U.S. Transportation Secretary Chao visits FIU’s Engineering Center

On October 17, FIU welcomed U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao. After participating in a transportation and infrastructure stakeholders’ meeting with Miami-Dade County representatives, Secretary Chao and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart visited FIU’s Accelerated Bridge Construction University Transportation Center (ABC-UTC), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). While at FIU, Secretary Chao also had the opportunity to visit FIU’s Wall of Wind (WOW) and FPL’s Solar Facility at FIU.

After President Mark Rosenberg and Engineering Dean John Volakis welcomed Secretary Chao, Dr. Azizinamini, chair of FIU’s civil engineering department and director of FIU’s ABC-UTC, highlighted cost-effective university-developed technologies that can more rapidly repair existing bridges, create workforce development opportunities and incorporate new technologies. The Secretary was also briefed on FIU’s vision for catastrophic disaster research and the role ABC-UTC plays in our resilience efforts.

Secretary Chao toured FIU’s Titan Materials Construction Lab, where the folded-plate girder technology, as well as the high-performance concrete and shell were highlighted. Dr. Azizinamini also discussed the introduction of robotics and 3D printing into the construction of bridges. Additionally, several graduate students had the opportunity to meet Secretary Chao and explain their current research.

The research priorities of the ABC-UTC include extending the ABC principles to repair, replace and preserve bridges; enhancing the life of bridges; developing tools, guidelines and specifications to facilitate adoption of ABC principles; and developing the next generation of decision-making tools for better communication among stakeholders.

The 2017 National Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference, sponsored by the ABC-UTC, will be held on December 7 and 8 at the Hyatt Regency Miami. More information is available at the ABC-UTC Conference website.
Upcoming Events

November
- **November 1, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130**, InWE Seminar Series: *Carbon gains and losses under nutrient enrichment in a mangrove wetland* presented by Brita Jessen
- **November 8, 12 to 1 pm, HAC 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**, *Probing Protein Conformational Dynamics from Single Molecules to Single Living Cells* by Peter Lu

December
- **December 1, 11 am to 12 noon, AHC3 #205**, *Hide and Seek: How to DNA Glycosylases Locate Oxidatively Damaged DNA Bases Amidst a Sea of Undamaged Bases* 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 6, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130**, *Fossil fuels and fish: how physiology can provide insight into underlying mechanisms in toxicology* presented by Rachael Heuer
- **December 8, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, AHC4 #402**, *Linking pH, Temperature, K+ Concentration and Conformation for the DNA i-Motif* presented by Richard Sheardy
- **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
- **December 14 and 15, 8 am to 4 pm, Broward County Convention Center**, 9th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit, registration required.

Awards Received—September 2017

FIU researchers were awarded $21,501,668 in September 2017. Below is a listing of awards received:

**Agarwal, Arvind**
College of Engineering and Computing
Engineering Deans Office
National Science Foundation
NST ERC: Nanosystems Engineering Research Center
Initial $89,102

**Agarwal, Arvind**
College of Engineering and Computing
Engineering Deans Office
Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Acquisition of Low Load Acquisition of a Low-Load Mechanical Testing Platform
Initial $108,310

**Almirall, Jose R**
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Chemistry
National Science Foundation
FBI Laboratory Membership in the I/UCRC
Increase $25,000
Bagner, Daniel
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Psychology
Child Health and Human Development
Effect of Parent Emotion-Related Talk on Infant Behavior and Regulation Increase $468

Barbeta, Patricia
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Teaching and Learning
Florida Department of Education
2017-2018 Exceptional Student Education (ESE Tuition Support Program) Initial $17,669

Bejar, Elizabeth M
Academic Affairs - Other Units
U.S. Department of Education
A Study of Completion Grants at Accessible Public Universities Initial $60,000

Bhat, Mahadev
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Earth and Environment
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Veterans and Small Farmers Outreach and Assistance in South Florida Initial $178,125

Boeglin, Werner
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Physics
U.S. Department of Energy
A Fast Proton Diagnostic for NSTX Continuation $237,881

Boukerrou, Lakhdar
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Institute of Water and Environment
U.S. Department of Defense
Africa Symposions Support Initial $93,055

Boukerrou, Lakhdar
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Institute of Water and Environment
U.S. Department of Defense
Africa Symposions Support Initial $103,000

Briceno, Henry
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
SERC
Environmental Protection Agency
Water Quality Monitoring Project for the Florida Keys Increase $174,500
Briceno, Henry  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SERC  
National Park Service  
Mechanisms and Conditions responsible for elevated TP levels  
Increase  
$75,000

Caballero, Amaury  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Electrical wiring Program for SED Students  
Initial  
$15,400

Cano Jr, Miguel A  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism  
Ethnic Discrimination & Alcohol Risk Behaviors among Hispanic Adolescents  
Initial  
$105,437

Carmel, Justin H  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Science Foundation  
Collaborative Research: Developing Items to Assess the Use  
Initial  
$188,270

Cirion, Yisell  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
Career and Talent Development  
Peace Corps  
Peace Corps Strategic Recruiter  
Continuation  
$21,269

Cruz, Jeannette  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
Multicultural Programs MMC  
Office of Postsecondary Education  
Student Support Services 2015-2020  
Continuation  
$232,265

De Caprio, Anthony  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Institute of Justice  
Novel Blood Protein Modification Assay for Retrospective Detection  
Initial  
$467,885

De Caprio, Anthony  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Development of Improved Extraction/Purification Methods  
Initial  
$50,000
De Caprio, Anthony  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Institute of Justice  
Optimization of Pretreatment Parameters in Hair Analysis  
Initial $50,000

Dinehart, Laura H  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
School of Education  
South Florida After-School All Stars Inc.  
South Florida ASAS Transfer Agreement 2016-2017  
Increase $25,000

Fonseca, Brian  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
J Gordon Institute of Public Policy & Citizenship  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence  
Initial $300,000

Fourqurean, James  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
National Park Service  
Dry Tortugas National Park Seagrass Communities Assessment Project  
Increase $35,000

Fourqurean, James  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
National Park Service  
South Florida Caribbean Inventory and Monitoring Network  
Increase $56,000

Frankovich, Thomas A  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SERC  
National Park Service  
Linkages of Water Quality, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation  
Increase $80,000

Gaiser, Evelyn  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SEAS  
National Science Foundation  
LTER: FCE LTER III - Coastal Oligotrophic Ecosystems Research  
Increase $39,123

Gaiser, Evelyn  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SEAS  
National Park Service  
Assessing Near-field and Landscape Scale Ecological Effects  
Increase $326,523
Gaiser, Evelyn  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SEAS  
South Florida Water Management District  
Vegetation and periphyton monitoring in Biscayne Bay Coastal wetlands project  
Initial $45,300

Gann, Daniel  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
GIS Center and Digital Collection  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Monitoring of Tree Island Condition in the Southern Ever  
Increase $18,622

Hadi, Mohammed A  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Civil and Environ Engineering  
Florida Department of Transportation  
SR 924/NW 119 Street Adaptive Signal Control Technology Pilot Project Evaluation Phase I  
Initial $36,874

Ibarra, Julio E  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
CIARA  
National Science Foundation  
Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)  
Continuation $5,041,500

Ibarra, Julio E  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
CIARA  
National Science Foundation  
IRNC: Backbone: Americas Africa Research and eduCation Lightpaths (AARCLight)  
Increase $200,000

Ibarra, Julio E  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
CIARA  
National Science Foundation  
IRNC Backbone - AmLight Express and Protect (ExP)  
Continuation $2,000,000

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  
Increase $20

Jayachandran, Krishnaswamy  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
A Foundation for New Farmers in South Florida  
Initial $300,000
Jayachandran, Krishnaswamy  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
START NOW “Student Training in Agricultural Research Techniques by  
Continuation  
$83,000

Kadko, David  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
ARC Applied Research Center  
National Science Foundation  
Collaborative Research: Pb-210 and Po-210 as tracers of scavenging and export  
Initial  
$96,385

Kominoski, John  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
National Science Foundation  
Collaborative Research: Do mangroves provide better coastal protection  
Initial  
$39,386

Kutateladze, Besiki Luka  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Criminal Justice  
National Institute of Justice  
LGBTQ/GNC Hate Crimes in Miami  
Initial  
$499,597

Lagos, Leonel  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
ARC Applied Research Center  
Office of Environmental Management  
Chemical Process Alternatives for Radioactive Waste  
Continuation  
$308,750

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Academic Affairs - Other Units  
ARC Applied Research Center  
Office of Environmental Management  
Environmental Remediation Science and Technology  
Continuation  
$308,750

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Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC  
Office of Environmental Management  
Waste and D & D Engineering and Technology Development  
Continuation  
$308,750

Lagos, Leonel  
Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC  
Office of Environmental Management  
DOE-FIU Science and Technology Workforce Development Program  
Continuation  
$308,750
Lagos, Leonel  
Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Robust and Remote Radiation Hardened Robotic System for Tunnel Inspection Increase  
$15,000

Lisetti, Christine  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Computer Info Sciences  
U.S. Department of Education  
Interactive Virtual Training (IVT) for Early Career Teachers in Urban Schools Increase  
$146,877

Madhivanan, Purnima  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
National Institutes of Health  
Global Health Equity Scholars Program Pre-Award  
$6,000

Madhivanan, Purnima  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
National Institutes of Health  
Global Health Equity Scholars Program Pre-Award  
$25,000

Maziak, Wasim  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
Fogarty International Center NIH  
Translating evidence and building capacity to support water pipe control Initial  
$374,093

Miguez, Maria Jose  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SISH  
National Institutes of Health  
Alcohol and HIV: Bio-behavioral Interactions and Intervention-Year 3 Continuation  
$142,433

Montas-Hunter, Sonja S  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
Student Access and Success  
U.S. Department of Education  
Educational Talent Search Program 2016-2021 Continuation  
$246,000

Montas-Hunter, Sonja S  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
Student Access and Success  
U.S. Department of Education  
EV3 Robotics 2017-2018 21st Century Community Learning Centers Initial  
$61,935
Montas-Hunter, Sonja S  
Academic Affairs - Other Units—Student Access and Success  
U.S. Department of Education  
FIU McNair 2017-2022 Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program  
Initial $243,874

Montas-Hunter, Sonja S  
Academic Affairs - Other Units—Student Access and Success  
U.S. Department of Education  
FIU TRIO Upward Bound: Florida International University Upward Bound  
Increase $10,863

Munroe, Norman D  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
National Action Council for Minorities  
NACME Initiative at Florida International University  
Increase $5,000

Munroe, Norman D  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
National Action Council for Minorities  
NACME Initiative at Florida International University  
Increase $15,000

Munroe, Norman D  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
Children's Trust  
FIU-ENLACE  
Initial $434,682

Munroe, Norman D  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
Children's Trust  
FIU-ENLACE  
Initial $77,811

Murray, Edward P  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Metropolitan Center  
University of Miami  
JPMorgan + UM Housing Policy Toolkit  
Initial $10,000

Odai, Michelle L  
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Athletic Training  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
Leadership Training to Support Improved Outcomes from Conference Travel  
Initial $4,992
O'Shea, Kevin
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Chemistry
National Science Foundation
Collaborative Research: EAGER: Tailored sorbents for the removal of Initial $35,000

Pala, Nezih
College of Engineering and Computing
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Army Research Laboratory
3D Simulation of THz Plasmonic Structures Increase $7,105

Papastamatiou, Yannis Peter
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
Earthwatch Institute
Shark and ray conservation in Belize Initial $53,497

Prospect, Sean Antonio
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Community Engagement
After-School All Stars
Project SUPPORT (FIU After-School All-Stars) 2015-2016 Continuation $13,185

Raiker Jr, Joseph
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Psychology
Children's Trust
After-school support program for youth at-risk for behavior problems Initial $225,767

Rangaswami, Raju
College of Engineering and Computing
Computer Info Sciences
National Science Foundation
SHF: Small: Vertically Integrated Persistence Initial $450,000

Rangaswami, Raju
College of Engineering and Computing
Computer Info Sciences
National Science Foundation
REU Initial $8,000

Ross, Michael S
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Earth and Environment
National Park Service
Ecosystem dynamics in the White Zone: history, drivers, and restoration implications Increase $121,970
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Epidemiology
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Role of social disorganization on sexual risk behavior
Initial $50,000

Soto Caro, Fabian
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Psychology
National Institute of Mental Health
Perceptual and decisional processes underlying face perception biases
Initial $239,809

Sousa, Jacqueline Bueno
College of Business Administration Dean’s Office
U.S. Small Business Administration
SBDC FIU 2017 - (FED - MAIN)
Increase $31,760

Tansel, Ibrahim N
College of Engineering and Computing
Mechanical and Mat Engineering
University of Central Florida
NEESAT Eclipse Ballooning 2017 (NEB2017)
Initial $4,200

Thiel, Markus
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs
Politics and Intl Relations
Federal Republic of Germany
Germany: making choices
Initial $1,000

Traynor, Mark Patrick
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management
Hospitality and Tourism Management
U.S. Department of Agriculture
2017-2018 Cochran Fellowship Program
Initial $87,626

Trexler, Joel
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
South Florida Water Management District
Otolith Analysis of Everglades
Initial $9,985

Trexler, Joel
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Response of Fish to the DECOMP Physical Model
Initial $165,000
Triay Melendez, Ines  
Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC  
U.S. Department of Energy  
MSI Mission-to-Market for Inclusive Economic Development  
Initial  

$249,376

Uluagac, Arif Selcuk  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Electrical & Computer Engineering  
National Science Foundation  
Initial  

$357,200

Underwood, Sonia Miller  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Chemistry  
National Science Foundation  
Collaborative Research: Creating assessments for student understanding  
Initial  

$150,495

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College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Chemistry  
National Science Foundation  
Collaborative Research: Extending the Coherent Gateway to STEM  
Initial  

$161,487

Volakis, John  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Engineering Deans Office  
Northrop Grumman  
Wideband Phased Array Studies  
Supplemental  

$15,000

Volakis, John  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Engineering Deans Office  
National Science Foundation  
A New Class of Millimeter-wave Phased Array for Secure High Data  
Initial  

$169,859

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College of Engineering and Computing  
Engineering Deans Office  
Rockwell Collins  
Planar Differential Tightly Coupled Dipole Array  
Initial  

$40,000

Wagner, Eric  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
School of Social Work  
National Institutes of Health  
FIU-RCMI  
Initial  

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<td>Medical &amp; Population Health Sciences Research Baptist Health South Florida Innovative Cardiac Health Intervention</td>
<td>$198,000</td>
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