

Research Matters

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Notes from Beneath the Blue Awning

Hello, UWF!

Congratulations on completing the Spring 2022 term! It was great to see so many of you at the commencement ceremonies. I hope you have been able to celebrate the accomplishments of our newest UWF alumni/ae.

As we all switch gears into the summer schedule, RAE is paying particular attention to helping faculty identify new funding opportunities that can support UWF faculty plans to enhance teaching, research, and service.

One such effort involves an NSF-funded team science project on which RAE's own **Leigh Stephens** is helping Florida universities recruit teams of Florida researchers interested in a variety of coastal projects. Read more in Jeff Cassady's article below.

RAE continues to support the **GrantForward** meta-search engine for funding opportunities. Some users report challenges using that tool, so I have recently reserved a series of recurring summer consultations to work with faculty on these searches. If you're interested, please **schedule an appointment on my calendar**.

Have a wonderful summer!

Matt Schwartz

Professor and AVP of Research Administration

P.S. RAE enthusiastically welcomes UWF alumnus **John Link**, who has joined us as a grant specialist and will soon be helping prepare and submit funding proposals on behalf of UWF faculty and staff.



NSF-funded program to encourage statewide collaboration

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The University of West Florida is partnering with other Florida institutions on a program to encourage cooperation among faculty researchers throughout the state.

The program, “Leveraging a Research Development Professional Network to Catalyze Statewide Innovative and Societally Relevant Research,” will connect interested faculty researchers at 22 state institutions so they can work in teams on issues that are important to Florida residents. The program is funded through the National Science Foundation Directorate for Engineering **Germination program**.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to work with this phenomenal group of research development professionals to recruit and support faculty teams throughout the state of Florida,” said **Leigh Stephens**, senior grants specialist with the Office of Research Administration and Engagement. Stephens is the University’s representative on the NSF-funded program.

The program focuses on addressing **coastal challenges** the state faces. These include sea level rise, loss of biodiversity and threats to coastal and community resilience. Faculty members interested in participating may pitch their own research ideas related to the coastal theme, as well.

Participants will attend a “Research Summit” Aug. 17-19 at which they will work with colleagues throughout the state to develop and refine their ideas. That will be followed by a seven-month “Idea Sprint” during which participants will collaborate with team members on their chosen project. Travel, lodging, and food expenses for the Research Summit will be covered by the program.

The program will result in the creation by each team of a white paper or other research product.

Taking part in the program will provide researchers with the chance to broaden their partner network, to gain a fuller understanding of issues facing the state, to work in a collaborative environment with colleagues throughout the state, and to receive assistance to develop and submit a grant proposal and/or scholarly product related to their project.

The program is competitive. UWF faculty members interested in participating should contact Stephens (soon) for more information and for help developing a proposal. The deadline to apply **online** is June 10.

“Diversity and inclusion are important factors in recruiting and building teams,” Stephens said. “We are all excited to get this project underway and look forward to unlocking the great possibilities for Florida researchers.”

New publications

The Office of Research Administration and Engagement congratulates the following researchers for their new publications.

- Madeline Wei, Joshua J. Cook, Benny Segovia, **Dr. Youngil Lee**, **Dr. Ludmila Cosio-Lima**, **Dr. Jeffrey Simpson**, and **Dr. Scott Taylor** for their new article "**Endurance exercise-mediated metabolic reshuffle attenuates high-caloric, diet-induced, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.**"
- Youngil Lee for his new article "**Prolonged Endurance Exercise Adaptations Counteract Doxorubicin Chemotherapy-Induced Myotoxicity in Mice**" in the journal Applied Sciences.

CLARIFICATION: The April 2022 edition of Research Matters should have listed Kenzie J. Hurley as the first author of "**Stuck in Stockholm: An Empirical Examination of Sexual Harassment and Stockholm Syndrome in Relation to Essential and Non-essential Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic**" in the Journal of Sexual Aggression. Research Matters regrets the error.

If you or your students have a new publication you'd like to see highlighted here, please email Jeffrey Cassady at jcassady@uwf.edu and include the names of the University of West Florida authors, the name of the article, the publication in which it appears, and a link to the article.

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