

Researchers exchange ideas and meet prospective collaborators

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With more than 400 funded researchers spread across two campuses and three centers, including FIU Downtown on Brickell and the Miami Beach Urban Studios, it can be difficult to learn about the university's research efforts—even those that are in one's particular specialty. But one of DoR's top priorities in the next few years is to build interdisciplinary research and to promote integration and support integration of ideas. The best way to accomplish this initiative is to introduce the researchers to each other and let them form new relationships within and without their areas of interest.

On October 18, FIU scholars and researchers met with the vice president for research, Andrés G. Gil, and senior leadership within DoR to exchange ideas on increasing research funding as well as meet prospective collaborators. It was a unique opportunity for the faculty to network with their peers in a non-academic setting. There are so many talented research faculty at FIU that the event will be held again at a later date to accommodate more researchers.



From left to right, Leonard Scinto (assistant professor, SEAS), Andrés Gil (vice president for research), and Fernando Noriega (professor, biology)



Luis Salas, associate vice president for research, discusses research development and funding opportunities with Lindsay Malloy, assistant professor of psychology

Assistant professor of psychology Lindsay Malloy was happy to meet faculty outside her department to discuss possible collaborations. “The DoR reception was an excellent opportunity to chat with faculty outside my department, to learn about the exciting research that they are working on currently, and to find out about how they funded it,” said Malloy. Additionally, she was able to find others who can guide her—“as soon as I mentioned an interest in applying for a NSF Career proposal, I was immediately introduced to someone who had received one in the past and others who had great advice on preparing one! This was a very valuable opportunity, and I appreciated the chance to spend an afternoon getting to know so many accomplished people who were willing to share their experiences and advice.” Malloy is currently studying theoretical and practical questions concerning children’s disclosure of negative experiences and children’s involvement in the legal system.

But after this event, look for Malloy to be an investigator on other studies—maybe even as an awardee on an NSF Career proposal.