News Flash!!!

COEDU #9 IN THE NATION FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING

Our collective faculty, staff and graduate student achievement in the area of external funding is nothing short of phenomenal!

We advanced to a ranking of #9 in the United States among 242 Colleges and Schools of Education. From the listing below, we are in good company. Also note the proximity of rankings between USF-#9; University of Oregon-#8; and University of Minnesota-#7.

Congratulations to COEDU faculty, staff and students as we continue up our journey to number one in this endeavor!!!

1. University of Texas-Austin - $41.6 million
2. Teachers College, Columbia University - $39.5
3. Utah State University – $34.4
4. University of California-Los Angeles - $33.1
5. Vanderbilt University - $29.3
6. University of Washington - $29
7. University of Minnesota - $28.9
8. University of Oregon - $28.6
9. University of South Florida - $28.5
10. Ohio State University - $27.8
11. University of Kansas - $26.9
12. New York University (Steinhardt) - $24.7
13. Michigan State University - $22.8
14. University of Wisconsin - Madison - $22.6
15. Indiana University–Bloomington $ 17.9
16. University of Tennessee–Knoxville $ 17.5
17. Harvard University (MA) $ 16.7
18. Virginia Commonwealth University $ 16.7
19. Stanford University (CA) $ 16.3
20. Florida State University $ 16.1
21. Texas A&M University–College Station $ 16.0
22. University of Georgia $ 15.6
23. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor $ 15.3
24. University of Pittsburgh $ 15.3
25. George Washington University (DC) $ 15.1

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**Research Summit: Enhancing the Research Culture**

The COEDU Research Summit held in the TECO Room on March 7 was an overwhelming success. Approximately 65 research faculty and staff were in attendance. The presentations by faculty on *Publishing to Success* and *Grant Development* ([click here for full program](#)) were insightful and served as the major catalyst for discussion about how to maintain the momentum in the faculty small group working sessions that took place during the final two hours of the summit. Several publications and grant development strategies emerged for faculty who (we discovered) work in shared areas of research. These strategies include the need to develop: (1) Formal mentoring opportunities to support our graduate students on university/academic life; (2) A way to link pre-service students with graduate and advanced graduate students; (3) Ongoing faculty research group gatherings; (4) A comprehensive list of funding mechanisms; (5) Opportunities to present research to policymakers and local and state agency representatives; (6) A pool of faculty who can review and critique grant applications and peer review research submissions; (7) A cadre of nationally renowned speakers who can discuss successful strategies for the advancement of diversity in the academy and the work of faculty, and (8) A continued creation of meeting mechanisms for the advancement of educational research with faculty who are housed in other academic units on campus.

Special thanks to Priscilla Pope, Associate Vice President for Research, USF Division of Sponsored Research and Jennifer Condon, Associate Controller, USF Research Financial Management for leading the discussion about the administrative units that they lead and the vital role that each unit serves in the advancement of our research.

And, extra thanks to Professors Roger Brindley, Jeff Kromrey, Janet Richards, Shannon Suldo, Candi Ashley, Ann Cranston-Gingras, Michael Curtis, Susan Homan and Brenda Townsend for serving as our faculty panelists as this concerns the exemplary work that they perform in the areas of publishing and grant success.
This is to extend CONGRATULATIONS to the faculty and staff below who have successfully secured the following research and training grants since January 1, 2008.

**STATE LEVEL**

**Gladis Kersaint (David C. Anchin Center)**
Florida Department of Education  
$ 5,900,000  
1 year  
Partnership to Rejuvenate & Optimize Mathematics and Science Education (Florida PROMiSE)  
Florida PROMiSE addresses the need to improve the mathematics and science achievement of students through professional development. Florida PROMiSE is a partnership among the three Florida Public Research - Flagship Universities (USF, FSU, & UF), four large school districts (Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, Duval & Seminole), educational consortia (Heartland Educational Consortium (HEC), Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) & Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC)), Florida Virtual School, and Horizon Research, Inc. PROMISE lays the
foundation and leads development and implementation of large-scale, systemic professional development and teacher education programs to significantly improve learning in mathematics and science of all students by working collaboratively with a statewide network of stakeholders to implement the new mathematics and forthcoming science standards.

Susan Homan (Childhood Education)
Florida Department of Education; Just Read! Florida
$ 468,878
1 year
Evaluating Tune in to Reading with Struggling Readers in Grade 9-12
Examine the effects of Tune in to Reading intervention on struggling readers currently receiving reading interventions based on their 2007 FCAT scores. The project includes Hillsborough County Juvenile Justice facilities and Pasco High Schools.

Roy Winkelman (FCIT, Secondary Education)
Florida Department of Education
$ 385,000
1 year
Sunshine State Standards Revision and Professional Development
To continue the rigorous revision of the Sunshine State Standards for Social Studies and to begin the revision process of the Health and Physical Education standards.

Dr. Daphne Thomas (Special Education)
Dr. Patricia Jeannie Kleinhammer-Tramill (Special Education)
Florida Department of Education
$ 271,113
1 year
Professional Development Partnership (PDP)
Increase the State's capacity to prepare and retain sufficient numbers of highly qualified personnel available in Florida that provide instructional and related services to children with disabilities.

Ilene Berson (Childhood Education)
Sarasota County
$ 229,864
1 year
Evaluation of Sarasota Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership
To be responsible for the evaluation of a 6 year federally-funded grant received by Sarasota County. The grant is focused on strengthening the ways that Sarasota County meets the needs of young children and their families by providing a cross-system, cross-agency infrastructure to sustain services and supports that promote socio-emotional functioning, prevent challenging behaviors, and intervene with and for children and families impacted by mental health disorders.

Roy Winkelman (FCIT, Secondary Education)
School Board of Osceola County
$ 160,101
1 year
Florida Digital Educator Program
FCIT will provide professional development programs on enhancing technology through technology to school teachers, including Summer Institute Workshops, follow-up on-line mentoring and face-to face training.

Tanice Knopp (Special Education)
School Board of Manatee County
$ 75,000
1 year
Transdisciplinary Integrated Education Model (TransD) Project
To develop, implement and evaluate the Transdisciplinary Integrated Education Model (TransD) project and the Teacher Assistant Team (TAT) project in the Manatee School district.

**Bruce Jones (David C. Anchin Center)**
School Board of Osceola County
$ 56,149
1 year
Florida Digital Educator Program
Anchin Center will conduct the summative evaluation and research the effectiveness of the program

**Patricia McHatton (Special Education)**
Hillsborough County Public Schools
$ 18,109
1 year
Florida Learn and Serve Project
To provide service learning training to teachers and deliver follow-up support to improve student reading achievement and prevent dropout for Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students.

**PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS**

**Melinda Hess and Constance Hines (Educational Measurement & Research)**
Middle Tennessee State University
$ 94,000
1 year
Teacher Excellence: Ensuring Student Competitiveness
Provide the external evaluation to access the impact of the teacher training program on math and science high school teachers' content knowledge and pedagogical skills as well as student learning.

**Karen Moffitt (FDLRS)**
American Cancer Society
$ 15,000
2 year
To provide administrative support of the Florida Cancer Trials Advisory Committee in its efforts with the Bankhead-Coley Grant from Florida Department of Health

**FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**


**FACULTY PRESENTATIONS**


**RESEARCH EVENTS**

**Mini-Grant Program**

**Update on the COEDU Mini Grant Program**

Nineteen mini-grant proposals were submitted by our COEDU faculty. On March 31, the Associate Dean for Research met with the Department Chairs of the College to engage in a review of each faculty proposal submission. Prior to the meeting, the COEDU Department Chairs ranked the proposals according to a uniform proposal selection criteria to determine whether or not the proposals should be recommended for funding.
On April 21, the Mini-Grant Proposal Selection Committee, which consists of the investors who provide the resources to support the program, will meet to review the recommendations of the COEDU Department Chairs. Based on this review, the Selection Committee will make the final decision on the mini-grant proposals to be funded.

Please contact Grace Wang if you have additional questions about the mini-grant proposal review and selection process.

Congratulations to our faculty who successfully engaged in the effort to develop and submit a COEDU mini-grant proposal. Because of our faculty effort, the Mini-Grant Program continues to play a central role in our tremendous grant development success.

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**Research Announcements**

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