With climate change, habitat loss, and overharvesting threatening thousands of tropical plant species, FIU’s International Center for Tropical Botany (ICTB) launched earlier this year with a great sense of urgency. The ICTB, a collaboration between FIU and the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), creates the infrastructure for multidisciplinary programs of research, education, and outreach in tropical botany, a field in which FIU has earned global recognition. In partnership with investigators around the world, FIU faculty affiliated with the ICTB are studying three critical areas:

- Processes generating and maintaining tropical plant diversity
- Products and services generated by tropical plants
- Conservation and management of threatened tropical plant species and habitats

FIU was very fortunate to recruit Christopher Baraloto, Ph.D., to serve as Director of the ICTB. With an impressive track record of scholarly research in tropical botany, community ecology and conservation, and more than 80 peer-reviewed publications, Dr. Baraloto is exceptionally well qualified to lead the ICTB’s large-scale research agenda. Prior to joining FIU, Dr. Baraloto spent eight years as a research scientist in Community Ecology at INRA-France.

Construction plans for the new building that will be home to the ICTB have been drafted. The building, to be located immediately adjacent to The Kampong in Coconut Grove, will feature indoor and outdoor spaces specially designed to facilitate research and education in tropical botany. Consistent with the ICTB’s mission, the overall design of the building and landscapes ensures minimal loss of existing native and specimen trees, improves the biodiversity of the site with native plant species, and integrates seamlessly into a botanic garden landscape.

The momentum and progress made in establishing this new center’s research infrastructure are matched by the acceleration in research-related activities in tropical botany. Research collaborations involving the NTBG gardens in Hawaii are underway, and the ICTB and the NTBG are co-hosting a research symposium in Miami this fall. Collaborative research opportunities are being explored with tropical botany experts at several universities in China and expanded in Peru, Brazil, Colombia, East Africa, and the Caribbean. Remarkably, since January, FIU faculty affiliated with the ICTB have published more than 30 papers, including two in the Proceedings of the Natural Academy of Sciences, one in Nature, and one in Current Biology. As it hires additional faculty, cultivates global research partners and intensifies its collaborative research, and moves its operations into dedicated, state-of-the-art space, the ICTB is poised for preeminence in the field of tropical botany.
Upcoming Events

September 2015

- September 11, 9 to 10 am, EC 2300, *An Amputee Prosthetic’s 40 Year Perspective on Human Upper and Lower Limb Prosthesis*, presented by [Kevin Garrison](#), Garrison’s Prosthetic Services
- September 11, 3 to 4 pm, SIPA #103, *Uranium from Seawater* presented by [Costas Touris](#), part of ARC’s Distinguished Lecture Series
- September 14, 3:30 to 4:45 pm, GC 243, Faculty Mentor Program Orientation Workshops—if interested, please contact mentor@fiu.edu or visit [http://mentor.fiu.edu](http://mentor.fiu.edu)
- September 14, 3:30 to 4:45 pm, AHC4 #402, *Faculty Mentor Program Orientation Workshops*—if interested, please contact mentor@fiu.edu or visit [http://mentor.fiu.edu](http://mentor.fiu.edu)
- September 15, 2 to 5 pm, MARC Pavilion, *Proposal Writing Strategies and Funding Opportunities*, presented by Dr. Ivette Pearson Weatherton and Dr. Karen Crosby, NSF Program Directors. RSVP required—coming soon
- September 18, 9 am to 12 noon, MARC Pavilion, *Proposal Writing Strategies and Funding Opportunities*, presented by Dr. Ivette Pearson Weatherton and Dr. Karen Crosby, NSF Program Directors. RSVP required—coming soon
- September 24, 11 am to 1:15 pm, AHC2 #170, *Novel Contrast Mechanisms for MR Imaging of Cancer*, presented by Gigi Galiana, additional information available at [http://biomolecular.fiu.edu](http://biomolecular.fiu.edu)
- September 24, 9 to 10 am, EC 2300, *Intra-Operative OCT Imaging Devices for Clinical Translation*, presented by Yu Chen
- September 24, 12 to 1 pm, AHC5 #401, *The Scripps Research Institute—A Risk Management Perspective*, presented by Peter Norris
- September 25, 2 to 3 pm, ECS 241, presented by Edmund M. Clarke, details forthcoming

October 2015

- October 2, 9 to 10 am, EC 2300, *Construction of Convenient Biosensors Based on Optical Techniques*, presented by Qiaoli Yue
- October 2, 2 to 4 pm, GC 140, Faculty Mentor Program—Tips to Tenure and Promotion Workshop
- October 5, 3 to 4 pm, WC 130, *Sweet on Anti-sweeteners: From Taste to Endocrine System*, presented by Emeline Maillot
- October 6, 4:30 to 6 pm, Faculty Club, *Women Faculty Networking Event*—specific details will be forthcoming for this event and available at sish.fiu.edu
- October 7 and 8, Faculty Club, Faculty Mentor Program Networking Lunch—RSVP to mentor@fiu.edu
- October 14, 1 to 2 pm, AHC2 #170, *Novel Contrast Mechanisms for MR Imaging of Cancer*, presented by Gigi Galiana, additional information available at [http://biomolecular.fiu.edu](http://biomolecular.fiu.edu)
- October 16, 9 to 10 am, EC 2300, *Intra-Operative OCT Imaging Devices for Clinical Translation*, presented by Yu Chen
- October 23, 9 to 10 am, EC 2300, *Democratization of Next-Generation Imaging, Sensing and Diagnostics Tools through Computational Photonics*, presented by Aydogan Ozcan

November 2015

- November 6, 9 to 10 am, EC 2300, *Combing EEG and fMRI to Study Epileptic Foci and Networks*, presented by Jean Gotman
- November 13, 9 to 10 am, EC 2300, *Optical Clearing of Biological Tissues*, presented by Bernard Choi
- November 20, 9 to 10 am, TBD, *Microfluidic Devices and Systems: Biomedical Engineering from the Bottom Up*, presented by Abraham Lee

December 2015

- December 4, 9 to 10 am, TBD, *Probing the Nano-Architecture of Biological Tissues Using Light*, presented by Steve Jacques
Awards Received—July 2015
FIU researchers were awarded $4,842,780 in July 2015. Below is a listing of awards received.

PI: Hesham A Ali  
CIVIL AND ENVIRON ENGINEERING  
Award Action Type: Increase  
AWARDING SPONSOR: Florida Department of Transportation  
TITLE: Long Term Aging of Asphalt Binders used with Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement  
AWARD: $81,575

PI: Priyanka Alluri  
CIVIL AND ENVIRON ENGINEERING  
Award Action Type: Initial  
AWARDING SPONSOR: University of Florida  
TITLE: Statewide Training of Safety Analyst in Florida  
AWARD: $20,000

PI: Shekhar Bhansali  
ELEC AND COMPUTER ENG  
Award Action Type: Initial  
AWARDING SPONSOR: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical Univ  
TITLE: Bridge to doctorate 2015 Cohort  
AWARD: $6,911

PI: Shekhar Bhansali  
ELEC AND COMPUTER ENG  
Award Action Type: Initial  
AWARDING SPONSOR: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical Univ  
TITLE: Bridge to doctorate 2015 Cohort: Participant Support  
AWARD: $486,000

PI: Deron Burkepile  
BIOLOGY  
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AWARDING SPONSOR: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
TITLE: Impacts of sedimentation on herbivory and the control of algal  
AWARD: $25,000

PI: Helen Z Cornely  
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AWARDING SPONSOR: Health Resources & Services Administrati  
TITLE: Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students  
AWARD: $600,000

PI: Jeannette Cruz  
MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS MMC  
Award Action Type: Initial  
AWARDING SPONSOR: Office of Postsecondary Education  
TITLE: Student Support Services 2015-2020  
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PI: Mario R De La Rosa  
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PI: George S Dulikravich
MECHANICAL AND MAT ENGINEERING
Award Action Type: Increase
AWARDING SPONSOR: Georgia Institute of Technology
TITLE: Multi-Objective, Multi-Disciplinary Design Optimization of
AWARD: $29,996

PI: Brian Fonseca
ARC APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER
Award Action Type: Initial
AWARDING SPONSOR: CACI International Inc
TITLE: CERDEC Flight Activity (CFA) System Engineering Support
AWARD: $20,000

PI: James Fourqurean
SOUTHEAST ENV RESEARCH CTR
Award Action Type: Initial
AWARDING SPONSOR: National Park Service
TITLE: Florida Bay Mudbank Vulnerability Assessment
AWARD: $20,000

PI: James Fourqurean
BIOLOGY
Award Action Type: Increase
AWARDING SPONSOR: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin
TITLE: MOU between DOC, NOAA, NOS, ONMS & FKNMS
AWARD: $1,052,592
PI: Ismail Guvenc
ELEC AND COMPUTER ENG
Award Action Type: Increase
AWARDING SPONSOR: DOCOMO Innovations Inc
TITLE: Compressive Sensing for Improving Accuracy of Fingerprint
AWARD: $10,000

PI: Mohammed A Hadi
CIVIL AND ENVIRON ENGINEERING
Award Action Type: Initial
AWARDING SPONSOR: URS Corporation
TITLE: FITSEVAL Training, Review and Coordination with FDOT District 5
AWARD: $10,198

PI: Katie Hart
CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAM
Award Action Type: Initial
AWARDING SPONSOR: Children's Trust
TITLE: Read to Learn Summer Reading Explorer's Program
AWARD: $536,811

PI: Kathryn Elizabeth Brogan Hartlieb
DIETETICS AND NUTRITION
Award Action Type: Continuation
AWARDING SPONSOR: Wayne State University
TITLE: Patient-Provider Communication to Promote Health Behavior
AWARD: $19,069

PI: Maria Ilcheva
METROPOLITAN CENTER
Award Action Type: Initial
AWARDING SPONSOR: City of Miami
TITLE: City of Miami Annexation Feasibility Study, 2015
AWARD: $9,954
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**AWARD:** $101,658

PI: Adly Norelus  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS VICE PRES OFF**  
**Award Action Type:** Increase  
**AWARDING SPONSOR:** Florida Department of Agriculture and Co  
**TITLE:** Summer Food Service Program  
**AWARD:** $12,922

PI: Mark Padilla  
**LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIB CTR**  
**Award Action Type:** Increase  
**AWARDING SPONSOR:** University of Puerto Rico  
**TITLE:** Physicians and Health Related Services for Male-to-Female Transgender  
**AWARD:** $10,768

PI: Jeremy W Pettit  
**CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAM**  
**Award Action Type:** Continuation  
**AWARDING SPONSOR:** National Institute of Mental Health  
**TITLE:** Attention Bias Modification Training in Youth with Subthreshold  
**AWARD:** $182,030

PI: Eliane E Ramos  
**COMM SCIENCES AND DISORDERS**  
**Award Action Type:** Initial  
**AWARDING SPONSOR:** Health Resources & Services Administrati  
**TITLE:** Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students  
**AWARD:** $150,000

PI: Naphtali D Rishe  
**COMPUTER INFO SCIENCES**  
**Award Action Type:** Increase  
**AWARDING SPONSOR:** National Science Foundation  
**TITLE:** I/UCRC Phase II: Center for Advanced Knowledge Enablement  
**AWARD:** $16,000

PI: Mauricio Rodriguez-Lanetty  
**BIOLOGY**  
**Award Action Type:** Initial  
**AWARDING SPONSOR:** National Science Foundation  
**TITLE:** CAREER: Exploring Immunological Priming in a Basal Metazoan  
**AWARD:** $150,000

PI: Michael C Sukop  
**SOUTHEAST ENV RESEARCH CTR**  
**Award Action Type:** Initial  
**AWARDING SPONSOR:** Colorado State University  
**TITLE:** Urban Water Innovation Network (U-WIN): Transitioning  
**AWARD:** $44,682

PI: David K Twigg  
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**Award Action Type:** Continuation  
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**TITLE:** Program in National Security Studies  
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PI: Feion M Villodas  
**CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAM**  
Award Action Type: Initial  
AWARDING SPONSOR: Children's Trust  
TITLE: After-school support program for youth at-risk for behavior problems  
AWARD: $ 2,961

PI: Changwon Yoo  
**BIOSTATISTICS**  
Award Action Type: Continuation  
AWARDING SPONSOR: National Institutes of Health  
TITLE: Identifying Key Genes that cause Aggressive Brain Cancer  
AWARD: $ 108,750

### Limited Submission Funding Opportunities

Below are limited submission opportunities with upcoming internal deadlines. Other limited submission funding opportunities are at [http://research.fiu.edu/funding/pages/limited-submissions.html](http://research.fiu.edu/funding/pages/limited-submissions.html).

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Agency Deadline: IT Catalyst: 11/3/2015 |
Agency Deadline:12/19/2015 |
Agency Deadline: Institutional Transformation (IT): 01/20/2016 |
| NSF    | National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) Program (NSF 15-542) | 3 proposals per organization | 10/26/2015 | LOI due 12/22/2015; proposal due 2/22/2016 |

### Funding Opportunities

The funding opportunities are in a separate excel file, which includes a filter for agency, date and opportunity number.
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