The Office of Postdoctoral Scholar Services @ FIU

FIU’s strategic plan, FIUBeyondPossible2020 (http://stratplan.fiu.edu/docs/Strategic%20Plan.pdf), calls for action for the University to achieve excellence in research. As part of the strategic plan, the University made a firm commitment to grow and develop the postdoctoral experience. At FIU, postdoctoral scholars are provided with opportunities to work alongside distinguished faculty who are renowned in their fields, so as to prepare for career positions in academia, industry, government, or the nonprofit sector. Postdoctoral scholars bring expertise and creativity that enriches the research environment for all members of the University community, including graduate and undergraduate students, and they are vital to the research and scholarly mission of FIU.

The postdoctoral scholar experience at FIU provides individuals who have recently completed doctoral degrees with full-time programs of advanced academic preparation and research training under the guidance of supervising faculty mentors. A postdoctoral scholar appointment is a temporary and defined period of mentored advanced training to enhance the professional skills and independence needed to pursue a chosen career path.

During the week of September 18 through September 22, the Office of Postdoctoral Scholar Services held events in recognition of National Postdoctoral Appreciation Week. Postdocs gathered for an ice cream social, a mentoring workshop, and met with representatives from the University Graduate School and the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED).

FIU strives to provide stimulating, constructive, and dynamic experiences for postdocs by emphasizing the mutual commitment and responsibility of the University, the faculty, the students, and the postdoctoral scholars. Our goal is for each postdoctoral scholar to have an exemplary professional and personal development experience while at FIU.


**Upcoming Events**

**October**
- October 2, 6:30 to 8 pm, WC 130, *Maternal and Child Health Grand Rounds—Maternal Mortality: How did California do it?* presented by David C. Lagrew, Jr, M.D.
- October 4, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130, *InWE Seminar Series: Should (R)SET-MH sedimentation data be used to forecast the effects of sea level rise on wetland resilience and carbon sequestration?*
- October 4, 6 to 8 pm, MARC 3rd floor, *Welcome to the Future*, presented by StartUP FIU West Kendall
- October 10, 8 am to 5 pm, TBD, *Geopolitical Summit: Islam and Muslims Today*, presented by Reza Aslan
- October 11, 12 to 1 pm, CITRUS Health Network, *Beyond Brick and Mortar: Leveraging Remote Technologies to Extend the Reach and Scope of Children’s Mental Health Care*, presented by Jonathan Comer
- October 11, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 1 #110, *Helping your kids learn how to fail: raising a resilient child*, presented by Isabel Rodríguez-Duncan
- October 13, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 1 #110, *School-based Prevention of Behavioral and Mental Health Problems: Integrating and Advancing the Evidence Base*, presented by Catherine P. Bradshaw
- October 13, 2 to 3 pm, ECS 241, *How to make a better direct digital frequency synthesizer*, presented by Allan N. Willson, Jr.
- October 14, 9 am to 3 pm, MARC 3rd floor, *How to think about whether my research can be commercialized*, presented by StartUP FIU
- October 18, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 1 #110, *Tips on Managing Back-to-School Anxiety and Test-taking*, presented by Yasmin Rey and Deepika Bose
- October 19, 12 to 1 pm, AHC4 #101, *Women in Politics*, presented by Katy Sorenson
- October 25, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 4 #110, *How to Effectively Help your Child with their Homework*, presented by Brittney Merrill
- October 27, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 4 #110, *How the Specificity of Labels impacts Infant’s Behavioral and Neural Development*, presented by Lisa S. Scott
- October 27, 2 to 3 pm, ECS 241, *Climate Change and National Security*, presented by Yannis Phillis

**November**
- November 1, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130, *InWE Seminar Series: Carbon gains and losses under nutrient enrichment in a mangrove wetland*
- November 8, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 1 #110, *How to support your teen in making good decisions about alcohol and other drugs*, presented by Nicole Schatz
- November 8, 3 to 3:50 pm, SIPA 220, *Biomolecular Sciences Institute Lecture* by Carlos A. Torres-Ramos
- November 17, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, GL 100A, *Biomolecular Sciences Institute Seminar* by Peter Lu

**December**
- December 1, 11 am to 12 noon, AHC3 #205, *Biomolecular Sciences Institute Seminar* by Susan Wallace
- December 1, 2 to 3 pm, ECS 241, *IHMC Research: National Language Processing, Cyber Security and Big Data*, presented by Bonnie Borr
- December 13, 12 to 1 pm, CITRUS Health Network, *Recent studies in dosing and sequencing pharmacological and behavioral treatments for ADHD: When They Go High, We Go Low*, presented by William Pelham

**Awards Received—August 2017**

FIU researchers were awarded $15,539,574 in August 2017. Below is a listing of awards received.

**Agarwal, Arvind**
College of Engineering & Computing
Engineering Dean's Office
Clarkson Aerospace Corp
AFRL Collaboration Program - Materials & Manufacturing Research Increase

$15,000
Agudelo, Marisela  
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
COM Immunology  
National Institutes of Health  
EtOH-induced Immunomodulation: Role of Histone Deacetylases and Cannabinoid Genes  
Increase  
$24,108

Ali, Hesham A  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Express Lane Marker Color Human Factors Study on Concrete  
Supplemental  
$94,461

Alluri, Priyanka  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Technical and Research Support for ITS and Traffic Engineering Projects (LOA #17)  
Initial  
$277,342

Attong, Nicole  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
FIU Embrace  
Dan Marino Foundation  
The Dan Marino Foundation: Independent Living Program  
Initial  
$7,163

Baralt, Melissa Lorrain  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Center for Children and Families  
Health Resources & Services Administration  
Háblame bebé: Helping Hispanic families reduce the word gap and promote bilingualism  
Initial  
$75,000

Bhansali, Shekhar  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Electrical & Computer Engineering  
North Carolina State University  
Advanced Self-Powered Systems of Integrated Sensor Technologies (Assist)  
Continuation  
$34,000

Bhat, Mahadev  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
National Institute of Food & Agriculture  
Innovative Curriculum for Agriculture Training and Career for Hispanics (iCATCH)  
Continuation  
$500,000

Boesl, Benjamin  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Mechanical & Materials Engineering  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Continuation  
$33,544
Brewster, Cheryl D  
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
COM Humanities Health and Society  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Florida Science Training and Research (STAR) Fellowship  
Increase $493,377

Briceno, Henry  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SERC  
Pennsylvania State University  
Response of carbon cycling to climatic and anthropogenic perturbations  
Initial $51,745

Casas, Alexander D  
Division of Finance—University Police  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin  
Guard Services for the National Hurricane Center  
Increase $48,387

Comer, Jonathan S  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Psychology  
National Institute of Mental Health  
Evaluating Innovative Treatment Formats for Difficult-to-Treat Child Populations  
Initial $34,543

Crowl, Todd  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
InWE  
National Park Service  
Stabilize and Protect South Florida Archeological Sites with Integrated Ecosystem Restoration  
Increase $46,500

Devieux, Jessy  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Health Promotion & Disease Prevention  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
A Trial of Same-day Testing and Treatment to Improve Outcomes among  
Initial $18,032

Dinehart, Laura H  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
School of Education  
South Florida After-School All Stars Inc.  
South Florida ASAS Transfer Agreement 2017-2018  
Supplemental $173,347

Donoso, Maria C  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
InWE  
National Park Service  
Natural Resource Condition Assessment for Three Parks within the U.S. Virgin Islands  
Increase $52,700

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College of Engineering & Computing  
Civil & Environmental Engineering  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Performance Comparison of In-Service, Full-Depth Precast Concrete  
Increase $52,571

Gardinalli, Piero  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Park Service  
Laboratory Services for Florida Bay Seawater Chemical Analysis  
Initial $50,000

Guo, Hai  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Public Administration  
Volcker Alliance Phase 2: Information from Potential University Partners  
Initial $77,210

Hannan, Jean Louise  
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Nursing Undergraduate  
University of Ottawa  
Infant Feeding among Black women living with HIV: A Community Based  
Increase $17,649

He, Xudong  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Computer Information Sciences  
Alabama A&M University  
An Adaptive Evolutionary Computing Based Runtime Checker  
Increase $73,334

Hickey, Rosemary  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
National Science Foundation  
MRI: Acquisition of a Scanning Electron Microscope for Geoscience  
Initial $309,890

Hiller, Nathan J  
College of Business Administration  
Management & International Business  
U.S. Secret Service  
Leadership Framework for Secret Service  
Initial $23,659

Ilcheva, Maria  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Metropolitan Center  
Citizens Independent Transportation Trust  
2017 Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Transportation Summit Planning  
Initial $52,977

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Jayant, Rahul Dev  
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
COM Immunology  
National Institutes of Health  
Intranasal Nanodelivery of Oxytocin to Treat Morphine Addiction in HIV Patients by Gene Editing  
Initial $146,500

Jiang, Haiyan  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin  
Estimation of Tropical Cyclone Intensity Using Satellite Passive Microwave Observations  
Initial $99,599

Kadko, David  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
ARC  
National Science Foundation  
GEOTRACES Pacific Meridional Transect: Measurement of 7Be as a Tracer  
Initial $410,338

Kiszka, Jeremy  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SEAS  
FIU Foundation  
Initial $6,375

Lau, Kingsley  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Civil & Environmental Engineering  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Corrosion Durability of Reinforced Concrete Utilizing UHPC for ABC Applications  
Increase $53,457

Lee, Seung Jae  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Civil & Environmental Engineering  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
A Predictive Computer Program for Proactive Demolition Planning  
Increase $51,830

Leng, Fenfei  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Institutes of Health  
Targeting transcription-coupled DNA supercoiling for discovering antibiotics  
Initial $232,576

Lerouge, Cynthia M  
College of Business Administration  
Information Systems & Business Analytic  
University of Washington  
Developing Design Principles to Integrate PROs  
Increase $71,980

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Liu, Jason Xiaowen
College of Engineering & Computing
Computer Information Sciences
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Center for Homeland Security Research and Education
Initial $436,494

Liu, Jason Xiaowen
College of Engineering & Computing
Computer Information Sciences
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Participant Support
Initial $763,506

Mardanpour, Pezhman
College of Engineering & Computing
Mechanical & Materials Engineering
U.S. Department of Transportation
Use of Drone in ABC Construction
Increase $52,608

Maziak, Wasim
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work
Epidemiology
National Institute on Drug Abuse
Advancing addition research and capacity to guide tobacco control in the Eastern
Increase $306,329

McDaniel, Dwayne
Academic Affairs—Other Units—ARC
Federal Aviation Administration
Effect of Surface Contamination on Composite Bond Integrity and Durability
Continuation $41,456

McPherson, Laura Crego Miller
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Physical Therapy
Northwestern University
Effect of Neural Constraints on Movement in Stroke
Supplemental $29,106

Mebel, Alexander
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Chemistry
U.S. Department of Energy
Theoretical studies of chemical reactions related to the formation and growth
Supplemental $110,000

Mehrabi, Armin Barzegar
College of Engineering & Computing
Civil & Environmental Engineering
U.S. Department of Transportation
NDT Methods Applicable to Health Monitoring of ABC Closure Joints
Increase $55,990

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College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
National Institutes of Health  
FIU MARC U*STAR Program-Yr4-Student  
Increase $1,633

Montas-Hunter, Sonja S  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
Student Access and Success  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Co  
Summer Food Summer Program food services for low income and first generation  
Increase $4,260

Montas-Hunter, Sonja S  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
Student Access and Success  
Florida Education Fund  
2017-2018 COE South Florida Center of Excellence at FIU  
Initial $5,200

Mora, Francisco  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Latin American and Caribbean Center  
U.S. Department of Education  
LACC National Resource Centers (NRC) and FLAS Fellowships Programs  
Increase $225,000

Olson, Richard  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Politics & International Relations  
Florida Division of Emergency Management  
FIU Hurricane Loss Reduction for Housing in Florida  
Initial $700,000

O'Shea, Kevin  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Science Foundation  
Fundamental Adsorption and Photochemical Studies for the Engineering  
Initial $258,377

Papastamatiou, Yannis Peter  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
Earthwatch Institute  
Shark and ray conservation in Belize  
Initial $13,685

Pelham Jr, William E  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Psychology  
National Institute on Drug Abuse  
Mechanisms of Response to Substance Use Prevention Intervention for Adolescents with ADHD  
Increase $152,545
Pelham Jr, William E
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Psychology
National Institute on Drug Abuse
Mechanisms of Response to Substance Use Prevention Intervention for Adolescents with ADHD
Continuation $536,678

Potvin, Geoffrey Douglas
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Physics
American Physical Society
APS Bridge Program Postdoctoral Researcher
Continuation $30,000

Quardokus Fisher, Kathleen Marie
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Earth and Environment
Oregon State University
Enhancing STEM Education at Oregon State University (ESTEME@OSU)
Initial $17,542

Rehage, Jennifer
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Earth and Environment
National Park Service
Effects of the 30-yr Crocodile Sanctuary closure & opening of Joe Bay
Increase $82,219

Rishe, Naphtali
College of Engineering & Computing
Computer Information Sciences
National Science Foundation
I/UCRC Phase II: Center for Advanced Knowledge Enablement
Increase $71,750

Rodriguez-Lanetty, Mauricio
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
National Science Foundation
CAREER: Exploring Immunological Priming in a Basal Metazoan (Anthozoan)
Initial $80,000

Rodriguez-Lanetty, Mauricio
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
Oregon State University
EDGE: Functional-Genomics Tools for Cnidarian-Dinoflagellate Symbiosis
Initial $502,014

Rose, Suzanna M
Academic Affairs - Other Units
Office to Advance Women, Equity, and Diversity
Children's Trust
Triple P
Initial $39,200

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Children's Trust  
PAT4YOU  
Initial  $58,447

Ross, Monique Serena Lara  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Computer Information Sciences  
National Science Foundation  
Understanding the implications of gamification on women computer science students  
Initial  $300,000

Sah, Jay P  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education SERC  
National Park Service  
Vegetation monitoring within the habitat of Cape Sable seaside sparrow  
Increase  $100,000

Sarwat, Arif Islam  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Electrical & Computer Engineering  
National Science Foundation  
EAGER: SSDIM: Simulated and Synthetic Data for Interdependent  
Initial  $200,000

Schatz, Nicole  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Psychology  
University at Buffalo SUNY  
A meta-analysis of social and behavioral outcomes for ADHD in school settings  
Continuation  $99,654

Schriner, Brian D  
College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts  
CARTA Dean's Office  
FIU Foundation  
Miami Future Urban Initiative  
Initial  $291,000

Sibley, Margaret  
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
Psychiatry and Behavior Health  
National Institute of Mental Health  
Effectiveness of MI Enhanced Behavior Therapy for Adolescents with ADHD  
Continuation  $45,033

Smith, Geoffrey S  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Computer Information Sciences  
National Science Foundation  
EAGER: Collaborative: Quantifying Information Leakage in Searchable Encryption  
Initial  $75,000
Stallworth, Nicolette Annette  
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Athletic Training  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
Initial  
$2,625

Traynor, Mark Patrick  
Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management  
Hospitality & Tourism Management  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
2017-2018 Cochran Fellowship Program  
Initial  
$21,200

Trexler, Joel  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Aquatic Fauna and Periphyton Production Data Collection  
Increase  
$229,377

Trexler, Joel  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
National Park Service  
Analyzing the Impact of Changing Hydrologic Conditions along  
Increase  
$211,520

Troxler, Tiffany  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SERC  
National Park Service  
Ecological Assessment of Florida Bay and adjacent Mangrove Wetlands  
Increase  
$177,833

Troxler, Tiffany  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SERC  
National Park Service  
Direct Measurement of Net Ecosystem Exchange (NEE) in Coastal Mangroves of Everglades National Park  
Initial  
$84,876

Volakis, John  
College of Engineering & Computing  
Engineering Dean's Office  
Ohio State University  
Ultra-Wideband and Secure Multiuser Communication System with Reduced Hardware  
Initial  
$544,000
Volakis, John
College of Engineering & Computing
Engineering Dean's Office
National Science Foundation
A New Class of Millimeter-wave Phased Array for Secure High Data Rate
Initial $67,389

Zhong, Yu
College of Engineering & Computing
Mechanical & Materials Engineering
U.S. Department of Energy
The Novel Hybrid Start-Off Model of High Performance Structural Alloys Design
Initial $169,705

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