been awarded to 10 USF St. Petersburg faculty members through the 2012 Internal Awards Program, Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth announced Friday.

The program provides “seed money” through a competitive process. The money allows faculty members to lay the groundwork for proposals to external sponsors such as federal and state agencies.

Nearly two dozen faculty members applied. Each applicant was asked to explain the impact of the proposed project and identify sources of future funding. The USFSP Research Council reviewed the applications and recommended those it deemed worthy of funding. Dr. Hogarth awarded the grants based on those recommendations, along with input from Norine Noonan, regional vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Seven awards were in the [College of Arts and Sciences](#), two in the [College of Business](#) and one in the [College of Education](#), totaling \$79,270.

“The awards underscore the quality and scope of research underway at USF St. Petersburg,” said Dr. Hogarth. “I hope this program will help provide the momentum to continue the progress we have seen in the past four years, when research funding has grown from \$800,000 to \$6 million. I am very proud of our faculty and the research they are conducting, which benefits students and the community.”

College of Arts and Sciences

- Henry Alegria, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, \$8,000, *Assessing the Impact of Sewage Discharge from Caye Caulker on the Belize Barrier Reef – Application of the FORAM Index.*
- Susan F. Allen, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social Work, \$7,855, *A Study of Factors that Affect Birth Mothers’ Adoption Plans in Private Adoptions.*
- Tiffany Chenneville, Ph.D., Associated Professor of Psychology, \$7,892, *Perceptions of HIV Criminalization Laws Among College Students.*
- Narciso J. Hidalgo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Spanish, \$7,728, *Beyond the Boundaries: Orishas and Babalawos in Mexico and Spain*
- Heather Judkins, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Oceanography, \$7,950, *Biodiversity Around the Borders.*
- Neil Matthiessen, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design, \$7,845, *WAAS Gallery Exhibit.*

- James McHale, Professor and Chair of Psychology, \$8,000, *Perceptions of Parenting Coordination by Parents and Coordinators*.

College of Business

- Zheng (Chris) Chen , Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Management, \$8,000, *Work-family Role Boundary Management: A Person Identity Perspective*.
- Varol Onur Kayhan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Information Systems Management, \$8,000, *Information Privacy: The Effect of Helplessness*.

College of Education

- AnnMarie Alberton Gunn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Reading and Literacy Studies, \$8,000, *Building A Culturally Responsible Literacy Pedagogy Through Authentic Texts and Community Engagement*.