

Dr. Vinay Gupta Receives Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher Award



Tampa, Fla. (November 19, 2009) – Dr. Vinay Gupta, Associate Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering is one of two faculty to be awarded the 2009 Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher award, one of the most prestigious teaching awards at USF.

Dr. Gupta earned his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Prior to joining USF, he was on the faculty of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Gupta supervises doctoral and masters students with research in the areas of interfacial science, polymeric materials, and nanotechnology.

By tackling research problems that serve as pedagogical tools, Dr. Gupta has made integration of research and education a priority in his faculty career. His other honors include the NSF Career Award, Everitt Award for Teaching Excellence from the University of Illinois, Silver Medal from the Indian Institute of Technology (Bombay), Million Dollar Researcher Award at USF in 2005, and the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching award at USF in 2008.

He is the author of nearly 40 refereed publications and has authored four patents. As a faculty at USF, he has been a mentor in the Sloan Ph.D. program, the NSF-Bridges to Doctorate program, and the REU program. Currently, Dr. Gupta is the lead investigator on a NSF EEC grant that focuses on Department Level Reform of the Chemical Engineering Curriculum.

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded \$380.4 million in research contracts and grants in FY 2008/2009. The university offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The USF System has a \$1.8 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 47,000 students on institutions/campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

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