



Engineering Students Awarded USF Graduate School Fellowships

Tampa, Fla. (April 28, 2011) – Four College of Engineering graduate students and two incoming doctoral students have been awarded 2011-2012 Graduate Student Success (GSS) Diversity fellowships from the USF Graduate School. The fellowship program provides doctoral students with an annual stipend of \$12,000 for up to three years, and master's students with an annual stipend of \$8,000 for two years. Additionally, GSS awardees receive tuition waivers for up to 12 credit hours during the period of eligibility.

College of Engineering GSS Diversity fellowship recipients are:

Henry Cabra (Advisor: Sylvia W. Thomas) - PhD student, Department of Electrical Engineering

Vinicio Carias (Advisors: Ryan Toomey, Jing Wang) - PhD student, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

Yolanda Daza (Advisor: John Kuhn) - PhD student, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

Alescia Malone (Advisor: Dmitry Goldgof) – PhD student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Ana Rioja (Advisor: Nathan Gallant) – MS student, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

Innocent Udom (Advisors: Sarina Ergas and John Wolan) – PhD student, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

The goal of the GSS Diversity Fellowship program is to support academically talented domestic students (U.S. citizens and permanent residents) who contribute to diversity within USF graduate programs. This includes individuals who have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender. Particular consideration is given to academically talented, newly enrolled, first-generation, multi-lingual students (particularly English and Spanish speaking), who demonstrate financial need and have overcome considerable obstacles and financial hardships in the pursuit of their post-secondary educational goals.

USF Graduate Student Success Fellowship Program: <http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp#d>

The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in the top tier of research universities, a distinction attained by only 2.2 percent of all universities. It is ranked 44th in total research expenditures and 34th in federal research expenditures for public universities by the National Science Foundation. The USF System has an annual budget of \$1.5 billion, an annual economic impact of \$3.7 billion, and serves 47,000 students in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland.

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